

Public Safety Committee Minutes
July 9, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Bill Peck; Committee Members Preston Allen, Phil Barrett, Jack Lawler, Darren O’Conner, Scott Ostrander, Tim Szczepaniak, Tom Wood; Supervisor Gaston; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; J. Wes Carr, STOP DWI; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; Ed Tremblay, Michael Stanley, Emergency Services; Penny Heritage, Animal Shelter.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak, the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. O’Connor, to authorize the acceptance of an additional \$2,000 in STOP-DWI grant funding for Crackdown Patrols and Activities and amending the 2019 budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Mr. Carr said that the original appropriation this year was \$17,700. Additional funds were available as other counties did not use all of their appropriation. Mr. Carr applied for \$2,000 and received it. The additional funds will be used toward the July 4 and Labor Day weekend crackdown period.

Mr. Peck said that he drove by the new Public Safety Facility on the way to the meeting. A presentation regarding the progress of the building was scheduled for Buildings & Grounds meeting later today but this presentation is now being scheduled for August. Mr. Peck said that change orders have been minimal and the building is progressing nicely. Completion is projected around March 2020. Mr. Lawler requested that the presentation also be done for the entire Board.

Mr. O’Connor asked Ms. Heritage what Towns are doing with their dead deer now that the Animal Shelter is no longer accepting them. Ms. Heritage said that one town is bringing them to the Town of Colonie landfill. There are also instructions on how to create the Town’s own compost.

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