

Public Safety Committee Minutes
January 9, 2007 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Trottier; Supervisors Callanan, Grattidge, A. Johnson, Lawler, Gutheil; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Lou Pasquarell, Clifton Park Safety Officer; Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; John Mazur, Fire Advisory Board; Bob Murphy, DWI Coordinator; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Callanan, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the minutes of the December 11, 2006 meeting were approved.

Chairman Trottier appointed Mr. Grattidge as Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Grattidge accepted the appointment.

A copy of the Sheriff's monthly report was distributed to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Trottier said the Sheriff has requested approval to amend the 2007 budget to reappropriate \$305,382.59 for Wireless 911.

Mr. Hellwig said after speaking with the Sheriff, it was noted that there are still some bills that remain outstanding related to the computer dispatch system, i.e., computers and software that dispatchers are using. The equipment has been installed, however, there are some problems that need to be worked out, and once that process has been completed the Sheriff will pay the vendors. The \$305,382.59 represents the unspent balance from the money that was budgeted in 2006.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve a resolution to reappropriate \$305,382.59, for Wireless 911 completion of the computer dispatch system in the Sheriff's office. Unanimous.

Mr. Butler distributed the monthly Animal Shelter report to all committee members. He gave a brief overview as follows:

There were 223 animals received at the shelter, with 26 animals returned to their owners. There were 132 adoptions with 66 animals euthanised.

Forty-Six licenses were issued for the month. Seven animals were quarantined for rabies observation, and one animal was submitted to the lab to test for rabies, with no positive results. A total of 75 animals were vaccinated at the rabies clinic for the month.

Mr. Butler said an RFP (Request for Proposal) was sent out for a Needs Assessment for the animal shelter with a return date of January 23rd.

Mr. Murphy requested a resolution to authorize the transfer of \$1,000 from the \$71,200 Crime Victims Board Grant, to be put into 1-25-8514 for publications. The publications

are given out to Crime Victims, to give them information on what resources are available to them.

A motion was made by Mr. Callanan, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve a resolution to authorize a transfer of \$1,000 from the \$71,200 Crime Victims Board Grant into account 1-25-8514 for publications. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay distributed a copy of the Fire Services Report for the month of December 2006 and gave a brief overview as follows:

The State Fire Training conducted a Firefighter 1 course, which was a 78-hour course at the Halfmoon Fire Station #1 with 21 Firefighters attending, and 20 in attendance at the Union Fire Station in Ballston Spa.

A 9-hour Firefighter Survival course was held at the Northside Fire Station with a structure donated for training with 12 firefighters completing the course.

A 15-hour Firefighter Assist and Search Team was held at the Burnt Hills Fire Station and County Fire Training Center.

Mr. Tremblay requested the re-appropriation of funds in the amount of \$784,161 for the completion of the burn building and \$239,000.80 for purchases covered under the Homeland Security Funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Callanan to approve re-appropriating funds in the amount of \$784,161 for the completion of the burn building and \$239,000.80 for purchases covered under Homeland Security Funds. Unanimous.

Mr. Lent distributed the January 2007 monthly report from the Office of Emergency services and highlighted the following:

An amended agreement for the lease on Spruce Mt. with National Grid has been submitted to the National Grid attorneys for their review. This agreement will document a tentative agreement on the use of the National Grid tower. Inquiries have been made to the APA about what paperwork will be required to be filed with them concerning our use of this tower. After consultations with the APA, it was agreed that the County would file a letter, along with an inventory of the antennas that will be attached to the National Grid tower. Actual permission for use of the tower was covered in the APA permit that was approved in November.

Mr. Lent said bid specifications are currently being prepared to install new antennas on the National Grid tower, and to move the bay station from the existing shelter down to the building that will be occupied with National Grid.

Mr. Lent said with work still to be done on the new radio system, a decision will have to be made as to whether to keep the consulting team together to proceed further with the rest of the system.

It was Mr. Lent's recommendation to the committee to seek proposals and keep the team together, as their intrinsic knowledge is valuable to the county. This would keep momentum moving forward and keep the learning curve to the county, he said.

Mr. Lawler said, in his opinion, it would wise to keep the consultants on as general consultants. Not only were they critical to the successful application process to the APA, but their expertise in the technology that will be used and their expertise in sourcing that technology is going to be extremely valuable to the county.

The committee agreed to stay with the existing team, Blue Wing/The Chazen Group/Miller Mannix, as recommended by Mr. Lent.

Mr. Lent said a contract has been received for Emergency Notification that has been forwarded to General Services for review. A target cut over date has been established in anticipation that the contractual issues will be resolved quickly by the end of March.

Mr. Lent said on 12/29/06 he received a database printout and drop from Verizon at no cost, which was the second one of the year. Going into the contract, and having the database will be very helpful as a starting point, he said.

Mr. Lent said now that we are moving forward, we should be considering policy procedures as they relate to local municipalities having access to the system.

Mr. Trottier suggested assigning a subcommittee to work with Mr. Lent to establish the policy procedures. The following people were assigned to that committee: Mr. Connors, A. Johnson, Grattidge, and Trottier.

On a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of Landowner Negotiations. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to return the meeting to Open Session. Unanimous.

No action was taken.

On a motion made by Mr. Callanan, seconded by Mr. Johnson the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom