

Public Safety Committee Minutes  
August 3, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman John Lant; Committee Members Phil Barrett, Mark Hammond, Jack Lawler, Kevin Veitch and Mo Wright; And Chairman of the Board Theodore Kusnierz; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Matt Rose, Stephanie Hodgson, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Michael Zurlo, Rick Castle, Sheriff; Andrew Blumenberg, Public Defender; Penelope Heritage, Animal Shelter; Craig Hayner, Brittney Gray, County Clerk.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Veitch, the minutes of the July 6, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Hammond, Committee Approval authorizing the reduction in adoption fees for cats and kittens through December 31, 2022. Unanimous.**

This annual reduction is done to promote cat and kitten adoptions during high intake times.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to authorize intermunicipal agreements for 2023 Animal Shelter Services. Unanimous.**

These agreements will contain the same rates and services as the 2022 agreements.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to authorize an amendment to the agreement with Shenendehowa School District to add an additional School Resource Officer and amending the 2022 Compensation Schedule. Unanimous.**

This amendment will provide for a third School Resource Officer (SRO) to the District effective Sept. 1, 2022. Discussion took place regarding the success of the SRO program.

**A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Lawler, to authorize amendments to the School Resource Officer Agreements. Unanimous.**

These amendments will extend the contracts from 10 months to 12 months a year to cover summer school in the school districts of Ballston Spa, Burnt Hills, Corinth, Gallway, Mechanicville, Saratoga Springs, Schuylerville, Shenendehowa, South Glens Falls and Stillwater.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Veitch, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bridget Rider  
Deputy Clerk of the Board