

Public Safety Committee Minutes
February 10, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Lent; Supervisors Allen, Barrett, Daly, Johnson, Lucia, and Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Michael Zurlo, Sheriff; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Susan Hayes-Masa, Coroner; Carl Zeilman, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Jason Hayes, Animal Shelter; Press.

Chairman Lent called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Johnson the minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Lent announced the appointment of Preston Allen, as Committee Vice Chair.

Mrs. Hayes-Masa requested renewal of an agreement with NMS Lab, to include a fee increase for 2016 of 3%.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve a fee increase with NMS Labs of 3% for 2016. Unanimous.

Chief Castle said there were two grants for 2014/2015 in the Sheriff's Department that were three year grants, \$4,369.90 for 2014, and \$42,906.83 for 2015, totaling \$47, 276.73. These are 100% matching grants from the State.

Mr. Hellwig said the budget would be amended, putting the revenues and expenses back in the 2016 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the re-appropriation of grant funds in the Sheriff's Department from 2014/2015. Unanimous.

Mr. Zurlo requested a resolution for the acceptance of a \$10,000 grant from Senator Farley, which will be used to enhance the network at the Sheriff's Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Johnson to accept a \$10,000 grant for the Sheriff's Department to enhance their network. Unanimous.

Mr. Zurlo requested a resolution to approve an agreement with the Town of Halfmoon for law enforcement at a cost of \$205,000 for the year 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve a law enforcement agreement with the Town of Halfmoon at a cost of \$205,000 for 2016. Unanimous.

Mr. Zurlo requested a resolution to approve a law enforcement agreement with the Town of Clifton Park at a cost of \$529,417.74 for 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Allen to approve a law enforcement agreement with the Town of Clifton Park at a cost of \$529,417.74. Unanimous.

Mr. Zeilman said Emergency Services had a busy month with a water main break that affected both Waterford and Halfmoon residents. He thanked members of the team in the Department of Public Works as well as various agencies that helped out.

Mr. Zeilman requested a resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2016 budget to increase revenues and expenses in the amount of \$2,961,221 for the Emergency Services Department from a grant that was accepted and approved in 2015. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve an amendment to the 2016 budget to increase revenues and expenses in the Department of Emergency Services in the amount of \$2,961,221 for a grant that was approved in 2015. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay requested a resolution to adopt the Mutual Aid Plan. He said there have been no changes made to the plan.

Mr. Lent said the Mutual Aid Plan came from the Fire Advisory Board to the County, where the Public Safety Committee will approve or not approve, and then it goes out to the Law and Finance Committee for approval and then to each district for signoff.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the Mutual Aid Plan submitted by the Fire Advisory Board to the office of Emergency Services. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay said there were two individuals from the Fire Advisory Board who resigned their positions in the middle of their term. A request has been made to recommend to the Chairman two appointments, Jim Corrigan from the City of Mechanicville, and Duane E. Moulton from the Town of Hadley to the Fire Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Lucia to recommend to the Chairman two appointments to the Fire Advisory Board; Jim Corrigan from the City of Mechanicville, and Duane E. Moulton from the Town of Hadley. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay requested re-appropriation of grant funds from 2014/2015 in the amount of \$212,082.97 for 2014 and \$217,500 for 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lucia to authorize the chairman to re-appropriate grant funds from 2014/2015 to the 2016 budget. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent said there is proposed legislation in the State regarding categorizing the sale of a controlled substance that causes a death within twenty four hours, commonly known as Laree's Law. A request has been made for committee approval to move this on to the Legislative and Research Committee for possible inclusion in the Legislative package for 2016. This legislation would classify this, if a death occurs, as a homicide.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Allen to move Legislation for Laree's Law forward to the Legislative and Research Committee for inclusion in the 2016 Legislative Agenda. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Ms. Daly the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom