

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

Present: Chairman Trottier; Supervisors Callanan, Connors, Grattidge, A. Johnson, M. Johnson, Barrett and Wormuth; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Lou Pasquarell, Safety Officer, Clifton Park, Bob Murphy, STOP DWI; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Mark Hoppe, Blue Wing Services; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mrs. Johnson the minutes of the September 11, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Trottier distributed the Sheriff's report to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Butler distributed copies of the monthly Animal Shelter report to all committee members. He said the shelter received a total of 231 animals for the month. Thirty-nine of them were returned back to their owners with 111 adoptions. Sixty animals were euthanised and ten animals were submitted to the lab for testing including one skunk and nine bats with no animals testing positive for rabies. Fifty-seven licenses were issued and 59 animals were vaccinated at the shelter during the month of September. There were 239 animals brought to the rabies clinic for vaccination for the month.

Mr. Butler said the last rabies clinic for the year would be held on October 16th at the 4-H training center.

Mr. Butler said a donation to the animal shelter was made from the estate of Mr. Tipple, a Scotia Resident. He is requesting committee approval to include the donation in the trust account, to be used for the new animal shelter.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Connors to accept a donation from the Tipple Estate in the amount of \$7,000 to be deposited into the trust account for the new animal shelter and give appropriate recognition to the estate. Unanimous.

Mr. Butler said there will be a fundraiser for the animal shelter, sponsored by Friends of the Shelter on Thursday, October 11th, at the Saratoga National Golf Course.

Mr. Lent introduced Mr. Hoppe, from Blue Wing Services. Mr. Hoppe gave a brief power point presentation on the progress and status of the County Radio System as follows:

Mr. Hoppe said the project goals are to provide a new radio infrastructure, which will include new shelters, towers and sites.

The following timelines have been established:

2007

Complete the system specifications including towers, buildings and also the functional specifications so that an RFP can be sent out.

Building out infrastructure sites
Installing several MHZ radio repeaters

2008

Complete the remaining infrastructure
Build out complete voice and radio system
Build out and begin cut over

2009

Complete cut over and transition alerting system
NYS SWN Interoperability

Mr. Grattidge said the Buildings and Grounds committee has received the Public Safety study. The area that needs further study is how much room the Sheriff's Department would need. The architect has proposed to continue after the needs assessment with a schematic design. There are funds in the Public Safety budget that would cover those costs.

Mr. Grattidge requested committee support to move the schematic design work for the Public Safety Building on to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for their review.

A motion was made by Mr. Callanan, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to move forward with the schematic design work for the Public Safety Building on to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for their review. Unanimous.

Mr. Barrett presented Mr. Pasquarell with a donation from Clifton Park and Halfmoon in support of the Fire Officers Association Recruitment and Retention Task Force.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom