CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The Chair asked all to remember those that have lost loved ones this year and all of our veterans.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded as follows:

PRESENT: Dawn Cantafio  Kevin Shively  Mary Isaac
Carole Hans  Ashley Gaudiano  Jason Marsh
Tony Scinto, (arrived at 6:57 p.m.)  Nicole Satin
Patricia Borghesan  Eric Paulson  Bruce Elstein
Thomas Whitmoyer  Carl A. Massaro, Jr.  Joanne Glasser-Orenstein

ABSENT: Stephen Lemoine, Bill Mecca, Michael Miller, Lisa Valenti, Donna Seidell, Lori Rosasco-Schwartz, Joy Colon

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Katske, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, EMS Chief Leigh Goodman, Captain Andrew Weber, Emergency Management Deputy Director Andrew Kingsbury

*The Chair reserves the right not to vote unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no one from the public to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Glasser-Orenstein, seconded by Borghesan to approve the November regular meeting minutes as submitted. VOTE: Motion CARRIED 9-0-4 (ABSTENTION: Massaro, Elstein, Whitmoyer, Paulson)
NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION TC28-218: Moved by Hans, seconded by Whitmoyer
   BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council is cognizant of and authorizes the submission of the funding application for Trumbull EMS radios under the DHS/FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, and authorizes First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro or her designee as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to accept, administer and implement the project. (Full Resolution Attached)

Chief Goodman shared her screen, (information included in the agenda packet). EMS would like to apply for the Assistance and Firefighters Grant (AFG), ($414 million in funding), with 2%, ($8.2 million), to go to a nonaffiliated EMS, which is what Trumbull EMS is. This year's grant priority is communications, (radio systems).

Their objective is to ensure to operate 911 principle services safely, move with technology, minimize the risk to themselves, patients, and public safety responders and maximize the safety of everybody they serve, to produce measurable outcomes as well as enhancing patient outcomes. This encompasses working together with the Trumbull police department, fire departments and area agencies in the event of mass disasters or the storms they manage.

The grant has clear guidelines, to apply for a specific amount of money, and not to include actual estimates or specific devices, but to include a general explanation of what devices or communication equipment is needed. EMS has questions on whether other items could be included and are waiting to hear back from the AFG.

Chief Goodman reviewed the current radio inventory, seven (7) portables, those installed in the ambulances. The other devices they have are no longer manufactured, they did order extra parts a few years ago, but they cannot be upgraded or fixed now.

The radios they are looking at are used by all of our current public safety departments, including Trumbull police, and the three Trumbull fire departments who recently upgraded their radio system for the same reasons. EMS needs to upgrade, due to inoperability, integrity of the equipment and the technology that has changed. What they currently have does not have interoperability with other agencies in the case of mutual aide, the system they are looking at will.

Once they are able to make the upgrade Chief Goodman wants to develop a long term maintenance plan and include it in the capital plan.

If they are able to get the upgraded radios, the two radios purchased in 2020 will continue to be used as command radios.
To be cautious, Mr. Scinto recused himself from this resolution due to his employment with Verizon.

All other agencies as they upgrade have to be within the P25 compliance regulations.

Each year the grant has different priorities, they may be able to back again next year to ask for more. There are other funding opportunities as well and Chief Goodman is researching those too.

The current equipment became antiquated due to advances in technology, the industry taking a critical shift from predominantly volunteer and it has become much more regulated. Going forward long-term planning is important.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent (Mr. Scinto did not vote he was recused)

Moved by Glasser-Orenstein, seconded by Massaro to PASS as Emergency Legislation. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Colon, seconded by Whitmoyer the Town Council adjourned the special meeting at 7:09 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni
Town Council Clerk
RESOLUTION TC28-218:

Whereas, the Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers competitive grants through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program; and
Whereas, grants are to be used for projects in three activity areas: operations and safety; vehicle acquisition; and regional projects; and
Whereas, equipment purchases, including radios, qualify under the operations and safety activity area; and
Whereas, the Trumbull Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is an eligible applicant and an unaffiliated service; and
Whereas, the Trumbull EMS seeks to apply for funding for new radios in an amount not to exceed $400,000; and
Whereas, the cost share for the town of Trumbull will be 10 percent of the total project costs.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council is cognizant of and authorizes the submission of the funding application for Trumbull EMS radios under the DHS/FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, and authorizes First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro or her designee as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to accept, administer and implement the project.