

Public Safety Committee Minutes
September 13, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Paul Lent; Supervisors Preston Allen, Phil Barrett, Art Johnson and Tim Szczepaniak; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Michael Zurlo, Richard Castle, Richard Emery, Sheriff; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Carl Zeilman, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Kelly Devall, 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. Allen the minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Johnson to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Unanimous.

Ms. Heggen said that they have two attorneys in the District Attorney's office who primarily prosecute domestic violence cases. They will be working collaboratively with Wellspring (formerly Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Services) and Mechanicville Domestic Violence Advocacy Program to bring awareness through public events held throughout the month of October.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Allen to authorize acceptance of a \$12,500 Governor's Traffic Safety grant to increase seat belt usage and reduce dangerous driving behaviors. Unanimous.

Sheriff Zurlo said that this is a one year grant.

Sheriff Zurlo and Colonel Emery handed out a report and gave an update on the Records Management and Security System upgrade project at the Saratoga County Correctional Facility. The first phase of the jail records management system has been completed and is up and running. Phase two should be completed by the end of November. The project is under budget. The engineering submittals for the jail security system are being reviewed and will be signed off on soon. The next phase is ordering and installing the equipment. It is anticipated that the new jail security system will be operational by November 30.

Sheriff Zurlo announced that there will be an open house at the Sheriff's office on Saturday, September 17 from 10am-2pm showcasing their equipment. All are welcome.

Sheriff Zurlo reported that the Saratoga County Dive team was requested by the Warren County Sheriff Department for a search and recover call to Lake George last week. They spent Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the lake. It was the Saratoga County dive team that recovered the body on Saturday and allowed some closure for the family.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Johnson to accept an Aid to Defense grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$15,500. Unanimous.

Mr. Schreiber said that this is an annual grant that runs from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. This grant represents work for the defense as well as prosecution.

Mr. Zeilman previously circulated the Emergency Services report via email. On Monday September 12, the office of Emergency Services held a project update for Police, Fire and EMS on the new CAD/Mobile/e911 system which gave an overview of the project to date and what is to be expected in the near future. The project completion date is scheduled for fall 2017.

Kelly Devall from the Animal Shelter distributed the monthly report. Intake is up by 54% over the same time last year. Adoptions are also up, surgeries performed so animals can be adopted are up and euthanasia is down. Kelly reported that this has been an extremely increased kitten season for the shelter. The shelter has also been aiding the Troopers, Sheriffs, SPCA and the local animal control officers in hoarding and animal neglect cases which cause delays in adoptions due to court cases.

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Barrett the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Legislative Clerk