



Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 2:30PM
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

Present: Chairman John Lant; Committee Members C. Eric Butler, Joe Grasso, Mark Hammond, Jean Raymond, Kevin Tollisen, Kevin Veitch.

Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Stephanie Hodgson, Matt Rose, Christine Rush, Anne Van Vorst, County Administrator; Michelle Granger, County Attorney; Michael Zurlo, Sheriff; Andre Delvaux, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Kelly DeVall, Animal Shelter; Sue Costanzo, Probation; Brian Miner, Department of Health; Craig Hayner, County Clerk.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, the minutes of the June 28, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Kevin Veitch, to authorize intermunicipal agreements with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office and participating municipalities for the purpose of sharing tactical team personnel, equipment and resources. Unanimous.

Municipalities are the Counties of Warren, Washington, Fulton and Montgomery.

A motion was made by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Butler, to authorize a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of the Navy for the lease of night vision goggles. Unanimous.

The cost is \$4,500. If the equipment was purchased it would cost \$49,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Butler, to authorize an agreement with the Town of Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District for the provision of a School Resource Officer and amending the 2023 budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

This is a renewal agreement and will run from 9/1/2023 through 8/31/2024.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Hammond, to authorize an agreement with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church School for the provision of a School Resource Officer and amending the 2023 budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Agreement will run from September 1, 2023 until August 31, 2024.

Sheriff Zurlo reported that the Town of Ballston's agreement with the Sheriff's Department expired on July 19th and the Town decided not to renew.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Kevin Veitch, to authorize an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept a 2023 Homeland Security Program Grant and amending the 2023 budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Funding will be used to purchase incident command equipment, training, and emergency response services.

Mr. Hammond reported that several volunteer firefighters have reached out to him regarding the poor cell phone service provided by Verizon. Mr. Tollisen said that there is a public service representative that can be contacted and he will share the contact information. Discussion ensued. Mr. Bulger will follow up with Verizon.

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

Therese M. Connolly
Clerk of the Board