

Public Safety Committee Minutes
January 7, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Bill Peck; Committee Members Preston Allen, Phil Barrett, Darren O’Conner, Scott Ostrander, Tim Szczepaniak, Tom Wood; Supervisor Tara Gaston and Chairman of the Board Kevin Tollisen; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Michael Zurlo, Rick Castle, Sheriff; Oscar Schreiber, Public Defender; Carl Zeilman, Ed Tremblay, Mike Stanley, Emergency Services; Craig Hayner, County Clerk.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Allen, the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Peck announced the appointment of Mr. Allen as the Committee Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to authorize a contract between the Sheriff and the City of Saratoga Springs School District for the provision of a School Resource Officer and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Mr. Zurlo said that the officer will be assigned to the Maple Avenue Middle School and will also check on Dorothy Nolan and Greenfield Elementary. The agreement will follow the same schedule as the current School Resource agreements. Mr. Barrett said that there has been a lot of positive feedback from Shen. Mr. Ostrander said that Ballston Spa is also very happy with their officer.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. O’Connor, to authorize the acceptance of a 3-year Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction grant from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services in the amount of \$257,269. Unanimous.

Mr. Schreiber said that this is a continuation of grant #6. It is a 3-year competitive grant and covers the cost of two part-time public defenders handling night courts.

A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize the acceptance of a 2018 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant in the amount of \$812,919 and amend the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Mr. Zeilman said that the funds will be used to maintain the 800 radio system and to cover the cost of some of the equipment for the new Public Safety Facility.

Mr. Zeilman said that they will be meeting up with AT&T on Friday at the Edinburg Tower to do a site walk. They are interested in co-locating wireless cellular equipment on the tower. Mr. Zeilman said that they have been in discussions with them to run fiber to the tower.

It was decided that the regular meeting time of the Public Safety Committee meeting would be set for 3pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Mr. Peck said that last year there was a brief discussion regarding the new fire station in Malta and the potential county acquisition of the old fire station parcel. Mr. Peck said that a sub committee comprising of himself, Mr. Trembley, Mr. Szczepaniak and Mr. O'Connor will look into the matter further.

Mr. Szczepaniak said that there was a fatality on Eastline Road this weekend, he will be meeting with County DPW Commissioner Keith Manz to review the roadway conditions at the accident site.

Mr. Peck said that the Public Safety Facility is progressing, the good weather has been helpful with the overall schedule.

On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Allen, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board