

**LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL VOTING MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 27, 2025
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Mayor Bartels called to order the Special Meeting of Latrobe City council at 6:35 p.m. Mayor Bartels informed all that an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

Mayor Bartels asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bartels asked all for a moment of silence.

Secretary to Council read Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Ralph Jenko – present
Dawn Vavick -- present
Lenor Rivera – present
Bridget DiVittis – present
James Kelley – absent
Ann Amatucci – absent
Mayor Eric Bartels – present

Also, present were the following: Sue Trout, City Manager; Lee Demosky, Solicitor; Robert Daerr, Police Captain; Scott Wajdic, Public Works Director; Melanie McGregor, Assistant Public Works Director; Andy Matheny and Josh Mayro, Code/Zoning Officers.

CITIZENS' REQUEST (related to agenda)

None.

RESOLUTION #2025-36

Resolution 2025-36 to approve a grant application for 18 body worn cameras for \$21,589.20 via the Department of Justice for our police department. Our grant match will be \$10,794.60. If awarded the grant, the program replaces cameras over 5 years of age and are no longer supported by Motorola who discontinued the model. The Chief will continue to pursue the grant match through outside sources. Mr. Jenko made the motion seconded by Ms. Vavick. Vote 5-0.

Captain Daerr explained the existing body cameras that the department is using have eight months left on Motorola's service contract. Captain Daerr stated he's sending back a damaged malfunctioning camera once a month and it costs nothing for a replacement. The service contract was purchased last year and after eight months, they will not be offering service for the Model V 300. Captain Daerr did bids for cameras and service and received a camera that will plug and play. With the car chargers these will naturally sync to the cloud storage. The department will have to add holders to the exterior carrier and will cost about \$45 each. The department would continue the service contract with Motorola since there were no issues mailing the cameras back, it was a day turnaround time. But Motorola made it clear that once the

service contract runs out, they will not be servicing them. Captain Daerr stated the batteries for the Motorola V300 are not being made anymore so the department ordered additional batteries, and it took three months for delivery since they are shipping in from Hong Kong.

Mayor Bartels asked if this grant is going through the Department of Justice and is there any kind of delay.

Mrs. Trout stated the grant application is due November 3rd and heard that it may be extended to the 10th. The original date is November 3rd, but understood it may be moved because of government shutdown so the department will be ready to get it in by the 3rd.

Mr. Jenko wanted to confirm that Motorola won't service the cameras when the service contract ends.

Captain Daerr confirmed they will not.

Mrs. DiVittis asked what will happen with the old cameras, will they be thrown away or can they be sent back.

Captain Daerr did not know if there's a refurbished program for the cameras but did state the Taser Company has a refurbished program with their tasers and if you buy additional tasers from them, they give you a certain amount of money, but Motorola didn't offer anything.

Mr. Jenko asked, with the new cameras, what type of service they have.

Captain Daerr answered approximately five years. The body camera is a valuable tool; everyone can see the camera footage all the time and it's something needed for the officers.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

The Special Meeting of the council adjourned at 6:43 P.M. with a motion from Mr. Jenko seconded by Ms. Rivera. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janina Hall

Janina Hall, Council Secretary