

**SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AND APPROVAL
TOWN OF TRUMBULL
BOARD OF FINANCE
Minutes
Special Meeting February 3, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the virtual Board of Finance meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. via Zoom. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

ATTENDANCE

The Clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Present

Michael Barker
Elaine Hammers
Lainie McHugh
Paul Timpanelli
Marty Isaac
Scott Zimov
Christine El Eris – Alternate
Marc Mascola – Alternate
Vincent DeGennaro – Alternate

Absent

Also present:

First Selectman Vicki Tesoro; Maria Pires, Director of Finance; Cynthia Katske, Chief Administrative Office, Daniel Schopick, Town Attorney; Chief Leigh Goodman, Director of Emergency Medical Services

02-01-22 FY 2021-2022 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Mr. Timpanelli moved, seconded Mr. Barker to transfer \$109,769.00 from the General Fund to 01022600-501101 Salaries - FT \$ 44,122; 01022600-501104 Salaries - Vacation, weekend \$36,382; 01022600-501888 Uniform Allowance \$1,600; 01013400-511150 Fringe Benefits - FICA \$6,159; 01013400-511151 Fringe Benefits - Medical/Dental \$18,417; 01013400-522110 Fringe Benefits - Defined Contr Plan \$3,089 to cover additional staffing needs due to demand for services.

Chief Goodman made her presentation and cited the following points:

- Call volume has increased from Pandemic lows by approximately 34%.
- We did 480 calls in November 2021 as opposed to Pandemic call low average of 330.
- Requests for mutual aid response to our neighboring towns have increased 89% since February.
- Requests for mutual aid into town have increased 39% since February despite our supervisors covering extra calls.
- The overall population in Trumbull has not increased; however, the senior population has increased.
- Where we were maybe 2-6 times per month to help a neighboring town, we are now up to 75 times per month to Stratford, Easton, Fairfield, Shelton or Monroe. We no longer go to Bridgeport and they will be our mutual aid provider, if we were overwhelmed. As of now, they do not have the resources to assist us.

- Our calls are bordering around 5,000 per year. As our calls have gone up, our staffing has not. The problem is that we are helping other towns and we do not have enough units to take care of ourselves.
- Chief Goodman wants to make sure we have enough paramedics and she is looking to change how we run our ambulances so we are able to take calls during peak hours.
- If we transport the patient, the paramedic goes with the patient and is not available to take another call.
- Our response time is around 6-8 minutes. We have two individuals on call from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. and instead of two, she would like to have one come on from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm and from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
- She wants to be able to pull her supervisors in so they can attend to their administrative duties.
- If we cannot respond to a mutual aid call, we lose revenue. Chief Goodman indicated that it is possible to recoup from \$300 to \$1,200 per call.
- Although calls are increasing, transport rates are not.
- We are able to cover our operating budget.
- We are still using volunteers; we train them and then they leave to go elsewhere.
- We have already grown out of the existing EMS building.

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to call the question.

By unanimous consent, the Board of Finance agreed to call the question.

The Clerk called the roll call vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Lainie McHugh	x	
Marty Isaac	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Elaine Hammers	x	
Scott Zimov		x

Vote: 5-1-0 (Opposed: Zimov) motion carries

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis C. Collier

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