

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3 PRIMROSE STREET, NEWTOWN, CT  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jeffrey Capeci, Phil Carroll, Angela Curi, William DeRosa (via teleconference), Charles Gardner (7:41 pm), Chris Gardner, Dan Honan, Lisa Kessler, Ryan Knapp, Michelle Embree Ku, Tom Long

**ABSENT:** Matthew Mihalcik

**ALSO PRESENT:** First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Finance Director Bob Tait, Charter Revision Commission Chair Andy Buzzi, Police Chief David Kullgren; 1 public, 0 press

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Capeci called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:34 pm.

**VOTER COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES:** Mr. Knapp moved to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2022 Legislative Council Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Carroll. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

Mr. Capeci suggested that going forward, an extra line of text be added at the bottom of minutes stating that if any changes are to be made to finalized minutes, it will be reflected in the minutes of the next meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. Capeci announced that Matthew Mihalcik volunteered, and has been appointed, to serve as the Legislative Council representative on the Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Capeci stated that the BOF passed their budget last week. Mr. Tait provided the Council with copies of that to review. Budget discussions will begin following the public hearing which will be held in two weeks. A copy of the proposed budget can be found on the Finance Director's page on the Town's website.

Library Building and Grounds Committee Member David Schill was not available this week to discuss the library's capital projects on the agenda. Therefore, the library discussion has been tabled once again for a future meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:** First Selectman Dan Rosenthal reported that we have received our FEMA reimbursed from Tropical Storm Isaias in the amount of \$553,000 which went into capital and non-recurring. Today was our annual bond sale in the amount of \$8.43 million. We did better than other AAA communities that issued debt in CT. Our total interest cost was 2.29. With regards to the Hawley project, the response put us back modestly under budget but the low bidder on demo and abatement dropped out. We will have to rebid for that one package and he will keep us posted. In regards to the BOS budget, the top line is about 8% because we were over on fund balance. Therefore, \$1.3 million was moved to capital and non-recurring at the last BOF meeting, and this will show up as spending on the BOS side. The other element is the increase in motor vehicle tax revenue this year which he believes will be fleeting. The budget as presented is a corresponding transfer as a savings to capital and non-recurring, so if there is a reduction in the motor vehicle revenue, we will be protected. The proposed mill rate increase is 0.44%. The true spending increase would be about 2.7%. The general government increase is about 1.8%. In reality it will leave us with \$2.6 million with undesignated funds in capital and non-recurring. We are on our way to building on a pay as you go approach. He feels this is a wise financial move to protect us from what will be a variable income source.

Mr. Tait added his update on the RFP process for the auditors. He was not receiving responses so he sent out an email blast to other Finance Directors in the state asking what their experiences have been. The consensus was that a lot of municipal firms are having trouble right now and it is an issue statewide. Due to the time constraints and audit deadline, Mr. Tait is recommending that the Council reconsider reassigning the existing audit firm of Mahoney Sabol. Mr. Capeci noted that he will add this to the next agenda in order to take action.

## OLD BUSINESS

### *Discussion and Possible Action*

- CH Booth Library capital projects and financing via Town CIP or Library Board funds:
  - Roof project including roof replacement, gutters, downspout and shutters
  - HVAC comprehensive upgrades

Mr. Charles Gardner moved to table this item for this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Carroll. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

## NEW BUSINESS

### *Discussion and Possible Action*

- Resolution providing for an appropriation of \$120,003 for cloud storage of police data to be funded from the capital and non-recurring fund

Mr. Charles Gardner moved to approve the resolution providing for an appropriation of \$120,003 for cloud storage of police data to be funded from the capital and non-recurring fund. Seconded by Ms. Curi. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

Police Chief Kullgren gave a brief overview of this resolution. *See attachment A.* The police department purchased new body cameras from Axon about a year ago. Axon's software and file storage is Cloud based. They have been using in-house servers, however, they are filling up fast. Currently, there is no way to categorize videos or perform an auto-purge. Axon offers a cloud based service which costs about \$20,000 per year for the next five years. There is no limitation on storage. This will save our Town's IT staff time and manpower to maintain the current servers. We are in a position where this is the most efficient choice at this time. First Selectman Rosenthal stated that ordinarily this would be a budget item, but the challenge is that the contract is a five year guarantee so this will be funded annually. In terms of security, Chief Kullgren stated that Axon has been rock solid with a secure platform thus far. They are offering a five year contract which coincides with the cameras that the officers currently wear. Typically they package their cloud storage and cameras together. First Selectman added that Axon's market cap is \$10.3 billion so he is not worried about their future as a company. The current data can be migrated over to the new cloud-based system which is part of the conversion package. After researching and testing other products, the Chief decided to go with a more top of the line service because they will have more protection from hackers. Right now, the files on the server are only tagged by date and time stamp so there will be some labor that will need to go into prepping for the conversion. The Police Chief concluded by welcoming the members of the LC to stop by the police department any time to spend time with him and gain a better understanding of how their systems work.

- Progress Report from Newtown Charter Revision Commission

Mr. Buzzi reported that it has been one year since the Charter Revision Commission was appointed and began their work. By statute, they have 16 months to deliver a draft report to the Legislative Council. He is requesting that the Council set a deadline date of June 15<sup>th</sup> to receive the draft. Once the draft is received, the Council has 45 days to hold a public hearing for feedback. Then another 15 days to submit

any changes back to the Commission.

Mr. Knapp moved that we task the Charter Revision Commission to deliver a draft report on or before June 15<sup>th</sup> of this year. Seconded by Mr. Carroll. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

Ms. Ku asked that based on their CCM training, could they have another attorney provide a second opinion and review of the proposed Charter. Mr. Buzzi stated that along with getting Town Attorney David Grogins' review, there are five members on this Commission who are attorneys and provided input.

**VOTER COMMENT:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Capeci will begin working on assigning sections of the budget to committees. He will then send the information out via email so he can begin scheduling committee meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mr. Honan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Seconded by Mr. Knapp. All in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rina Quijano, Clerk*

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT THE NEXT MEETING. ANY EDITS WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

**Resolution providing for an appropriation (allocation) of \$120,003 for cloud storage of police data to be funded from the capital & non-recurring fund.**

**INFORMATION:**

An Axon quote, from Sourcewell Contract # 010720-AXN, a governmental national purchasing cooperative, for the requested cloud storage total \$120,003 is attached. This is a five year storage agreement. Police servers are reaching their capacity limit (anticipated 6 to 9 months left). Upon discussing options with Al Miles, Director of IT, it was determined this was the best option based on price and the software options that accompany the agreement. Several options were discussed with Axon and the attached is the best price option for the camera that we currently operate. We recently purchased new body cameras from Axon in the summer of 2021(funded by the asset forfeiture fund).



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Q-372887-44601.647RB

Issued: 02/09/2022

Quote Expiration: 03/31/2022

EST Contract Start Date: 04/15/2022

Account Number: 108653

Payment Terms: N30

Delivery Method: Fedex - Ground

SHIP TO	BILL TO
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Program Length	63 Months
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	\$120,002.25
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL W/ TAX</b>	\$120,002.25

Bundle Savings	(\$252.00)
Additional Savings	\$2,751.75
<b>TOTAL SAVINGS</b>	\$2,499.75

## PAYMENT PLAN

PLAN NAME	INVOICE DATE	AMOUNT DUE
Year .5	Apr, 2022	\$6,000.09
Year 1	Jul, 2022	\$8,400.16
Year 2	Jul, 2023	\$26,400.50
Year 3	Jul, 2024	\$26,400.50
Year 4	Jul, 2025	\$26,400.50
Year 5	Jul, 2026	\$26,400.50

## Quote Details

Bundle Summary		
Item	Description	QTY
ProLicense	Pro License Bundle	2
BasicLicense	Basic License Bundle	45
DynamicBundle	Dynamic Bundle	1

Bundle: Pro License Bundle    Quantity: 2    Start: 4/15/2022    End: 6/30/2027    Total: 4939.2 USD				
Category	Item	Description	QTY	
E.com License	73746	PROFESSIONAL EVIDENCE.COM LICENSE (Formerly SKU 73746)	2	
A La Carte Storage	73683	10 GB EVIDENCE.COM A-LA-CART STORAGE-	6	

Bundle: Basic License Bundle    Quantity: 45    Start: 4/15/2022    End: 6/30/2027    Total: 40000.05 USD				
Category	Item	Description	QTY	
E.com License	73840	EVIDENCE.COM BASIC LICENSE	45	
A La Carte Storage	73683	10 GB EVIDENCE.COM A-LA-CART STORAGE-	45	

Bundle: Dynamic Bundle    Quantity: 1    Start: 4/15/2022    End: 6/30/2027    Total: 75063 USD				
Category	Item	Description	QTY	
Other	74010	AXON DOCK, 6 BAY, AXON BODY 2	1	
Other	85144	AXON STARTER	1	
Other	73686	EVIDENCE.COM UNLIMITED AXON DEVICE STORAGE	47	

Tax is estimated based on rates applicable at date of quote and subject to change at time of invoicing. If a tax exemption certificate should be applied, please submit prior to invoicing.

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### Axon Master Services and Purchasing Agreement:

This Quote is limited to and conditional upon your acceptance of the provisions set forth herein and Axon's Master Services and Purchasing Agreement (posted at [www.axon.com/legal/sales-terms-and-conditions](http://www.axon.com/legal/sales-terms-and-conditions)), as well as the attached Statement of Work (SOW) for Axon Fleet and/or Axon Interview Room purchase, if applicable. In the event you and Axon have entered into a prior agreement to govern all future purchases, that agreement shall govern to the extent it includes the products and services being purchased and does not conflict with the Axon Customer Experience Improvement Program Appendix as described below.

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### Acceptance of Terms:

Any purchase order issued in response to this Quote is subject solely to the above referenced terms and conditions. By signing below, you represent that you are lawfully able to enter into contracts. If you are signing on behalf of an entity (including but not limited to the company, municipality, or government agency for whom you work), you represent to Axon that you have legal authority to bind that entity. If you do not have this authority, please do not sign this Quote.