

Public Safety Committee Minutes

May 10, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wormuth; Supervisors Grattidge, Hargrave, Jenkins, Veitch, Wood, Wright, Rowland, Richardson, Collyer, and Thompson; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Dan Miller, Paul Parker, Ed Tremblay, Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Cliff Ammon, Margot, Ammon, Helen Cranshaw, League of Women Voters; Jim Bowen, Sheriff; Daniel Butler, Animal Shelter; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Veitch the minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Sheriff Bowen requested a renewal with the Village of Corinth for the one-year contract for police protection. This is only for one year as negotiations are still ongoing, he said.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to approve a resolution to renew a contract with the Village of Corinth for police protection for the period of one year. Unanimous.

Mr. Butler reviewed the Animal Shelter report for April as follows:

There were 269 animals that were brought into the shelter during the month of April. All animals are being spayed or neutered at the shelter now, with 100 done for the month of April. There were 137 animals vaccinated for rabies in addition to approximately 200 animals every month that come to the rabies clinic.

The adoption trailer has gone out to bid, and the bids are due back by June 1st. Mr. Butler said he is hopeful that a couple of weeks later the trailer will be up and running to different locations throughout the county.

The Annual Dog Walk took place, Saturday, May 7th. Attendance was down as well as donations compared to other years. Approximately \$4,500 was raised for the shelter.

On May 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Saratoga National Golf Course, there will be a volunteer appreciation/recognition dinner for all the annex volunteers, shelter volunteers and dog walker volunteers.

On June 2nd, 1,000 animals were adopted from the annex in Clifton Park, and a celebration is being planned. May 23rd is the time for Pet Connection with Steve Caporizzo, where a couple of the cats from the annex that have been there the longest will be brought down to see if a home can be found for them.

On June 11th there will be a Ziti Dinner Fundraiser for the Animal Shelter at the Mechanicville American Legion, put on by Cascade Tissue beginning at 4:30p.m.

Mr. Murphy, STOP DWI Coordinator said he typically comes to the committee in May because revenue for the STOP DWI Program typically isn't received on time. He said the STOP DWI budget is a 27-page narrative that is submitted to the State in January. At the end of April the State sends back a notice as to whether they accept or reject the budget. This budget has been accepted, he said. The Saratoga County Traffic Safety Board has grown in the last four of five years because of the expansion of growth in the county. The STOP DWI Program coordinates all their activities through the Sheriffs Department and all law enforcement agencies, where everyone works very well together. The Traffic Safety Committee meets the third Monday of every month formally and also meets individually with different groups four to six times a month. The STOP DWI Program is always within 98% of all of its expenditures and revenue, he said.

Mrs. Wormuth thanked Mr. Murphy for his hard work, commitment to young people, and making sure our communities are safe.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve participation in the 2011 State Stop DWI Program and authorizing contracts with local agency participants. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent said good progress is being made on the final stages of the Radio Project, and we continue to meet the milestones as the project continues along. A cut over to the system is anticipated in the latter part of June.

The installation and distribution of equipment within the Fire Service has begun.

Mr. Lent he hopes next month to have the dispatch consoles completely installed at the Sheriff's Department, which will be a significant milestone accomplished and will enhance their capabilities.

Mr. Jenkins said three years ago he came to the committee and expressed his concerns about the communities along the Hudson River. He suggested having an organization of the communities so that they could understand what is going on amongst each community. Mr. Jenkins said his town is not ready for an emergency at this point and they are not sure how they would communicate to find out what is going on. He is suggesting that the committee Chair appoint a subcommittee to look into the issue because even though some of the current flooding wasn't life threatening, it certainly caused a lot of property issues that might have been prevented.

Mrs. Wormuth said she would setup a subcommittee after the meeting today.

Mr. Tremblay requested a resolution to accept a 2010 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$341,707 and to amend the budget. There will be no budget impact to the county because it is 100% State aid.

Mr. Tremblay said the State has included in the grant approximately \$37,201 for Public Health Nursing Services. There is \$304,506, which is the Emergency Services portion of the grant that will be broken down as follows:

- \$120,000 to the Planning Department for Geospatial Data and GIS Equipment
- \$3,000 for emergency warning devices and equipment
- \$16,000 for Portable Decontamination Showers
- \$60,000 for a Specialized Mission Vehicle and trailer that would be used for access to remote radio Tower Sites and also by County Emergency services for Remote Emergency Response Capabilities including Hazardous Materials Response

- \$90,506 for the Update and Replacement where needed of Chemical Detectors
- \$15,000 for Cyanokits. Many are ready to expire.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve and accept a 2010 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$341,707, and to amend the 2011 Budget. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay said he met with Buildings and Grounds and distributed a list of action items from the meeting to all committee members for their review. The estimated cost of materials is \$1,400. Mr. Tremblay said one item that was not on the list was ceiling repair to the older part of the fire-training classroom.

Mr. Tremblay said at the last Public Safety meeting he sent a request to the Purchasing Department for “Price Only” on a Wind and Watertight 40-foot shipping container with quotes from the following companies:

Interport – from Newark, New Jersey

40 foot used container, Delivery and off load \$4,208

40 foot new container, delivery and off load \$5,958

They are wind and watertight and may have some dents and scratches. Some surface rust may exist, but has not and will not rust through.

Versatile Kwik Space, Wilton

40 foot container delivery and off load \$4,437

Containers have been used once in the shipping industry. They are wind and watertight and may have some dents and scratches. Some surface rust may exist, but will not rust through. We can go and pick the container we want.

A+ Storage

40 foot container, will deliver but will not off load \$4,800

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to authorize funds to be taken from the contingency budget to replace the Hazmat Unit Storage Container in an amount not to exceed \$4,437. Unanimous.

Mr. Veitch said the Hazmat Unit Storage Container would be located at the West Avenue Fire Station in Saratoga. Equipment will be moved out of the fire house where it is currently stored and put into the Storage Container.

Mrs. Wormuth thanked the subcommittee for helping to find an appropriate location. She said, this is the best option that we had and gives us options in the future should it have to be moved, as opposed to constructing and building a permanent shed there. This is county property that can be moved and relocated if necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to move into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel issues. Unanimous.

No action was taken.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Veitch the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom