

Town Services Committee Meeting

May 8 2018

Hayton Conference Room

All districts present

Guests;

Dan Warzoha Director Emergency Operations

Fire Chief Peter Siecienski

Assistant Fire Chief Robert Kick

Police Deputy Chief Mark Marino

Greg Hannigan Director of General Services PD

Tracy Schietinger Executive Director GEMS

Michael Lecamp Finance Director GEMS

Jenny Baldock Chairperson GEMS board of Directors

Bill Drake BET

Town Services invited the Fire Department, Police Department, EOC and GEMS to our meeting to discuss their 2018-2019 plans and budgets

Emergency Operations:

March 2018 was busiest month since 2010 (storms)

2018-19 Budget -.1%

Reviewing new reverse 911 system which will save 25% of cost

Attained grant to pay for town wide incident management simulation.

Fire Department:

Budget up 0.4%

Engine staffing was realigned to 3 per rig in 2017. Efficiency is up and injuries are down.

New labor contract is in effect

Central Station relocation is complete

First Fire Officer Course completed in town using new training facility

Fire Fighter 1 course in progress

New Platform delivered and in service. Discussed request to staff with Lieutenant. Only comparable community in area without Lt. on tower. Will help Fire Fighting operations and safety. Other savings will pay for \$86,835 cost

Finding savings using Lean 6 Sigma. Training costs down, consumables cost down, small tools costs down.

Byram station rebuild approved by BET

Round Hill station A&E funded

3 new pumpers delivered ('17 and '18 capital) 1 more in 18-19 capital budget

Should Aquarion water bill be moved off FD Budget?

GEMS:

Overview of GEMS for new members

Budget up 1.60 %

Considered best EMS in state. Save rate 2X national average

55% funded by Town of Greenwich, capital equipment funded with donations.

Majority of calls are Medicare and only pays \$466 of \$1256 charge, Medicaid is only \$317

6500 calls and 4200 transports per year.

Needs new station on King St and would like all ambulances to be stationed indoors.

Police Department:

Budget up 1.20%

Staffing at 154 officers

Projected 2018-19 budget increase of 1.205

Capital items are \$69,000 for TASER & License plate reader replacement. \$425,000 for 9 police car replacements.

Officers working on side jobs in town are paid \$65 per hour. Town collects \$70 from user and now keeps \$5 as an administration charge. The charge has covered all administration costs and generated a surplus.

All officers are completing NARCAN training for Opioid overdose emergencies.

District 7 delegate brought motion to reduce line 205-51010 by \$83,825 to eliminate

New LT. position. Vote was 2-8-1 dist.3 absent Motion Failed

Voted on 13 budgets reviewed by Town Services

Vote was 8-2-1 dist. 3 absent

Motion to vote on entire budget Item 4 (some members did not want to vote until after hearing all budget reviews at their district meeting)

Vote was 2-8-1 dist. 3 absent we did not vote on item 4

Richard Neuman

Chairman

