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**SPECIAL LAKE GENEVA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Commission Members Commissioners: Spyro Condos, Chuck Saul, Jay Fairbanks, Len Jegerski, and Tom Clausen, Police and Fire Liaison Joan Yunker, Town of Geneva Fire Liaison Larry Kulik

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Fairbanks at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Fairbanks, Clausen, Condos, Saul and Jegerski were present. Also present: Police and Fire Liaison Yunker, Police Chief Gritzner, Police Lieutenant Keller, Fire Chief Peters, Fire Captain Detkowski, and Administrative Specialist Papenfus.

3. Discussion - Police Department 2024 budget

Chief Gritzner presented the 2024 Police Department budget. The budget includes hiring two new police officers, which is the final step to a 3-year hiring plan. The main increase in the budget is due to employee wage increases and two new officer wages including benefits. Chief Gritzner reviewed the equipment replacement changes for 2024, which includes a new communication recording system as the old system is obsolete, updated drone equipment, a street legal slow-moving vehicle and three new squad cars including equipment installation. The costs of the squads went up approximately 16%. The Capital Improvement project for 2024 includes a new radio project. This system will be implemented county-wide and includes several departments within the city including-Police, Fire, DPW, Parking, Lakefront and Utility. The County will be covering approximately 19% of the costs.

4. Discussion - Fire Department 2024 budget

Chief Peters presented the 2024 Fire Department budget. The budget changes include adding three full-time Firefighter/Paramedics according to the staffing plan and transitioning the Chief Position from part-time to full-time status. Town of Linn staffing went up 4.76%, Fire/EMS revenue went up and billing revenue went up 10%. Fire Department Equipment Repair costs and Firehouse Repair costs continue to rise due to aging equipment and building maintenance. Capital Improvement costs included Turn Out gear and Communication Equipment for the county-wide radio system project. An additional cost will be making bunk/meeting room alterations due to additional staffing needs. There was discussion on making sure that surrounding areas pay the proper amount of fees for Fire Department services.

Saul stated he was happy to see that the staffing plan was nearing completion and that the Commission has moved forward with the plan with all Commissioners being in agreement throughout the process.

5. Adjourn

Fairbanks motioned to adjourn the meeting. Saul seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Papenfus
Administrative Specialist

c: Police Chief/Fire Chief
Commissioners-file/Commission Liaison
City Administrator/City Clerk
City Comptroller
Council Members - Mayor