



Town of Geddes

Public Safety Committee Minutes

October 4, 2018

In Attendance: Councilors LaFex, Krawczyk, Weber

Police: Chief Gillette, Captain Fall

Fire: Chief Mark Zoanetti, President Modafferi, 2nd Deputy

John Zingaro

Engineer: Bill Morse

Highway Supt: Paul Trovato

Meeting called to order at 5:06 pm.

President Modafferi outlined the Solvay Fire Department's budget for the 2019 year. The accompanying handout detailed the expenses, including the increase in insurance to coincide with the recently adopted Cancer Bill for interior qualified firefighters going back five years. This effects 36 firefighters. The details of their budget will be discussed at the budget meeting for the town. Overall, their budget reflects a decrease of \$27,850.

Chief Zoanetti explained that there is ongoing training for firefighters with next week's topic "people trapped in machinery". There is a lecture on Friday night, and the trainers will leave props so that the firefighters can practice their skills. In March, a major training on gas leaks will occur here at the Solvay Fire Station.

The Solvay Fire Department's Open House is on 10/14 from noon to 4:00. All are welcome.

*Engineer Bill Morse and Highway Supt. Paul Trovato left the meeting.*

We reviewed the proposal for the purchase of a new PC (\$1460.00) to replace the existing one that is housing the police department's camera footage. The current PC is only able to store 3 months of footage and in order to upload new videos Captain Fall has to manually delete each video, which in the end only frees up 100 gigs of memory. The new PC processor is much faster, includes a graphics card to view high quality video, double the memory and 2 hard drives to store to store it all. This also includes 3 years of hardware service with onsite service.

We discussed the future purchase of three computers for the department, and possibly three more to be included in the 2019 budget.

The body cameras for the police officers are being utilized, and there are few concerns. The system set up for distributing, returning, reviewing, retaining, and recharging the cameras seems to be working well under Capt. Fall. There was discussion about adding a few more to use while some are charging.

All the police cars are in service with just a few tweaks needed.

We reviewed the Emergency Response Plan created, yet never adopted by the town. Chief Gillette stated that the plan is a basic one, and includes safe zones and meeting places. The plan states that, "The police department will be the facilitator of the training". Chief Gillette informed us that the security system in place is a combination of Eastern and Titan. The latter company had some difficulties. We are unsure of

what system we have, and we will discuss this further with the board. The general plan is that the security system's personnel will train the staff at the town hall and later, the highway department.

An inter municipal agreement is being drafted to have the Town of Geddes and the Village of Solvay split the ASPCA fee. The town will address this at the 10/9 board meeting, and the village will vote at their meeting this month.

Chief Gillette reviewed staffing at the police department. We have one position open after the retirement of Sgt. Gail Barrella. The department is strategizing how to fill the duties she had at the department.

Sgt. Barrella will be invited to our November board meeting to be recognized and thanked for her service to the town.

We are looking at creating a Wall of Remembrance for our police officers honoring them with a name and a plaque along with their service years. Chief Gillette is looking into where and how to do this.

The Grand Ave. issue for reducing the speed limit to that of a school zone by Westhill High School continues. Chief Gillette reached out to Stephen Smith, Asst. Supt., who addressed the issue at a board meeting. The board did not have an opinion either way, and they said that if we wanted it, they would support it. And the Town of Onondaga does not want to address it as well (one side of Grand Ave. is Geddes while the other is Onondaga). Chief Gillette will draft a letter to the residents explaining the situation, and that at this point, the town is not in a position to move forward without support from the Town of Onondaga and/or the Westhill School District.

Asst. Supt. Stephen Smith did ask the chief to put "no parking here to corner" on Walberta Road near the school so that the buses can exit easily.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45. The next meeting is November 8th at 5:00.