

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

August 8, 2006 – 3:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Lawler; Supervisors Barrett, Connors, Grattidge, Janik, Trottier, Gutheil; DeCerce; Peck; Spencer Hellwig, Mgt. Analyst; Mark Rider, Co. Attorney; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Jack Murray, Co. Auditor, Sheriff Jim Bowen; Undersheriff Mike Woodcock; Lou Pasquarell, Clifton Park Safety Officer; Paul Parker, Fire Advisory Board; Mark Hoppe, Blue Wing; John Bergeron, Taxpayer

Chairman Lawler called the meeting to order.

Mr. Connors moved to approve the minutes of the July 11th meeting. Mr. Trottier seconded. Unanimous.

Sheriff Bowen distributed copies of his July report of Inmates' Collect Calls, the Traffic Safety Unit Patrols, and a list of personnel added during 2006 to better serve and protect the residents and visitors of Saratoga County. He mentioned in December, he would like to bring in the 13 new Deputy Sheriffs to introduce them to the Board.

Sheriff Bowen gave a status report on the Wireless E-911 Project stating that Verizon has been chosen as the "Sole Source" supplier for telephone related equipment. The Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) is well underway. Interact was chosen as the CAD Vendor and in on the NYS contract. We anticipate a late fall for testing of the system with a January, 2007 cutover. He stated resolutions will be needed to **authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts with Verizon and Interact and to accept the grant money of \$1.8 million for the project. Mr. Barrett moved to approve these resolutions. Mr. Connors seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Butler stated he does not have his monthly report today, but they will be put into everyone's mailbox tomorrow. He stated 300 animals were brought to the Shelter – 200 from private residents and 100 by the Animal Control Officers. We also had guinea pigs, rabbits, hamsters and turtles, he said

Mr. Butler distributed copies of the 2006 Shelter Contract amounts (7/1/04 – 6/30/05) and the 2007 Shelter Contract amounts (7/1/05 – 6/30/06). He said these are broken up into three categories: Shelter Services, Cremations, and Shelter Calls. He said he put a memo in each Supervisor's box explaining what the town owes.

Mr. Butler reported that their web site is back up and running. He said Road Runner has the line strung out to the Shelter. Time Warner will come in and run the wire inside the Shelter, he said. He stated the web site is updated every week.

Mr. Lent distributed copies of this August monthly report, but before reviewing it, he introduced Mark Hoppe from Blue Wing who displayed photo simulations of where the tower sites are to be located.

Mr. Lent said discussions have taken place with National Grid about the possibility of relocating some of our antennas from our 140' tower to their 180' tower on Spruce Mt. In order for that to occur, we will need to have a structural analysis completed and an equipment layout plan will also need to be prepared and reviewed with National Grid. Quotes were solicited, and the low proposal was from Greenman-Pederson, Inc. of Albany for a not to exceed price of \$5,000. Mr. Johnson asked if there would be any lease payments to National Grid. Mr. Lent said it would be pretty minimal. My sense of where we are going with this is very favorable, he said.

Mr. Lent said the last of equipment swap outs has taken place. The new fire base station was installed in late July on Spruce Mt. Earlier in July, the new EMS base station was installed at Providence. Additionally, the uninterruptible power supply (UPS) with additional battery capacity was installed at the Communications Center. We have more than doubled the UPS and battery capacity, he said.

Mr. Lent stated in March, we authorized a contract with Patriot Tower, but an amendment will be needed because in error, the wrong sheet listing pricing was attached to the contract. When we went to pay that contract, Jack Murray caught the fact the invoice did not match the cost sheet. The correct cost sheet needs to be added to the contract by amendment. There is no change in pricing, and there is no budget impact, he added. **Mr. Trottier moved to amend the contract with Patriot Tower to accept a new pricing sheet to reflect the intent of the previous resolution with no change to the vendor or dollar amount that was approved. Mr. Barrett seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent stated our site plans and other pertinent documents are under review with the APA for the new radio system. Our photo simulations are nearly complete. We are still on track for APA's October meeting, he said. Chairman Lawler said Mr. Lent and he met with the Adirondack Council in Albany, and they had a good meeting with them. We told them we were hopeful they would find this application more acceptable, and hopefully, we would get their support.

Mr. Tremblay distributed copies of the Fire Services Report for July, and he reviewed the State Fire Training courses held as well as Activities for the month. Also attached to this was an After Action Report for the June Flood Incident.

Chairman Lawler said last month, Mrs. Johnson asked about repairs to the burn building that needed to be made. He stated those repairs have been made, and he thanked DPW for getting that done.

Mr. Grattidge moved to approve a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board to sign a contract with the NYS Homeland Security Office to accept funds

under the 2006 State Homeland Security Program totaling \$97,200. Mr. Barrett seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Trottier said he met with a vendor for a Countywide call system. He distributed copies of a letter he sent to Chairman Lawler on what would be in the best interest of the County to get pricing to move forward with a system. He said he would meet with Mr. Lent regarding this.

Mr. Janik stated Mr. Grattidge and he attended a demonstration on the plate finder with the Saratoga Springs PD. He said he was pleasantly surprised at how speedily this unit picked up vehicles that had issues. He said the data remains on the screen for a period of time if there is an issue with the license plate. Chairman Lawler thanked them for looking into this.

Mr. Grattidge moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations. Mr. Barrett seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann