

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2007 – 3:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Trottier; Supervisors Callanan, Connors, Grattidge, A. Johnson, and M. Johnson; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Rebecca Blaisdell, Animal Shelter; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; James Bowen, Sheriff; Mike Woodcock, Undersheriff; Britta Degenshein Motorola; Jim Lepore, Motorola; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Connors the minutes of the May 8, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Bowen distributed the Sheriff's report for the month and gave a brief overview as follows: The telephone revenue is about equal to last year. There were 859 tickets issued for May. There are two plate readers in operation now, with the first plate reader registering 63 hits, with 95 traffic summons; the second reader had 60 hits, with 102 traffic summons.

Mr. Butler said for the month of May there were 235 animals received at the shelter. Nineteen animals were submitted to the rabies lab, with three raccoons and one bat testing positive. There were 250 animals vaccinated at the rabies clinic.

Mohawk Honda has started a spay/neuter program with 46 animals put up for adoption.

The Busy Bone 500 walk on May 12<sup>th</sup> raised \$6,610.

Mr. Butler requested approval to set up a specific donation account, trust fund, that would be used for the animal's benefit. The following is a current list of donations that have been received:

Busy Bone 500	\$6,610
Helen T. Male	\$25,000
Fred Simonik	\$7,800
Channel 10	\$8,426
Mrs. Phillip Ewing	\$500 given in memory of her husband
Sue Gibson	\$200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,536</b>

**A motion was made by Mr. Callanan, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to create a trust and agency account to deposit and segregate funds donated to the Saratoga County Animal Shelter. Unanimous.**

Mr. Butler said at the July 9<sup>th</sup> Buildings and Grounds committee meeting, Butler, Rowland and Mays will present a rough draft of their study, which will include a tentative floor plan, square footage, location to site the building and the estimated cost.

Mr. Butler said a volunteer program at the animal shelter has been set up and will be run by Rebecca Blaisdell. It will start off with the dog-walking program and possibly expand into other areas when the new building is complete.

Ms. Blaisdell gave a brief summary of the volunteer program and distributed packets to all committee members for their review.

**A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve a volunteer program at the Animal Shelter for volunteers 18 years or older. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent said Blue Wing has been negotiating on behalf of the county with T-Mobile with regard to a relocation package as it relates to the Microwave system. There is an agreement from T-Mobile at this time, and it has been forwarded to the County Attorney for his review. It is hopeful that by the July committee meeting a report will be given for the committees' approval, with regard to the relocation costs.

Mr. Lent said the Chairman of Public Safety and he visited the Radio 911 Operations center in Lancaster, PA. Lancaster County is in the process of implementing a similar type of system that Saratoga County is looking at, using M/a Comm Open Sky as their vendor.

Mr. Lent said there have been meetings held with the various fire and EMS communities to discuss their operational needs relative to the new radio system. Blue Wing has been chairing the meetings. This month there will be a meeting with police agencies from the county to learn more about their potential needs and provide them with information on the progress of the radio system.

More work has been done on the re-design of the county emergency alerting system.

Mr. Lent said Saratoga County has received word from the NYS Emergency Management Office, that the grant application for Hazard Mitigation Programs were submitted two months ago and have been forwarded with their approval to FEMA. It is anticipated that a consultant will be hired to work with the Emergency Management Office to develop the program and project. The initial request in the grant application was for approximately \$200,000.

Mr. Lent said there were 16 RFP's sent out for the Architects Feasibility Study with four responses received. Of those responses they ranged from a low of \$18,750 to a high of \$73,000. Pacheco Ross of Voorheesville, NY was the low bidder.

Mr. Lent said prior to today's meeting Chairman Trottier, Sheriff and other members interviewed them.

Mr. Trottier said the sub-committee met consisting of Supervisors A. Johnson, M. Johnson and himself and have recommended Pacheco Ross as the Architects to do the Feasibility Study.

Mrs. Johnson said their area of expertise is 100% dedicated to these types of projects.

**A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Callanan to adopt the recommendation of the sub-committee and contract with Pacheco-Ross of Voorhesville for the purpose of the feasibility study. Unanimous.**

**On a motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Connors the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations. Unanimous.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the meeting was reopened to regular session. Unanimous.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Callanan to amend the budget in the amount of \$18,750 in support of the architect's feasibility study for the new Public Safety Building and to amend the budget thereto. Unanimous.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom