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MINUTES-SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017 11:30 A.M. SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT 11 FRANKLIN STREET

Members present: Robert Koskelowski, Lucy McConologue, Frank Conroy, William Paechet and David Bitso. Also in attendance: Chief Metzler and Deputy Chief Satkowski.

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 11:30 a.m. by Chairman Koskelowski
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** was led by Commissioner Bitso
3. **Budget:** discussion took place regarding the 2018-2019 budget.

Chief Metzler- stated that no other Boards from the town were at the meeting with the First Selectman, that he was adamant that no personnel were to be cut, the First Selectman was presented the budget and has decided to go with the flat budget, no programs to be cut, explained the situation with the vehicles-if there is a way to get the cars into this year's budget-if there is enough left over, unless the State comes back with another hit, might be okay for this year and the 2018-2019 year if all departments tighten up their budgets but the 2019-2020 will be worse, the budget hearing is scheduled for February 5th to present the budget to the Board of Finance, if you cut out the cars it will be hard to replace the old cars, the flat budget has no cars in it, if we get around 40,000 ahead on income this year-I will have the town encumber that money for a vehicle- we could use three cars but can live with two.

Deputy Chief Satkowski- First Selectman is talking that if the Town gets hit again from the State-there might be a special tax, the Chief has come up with cuts that would save money.

Chairman Koskelowski- do they plan on using any Fund Balance, are we losing any money out of the current year budget, does not want to go with the flat budget, we are one of the highest mill rates out of all municipality's- how much more can you squeeze out of the taxpayers, why don't we submit a budget with one or two cars, the state doesn't have a handle on the budget yet? If we put two cars into the flat budget that would be an increase of approximately eighty thousand, What does the Board want to do?

Commissioner Bitso- I would feel better with the flat budget if we could get the cars in there, it's up to the department head to know where to cut money, if we go in with the flat budget with no cars they will chop us.

Commissioner Paecht- what happens when the police department doesn't save money, they always want to cut the cars-it's the first thing they go for, I want a car in the budget, what are they gonna chop the heating and water, if we don't get new cars then the maintenance will go up on the old cars.

Commissioner McConologue- I would go with the flat budget if it was a guarantee that no more would be cut, if you could add to the flat budget why don't we add cars into that so that if they cut one car we still have one car.

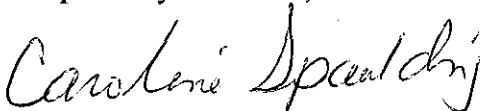
Commissioner Conroy- cars is one of our top priorities, the Board of Finance is pretty fair.

David Bitso/Lucy McConologue motion to approve the flat budget to go to the Board of Finance but add two cars making the bottom line of the budget \$ 4,380,199.00.

Motion: 5:0

4. Adjournment: David Bitso/Lucy McConologue motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Caroline Spaulding".

Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary