

**MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 6, 2023**

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A meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held on Monday, February 6, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting held both in person and electronically via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 PM by Vice- Chair, Abdul Osmanu.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adrian Webber, Chair; Abdul Osmanu, Vice-Chair; Laurie Sweet; Justin Farmer; Cory O'Brien; Bob Anthony

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betty Wetmore

Public Input: No speakers

The following items were addressed:

1. Order agreement an amendment to a Memorandum of Agreement between the Hamden Police Department and the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division

--Moved by Mr. Anthony and seconded by Mr. Farmer. DISCUSSION: Acting Police Chief Wydra explained the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch Division asked us and many Police Departments in Connecticut to set up video conferencing equipment in our detention area. It consists of a video conferencing phone, a monitor and a battery backup and will allow interviews to take place between arrestees held on bond and court personnel and is no cost to us. Mr. Farmer asked about what communications would be taking place with this. Chief Wydra said it would be for court personnel to prepare paperwork for court appearances, most often the next day. Ms. Sweet asked about the funding source. Ms. Gruen explained it is the State's use of the funds, not the Towns.

The item passed with 1 abstention (Farmer)

2. Order to accept and expend funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation 2023 Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement Program

--Moved by Mr. Anthony and seconded by Mr. Osmanu DISCUSSION: Acting Police Chief Wydra explained this is a grant we have been doing yearly for at least ten years. It will be conducted in April

of this year and the total is approximately \$85,000. Around \$57,000 will be used for overtime with no funds being used from Hamden, and \$28,000 for fringe benefits. It is not just for enforcement, but for education about distracted driving, and to promote driving safely. There was then a brief discussion of the procedures.

The item passed with 1 opposed (Farmer) and 1 abstention (Osmanu)

3. Order to accept and expend funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation 2023 Click It or Ticket Enforcement Program

--Moved by Mr. Farmer and seconded by Mr. Anthony. DISCUSSION: Acting Police Chief Wydra explained this grant is for seat belt enforcement and education and if approved, will be conducted in May. It is for approximately \$20,000 of which approximately \$13,000 will be used for overtime and around \$6,700 will be for fringe benefits. Mr. Farmer asked for data on both of the grants.

The item passed with 1 opposed (Farmer)

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk
Rose Lion, Secretary
for Abdul Osmanu, Vice-Chair