

**TOWN OF SIMSBURY – BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 9, 2023
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CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:02 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Wendy Mackstutis; Deputy First Selectman Amber Abbuhl; members Chris Peterson (by Zoom), Eric Wellman, Heather Goetz. Absent was Sean Askham. Others in attendance included: Town Manager Maria E. Capriola; Deputy Town Manager Melissa Appleby; Police Commission Chairman Jen Caulfield; Commissioner Mike Long, Police Chief Nicholas Boulter, Deputy Chief Chris Davis and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

SIMSBURY POLICE COMMISSION BUDGET PROPOSAL

Ms. Caulfield said their budget is very important in order to provide the best service this Town deserves. It is a fiscally responsible budget. She went through the budget drivers. They are asking for 3 additional sworn officers, 1 SRO, a traffic enforcement officer for the evening shift and a sergeant for the evening shift. They are also asking for 1 full time police clerk and the addition of 1 hour per day for the current records clerk.

Ms. Caulfield said there is an increase in overtime as well. They are asking for 3 cruisers and 3 administrative vehicles.

Ms. Caulfield said in CNR they are asking for a new Animal Control vehicle as the one they have is over 10 years old. They are also asking for software for real-time scheduling, taser replacements (on the 6-year plan), and a less-lethal launcher replacements (20 years old now).

She is also asking for roadside cameras, that take pictures of license plates. They are used for investigative services but are not used for traffic enforcement and don't live-stream. They also want 7 replacement vests. She also spoke about the facility study, which is ongoing. They have completed what is needed and are now looking at how to address the needs.

There were some questions and discussion on a full time SRO, a full-time clerk, software, and what evening shifts are about, etc. Ms. Mackstutis said the software and launcher replacements seem to be new asks. Ms. Caulfield said the SRO was brought up by residents and the position is a split position between the Police Department and Board of Education.

The Board would like breakdowns on some items and a list of priorities for the upcoming budget meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk