

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
POLICE COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Price, Thomas Gardner, Joseph Perkins and Giancarlo D'Angelo.

Also in attendance: E.L. Police Sergeant Mike Macek

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the meeting, Mr. Price, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Perkins and Mr. D'Angelo requested Sgt. Macek to provide justification for many items contained in the ELPD proposed FY2018-2019 budget as prepared by Chief Finkelstein.

Specifically, Sgt. Macek was asked questions pertaining to:

Account 513-foot patrol/parade duty- Mr. Price questioned whether any of these costs could be offset by charging a fee to vendors of each event, such as EL Day, the Light Parade, the Holiday Stroll and the Memorial Day Parade. In regards to beach patrols, should any of the cost be offset by a fee to the Beach Associations. Sgt. Macek was requested to determine the EL Parks and Recreation costs and reimbursements schedule.

Account 514- Police overtime: Sgt. Macek explained that a majority of this cost is contractual and that the other non-contractual cost is projected based on historical data from-year-over-year actual expenses. Mr. Price and Mr. Perkins both suggested that the Board of Education should be incurring the overtime expense for the officers assigned to home football games.

Account 515- Overtime- Boat Duty: Sgt. Macek explained that 95% of this line item is for the regional boat, shared with the Town of Waterford, and the obligation is based on the 2012 Homeland Security Grant that purchased the boat requiring both towns man and operate the boat.

Account 517- Training: Sgt. Macek explained that all officers are required to attend training in order to maintain their State certification as police officers. Some of the increases relate to not having a local range to qualify as well as new costs imposed by POST. Due to staffing shortage, all training is on overtime.

Account 330- Server replacement: The current server is over 6 years old, has exceed its useful life and needs to be replaced immediately to prevent catastrophic failure. Mr. Gardner requested that the Town IT Director be informed and request if she could assist in developing a long term strategy to protect the ELPD IT environment.

Mr. Price asked about the status of the AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System). Sgt. Macek indicated we received a grant from Dominion Energy for \$6000 towards the purchase cost of approximately \$10,000. If we do not purchase this equipment rather quickly, we stand the chance of losing the grant money. This equipment is critical to the successful fingerprinting of residents requesting pistol permits as well as all persons seeking employment to work with children whether it be in the public or private sector. The current "inked" print process is archaic and is extremely unreliable.

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Mr. Price recommended that the Commission reconvene on February 1, 2018 to specifically discuss establishing a fee schedule to recoup some of these reoccurring expenses that are typically borne by vendors at other venues across the region. Other fees to be discussed are fees for fingerprinting. All members in attendance agree with Mr. Price's recommendation.

#### Adjournment

Mr. Gardner made a motion to adjourn the January 17, 2018 Special Meeting of the Police Commission at 7:14 PM.

Seconded by Mr. Perkins.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Gardner