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A Special Meeting of the Boards of Finance and Selectmen and Police Commission was held on this date in the meeting room of the Stonington Police Station. Finance Board members present were Chairwoman June D. Strunk, Secretary Glenn Frishman, Tim O'Brien, Mike Fauerbach, Blunt White, Danielle Chesebrough and Lynn Young. First Selectman Robert Simmons, Selectman John Prue and Selectwoman Kate Rotella were in attendance, as well as Police Commission Chairman Ray Trebisacci, and members Bob Tabor, Bob Elmer, and Henri Gourd. Police Chief Darren Stewart and Captain Todd Olson were present along with Rich LaSaracina from Wireless Design Group of Norwich, CT. Former members of the Police Commission and interested citizens were also present, as well as members of the press.

Chairwoman Strunk called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. Selectman Simmons and Police Commission Chairman Trebisacci called their meetings to order at the same time.

Chairwoman Strunk elected to change the order of the agenda to discuss new business first.

New Business

Chief Stewart discussed and gave a history of the police radios. He stated that the current radio system is 19 years old and that it is no longer supported by their vendors. He noted that they brought the old technology over when they moved into the new building in 1999. He stated that the equipment has no further upgrades available, therefore, the shelf life of the equipment has expired. Working with Mr. LaSaracina, they have identified the opportunity to work with the State and join the State radio system. The new system would allow the officers to talk directly to other town departments. The officers would also have the capability to talk directly to local fire and ambulance companies, as well as other agencies. The town will not be charged for the use of this system. It was noted that a new antenna would be needed to join the State system. The Town will spend \$1.3 million to replace and upgrade this radio system.

Board of Selectmen

- *Additional Appropriation-First Selectman Simmons asked for a motion to approve the request from the Chief of Police for an additional appropriation of \$235,000 to fund the Police Radio System Replacement, Capital Improvement Project line item #4022018-88041, to fund the acquisition of the new police radio system. A motion was made by Selectman Prue seconded by Selectwoman Rotella and voted unanimously. Motion carried.*

Board of Finance

- *Transfer of Funds- Chairwoman Strunk asked for a motion to approve the request from the Chief of Police for the transfer of \$235,000 from the undesignated fund balance (to supplement*

the \$725,000 that is already in the account, and which will be completed by the CIP request that is in the current budget) needed for the Police Radio System Replacement. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve, and Ms. Young seconded. Discussion ensued. It was mentioned that the old Legacy System would be maintained as a backup. Chief Stewart said the new system should be up and running by September 1. Voting was unanimous. Passed

- *Bid Waiver-Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the request from the Chief of Police to purchase Equipment Infrastructure and Console, and System Integration Services from Motorola for a total of \$831.00 to replace existing communications center (police radio system). Mr. Fauerbach seconded, and voting was unanimous. It was noted that through further negotiations this price had gone down from \$905,000, the amount originally quoted.*

Police Commission

- *Chairman Trebisacci thanked the Boards present and noted that this was a momentous occasion. He then asked for a motion that Chief Stewart be authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ct Department of Emergency Services Public Protection and the Town of Stonington in the acquisition of a new police radio system. Mr. Gourd made a motion, Mr. Tabor seconded, and voting was unanimous.*

Board of Selectmen

- *Selectman Simmons asked the Board for a motion to agree to the agreement with the state and to support the signing of the documents appropriate to that agreement. Selectwoman Rotella made a motion to approve, Selectman Prue seconded, passed unanimously.*

The Police Commission adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Previous minutes-Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the January 3rd minutes as amended, Ms. Young seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Old Business

- *Additional Appropriation-First Selectman Simmons requested an additional \$14,675 for line item #10102-80120 to completely fund the SEAT bus route funding for fiscal 17/18. He noted that the State has cut back funding for the SEAT bus and that the Town is actively looking into substitute programs. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve, Ms. Young seconded, and voting was unanimous.*
- *Line item Transfer-Transfer of \$4,562 from Highway Department line item #10151-80230 "Material Disposal" to line item #10151-80055 for merit pay increase for Highway Supervisor. No action taken.*

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr, Frishman made a motion to adjourn and Mr. O'Brien seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn Frishman
Secretary

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