

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
August 13, 2013 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Vice Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Lucia, Southworth, Veitch, and Sausville; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Deborah Oligny, Animal Shelter; Karen Levison, Public Health, Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Jim Murphy, District Attorney; League of Women Voters.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Veitch the minutes of the July 9, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Murphy said requested acceptance of a grant that comes from the Office of Victim Services, which was formerly the Crime Victims Board. The grant total is \$66,958, which is the amount that was anticipated. This grant will support some of the efforts in the Crime Victim Unit that the Crime Victim Specialists provide to victims of crime, he said.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve a resolution to accept a Victim Services Grant in the amount of \$66,958. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Oligny distributed the monthly Animal Shelter report to all committee members for their review.

Mrs. Oligny distributed a copy of proposed changes to the Saratoga County Animal Shelter Fee Schedule and requested committee approval.

**A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve changes to the Animal Shelter Fee Schedule as outlined. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Oligny requested committee approval to temporarily adjust the adoption fee for cats from \$50 to \$25 until September 15, 2013, in order to move cats out of the shelter at a quicker pace.

Mrs. Johnson asked how many cats are at the shelter. Mrs. Oligny said currently the shelter has 223 cats, with 48 in foster care.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve a temporary adoption fee adjustment for cats at the Saratoga County Animal Shelter until September 15, 2013. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent distributed the monthly Emergency Services Report to all committee members for their review. He said the Tower Lighting System on the Providence Tower has failed. The state

of the art has now gone to LED lights which are much less likely to fail, he said. Last month a bid was sent out with two proposals received. The low bid from, Patriot Towers, was \$13,498.

Mr. Lent said he has to check the lights every night to make sure that the lights are on because there is no monitoring system. When the system fails it has to be reported to the FAA and a Notice to Airmen is received that there is a tower lighting failure. There is a certain length of time allowed to get the repair done or there is a \$10,000 fine, he said.

Mr. Lent said with the new system there will be some remote monitoring, with significantly less failures, and a five year warranty.

Mr. Lent requested a resolution to accept the low bid of \$13,498 from Patriot Towers to install a new LED lighting system for the emergency radio tower in the Town of Providence. Unanimous.

**A motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to approve a resolution to accept a low bid of \$13,498 from Patriot Towers to install a new LED lighting system for the emergency radio tower in the Town of Providence. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent said a couple of times this past year the Pittsfield Communications contract had to be revisited because of being over the limit. A bid was sent out with two bidders, with proposed services that are regularly budgeted for in the Sheriff's Department, to change units out in DPW. Pittsfield Communications was the low bidder, with their price locked in for four years at the 2011 price.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve a four year agreement with Pittsfield Communications to provide radio services for the Emergency Services, Sheriff, and Public Works departments. Unanimous.**

Mr. Tremblay distributed his monthly Fire Training Report to all committee members for their review.

Mrs. Southworth commended Mr. Tremblay and his team for their efforts in helping with the fire at Augie's Restaurant in the Town of Ballston.

**On a motion made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Lucia the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom