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MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 2016

**COUNCIL ON AGING
227 CHACE ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

6:00 P.M. Call to Order Lee Baumgartner calls the meeting to order. Others present are Finance Committee Members, Chief Abbott and Chief Silvia

**Signing of Biweekly payroll/vendor warrants
Weekly Public Discussion period**

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Meeting with Finance Committee to discuss FY17 Budgets for Police, Fire and Communication Center.
- Police – Increases Chief Abbott has asked for in expenses
 1. \$500 for a new organization Bristol County Chiefs of Police Association we believe this will be effective in helping our organization.
 2. \$3,183 for Power DMS, last year it was paid for by for a grant. This allows employees to sign on to a program to view training materials and job descriptions etc. Sgt. Rose has a PowerPoint presentation on this. The license is for 50 users. This is a program you purchase. Sgt. Rose has been complying this information for 3 years. Sgt. Rose explains the training course for a new police officer. This takes an officer 15-30 minutes. They take an exam at the end of the course. This is all stored on the Cloud. They have a library of 30 courses now. Then also if the Board wants to expand this to the Town we can look at it.
 3. The final additional increase is to replace an officer that was taken away years ago. Chief Abbott says the IACP formula even says that we could use 2 additional officers but I am only looking for 1. We have 18 Full Time officers, 10 of whom are Patrolman. Selectman Sadeck says the Sgt. are also Patrolmen. Chief Abbott believes this would cut down on overtime. Selectman Sadeck asks how much the overtime would be reduced if you get a new officer. Chief Abbott believes it would be reduced significantly. Selectman Sadeck isn't going to commit until he has a number on the reduction of the overtime. Selectman Sadeck says the other thing is the patrolman will be paid at a higher rate. Selectman Baumgartner agrees and also states that there is an elephant in the room

because we are going to arbitration with the Police so it will cost up more this year than is written here. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to have Chief Abbott come back to adjust the overtime and revisit this at a later time. Passed unanimously.

- ComCenter 215 – Meetings & Trainings Seminars increase. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to have the Chief Abbott and Chief Silvia come back and explain at the next meeting.
- Fire 220 – Chief Silvia says this was fairly easy everything was contractual. Services that went up were IT, Medical Supplies; we went up almost \$30,000.00. Selectmen Sadeck asks if you added another Firefighter would that cut down on overtime. Chief says if you put that person on days and put them on 4 10's that would cut down on overtime drastically. Selectman Sadeck asks Chief Silvia to come up with a figure for them because it may save us in the long run. Chief Silvia talks about outsourcing the billing services, he thinks this would be a good idea and the Board would still be able to maintain the ability to abate the resident's bills that wouldn't be able to pay. We would still need to send out an RFP he thinks. Ms. Fales doesn't believe so. This would cost \$8,000 from Jan – Jun30 for this FY. They get 4% of the amount that is collected. We want to try someone out just for this fiscal year to see how it works.
- Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve the budget as proposed by the Chief Silvia but have him come back for an additional Fire Fighter to see if that can reduce overtime and also try this billing for 6 months. Passed unanimously.
- Chief Silvia would like to purchase an Ambulance Cot now while the Ambulance is being built it is \$15,190.00. Ms. Fales say this will need to be put in through a reserve fund transfer request, that is the only way it can be done. There was only \$225,000.00 approve at Town meeting.
- FinCom asks about leasing options regarding Police Cruisers and why they aren't just buying them outright. Kim says All American gives good options you should look at that, they offer lower rates than MHQ.
- Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to adjourn at 7:30p.m Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant