

Public Safety Committee Minutes

June 10, 2008 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Thompson; Supervisors Grattidge, Jenkins, Veitch, Wormuth, Yepsen, Hargrave and Southworth; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Paul Parker, Ed Tremblay, Fire Coordinator; Britta Degenshein, Motorola; Margot Ammon, Helen Cranshaw; League of Women Voters; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth the minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Butler distributed the monthly report from the Animal Shelter and gave a brief overview as follows:

There were 298 animals received at the shelter for the month with 49 returned to their owners. One hundred and forty nine animals were adopted with 58 euthanised. Nineteen animals were submitted to the rabies lab, with one bat-testing positive, from the town of Ballston. One hundred and eight animals were vaccinated at the shelter for rabies. Forty-six animals were spayed or neutered for the month.

Mr. Butler said a bottle drive entitled; “Mission Impossible”, was conducted by the Girl Scouts with approximately \$3,200 raised. In addition, the Busy Bone Dog Walk raised \$5,300.

Mr. Butler requested a resolution to transfer \$8,700 to the trust fund to purchase equipment and supplies as follows:

Items

Narcotics Cabinet	\$ 350
Utility Cart	\$ 200
Auto Clave Sterilizer	\$3,500
Instruments for 6 packs	\$3,000
Clipper Set	\$ 150
Metal wall mount storage cabinets	\$ 200
Air Conditioner for area	\$ 500
Vacuum	\$ 50
Instrument Stand	\$ 750

A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to authorize a resolution for the transfer of \$8,700 from the Animal Shelter trust fund, and amend the 2008 budget to allow for the purchase of equipment needed for the neutering of male cats before adoption. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent distributed a copy of the monthly report for June 2008 from the Office of Emergency Services and gave the following overview:

Emergency Services is in the process of constructing two tower sites as part of the new radio system, one at the communications center at the Sheriff's Department and the second in the Town of Providence.

Advanced Network Services of Menands was the low contract bidder at \$379,765. There were a total of five bidders. The four other bids received were as follows:

Adesta, LLC	\$383,754
Sabre Communications	\$457,407
Baron Utilities	\$491,830
Infinigy Engineering	\$518,960

Mr. Lent requested a resolution to award the contract to Advanced Network Services of Menands in the amount of \$379,765.

Mr. Thompson asked if and when this is approved when would the project start? Mr. Lent said the contract deadline for the towers to be erected is August 1, 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth authorizing the chairman to enter into an agreement with Advanced Network Services to erect the radio towers in the Towns of Milton and Providence for a total cost of \$379,765. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent said the project radio consultants, Blue Wing Services, through the Emergency Services Office has released a Request for Information (RFI) to P.25 Digital Trunked radio vendors on the New York State term contract. The RFI is not a purchase document, it is a means of evaluating vendor's equipment offerings, warranty and other aspects of what vendors are offering to meet the needs of the county, he said. Vendors have been asked to have their responses to the RFI back to the county by July 15, 2008.

Mr. Tremblay gave a brief overview of the Fire Services Report for the Month of May 2008 as follows:

A three unit, nine hour Firefighter Survival Course was held three times with a total of 42 firefighters completing the course.

A 78-hour Firefighter 1 course is replacing the 42-hour Basic Firefighter and 36-hour Intermediate Firefighter course. In addition to the previous curriculum, it also contains

basic rescue techniques, Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations and some self-rescue techniques, which is instructed in the Firefighter Survival Course. The 27 unit, 81-hour course is continuing at the Greenfield Fire Station with 20 Firefighters attending. A second course started at the Wilton Fire Station with 25 firefighters attending.

The incidents for the month were as follows:

Electrical Fire at the Victory Bible Church on Route 9N in the town of Corinth on May 15th.

Structure Fire in a Multi Family Residential building in the Town of Waterford on May 26th.

Mr. Tremblay said a Saratoga County Hazardous Materials Response Team training was conducted on the various levels of protective clothing and how to choose, use and maintain them.

On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom