

Public Safety Committee Minutes
August 3, 2021– 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman John Lant; Committee Members Preston Allen, Dick Lucia, Jean Raymond; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Audra Hedden, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Karen Heggen, District Attorney; Michael Zurlo, Sheriff; Andrew Blumenberg, Public Defender; Carl Zeilman, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Wes Carr, Stop DWI; Penelope Heritage, Animal Shelter.

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

On a motion made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Allen, the minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, to authorize acceptance of the 2021 SHSP Grant. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay said this is an annual grant that is to be spent on cyber security, radios and other maintenance.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Lucia, to authorize Intermunicipal Agreements for Shelter Services for 2022. Unanimous.

Ms. Heritage said this request is for renewing the annual municipal agreements for shelter services with no changes from the 2021 agreements.

A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Allen, to authorize the reduction in Animal Shelter adoption fees through 12/31/21. Unanimous.

Ms. Heritage said this is an annual request to reduce adoption fees for cats and kittens to \$30, which covers the cost of testing and vaccinations but waives the adoption fee, in order to promote adoptions due to increased populations during these months.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, to authorize an agreement with the Department of the NAVY. Unanimous.

Mr. Zurlo said this is an annual housekeeping resolution looking for a one year agreement for use of thermal imaging and night vision equipment to be supplied by the Department of Navy at a cost of \$4,500. Funding for the equipment was previously authorized by the Board through the acceptance of a 2019 Homeland Security Counterterrorism grant.

Mr. Bulger and Mr. Zurlo announced that the regional Homeland Security Office will be relocating to the Town of Malta and they will be looking to form a partnership with them.

Mr. Lant received a letter from the Agricultural Department Markets regarding the Animal Shelter and thanked Ms. Heritage and her staff for doing a great job.

Mr. Lant said he observed the Sheriff's Department assisting the City of Saratoga Springs Police Department on Saturday night. They did an excellent job and he appreciates their partnership.

Mrs. Raymond expressed concern over recent news reports that the City of Saratoga Springs will be requesting the County to move up closing times for bars from 4am to 2am.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Rider
Deputy Clerk of the Board