



Town of Geddes

Public Safety Committee Minutes

November 8, 2018

In Attendance: Councilors LaFex, Krawczyk, Weber

Police: Chief Gillette, Captain Fall

Fire: Chief Mark Zoanetti

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm.

Fire Chief Zoanetti described some mechanical issues that the department is having with apparatus. One repair is being conducted in Fulton, while a different issue is hoping to be resolved at a speciality site in Ballston Spa.

The fire department is conducting a trial work/training structure for fire fighters, which moves them from a “work from home” model to a “stand by” status whereby 8 members will report to the firehouse at 6pm for four hours, including one hour for training. At 10pm, the firefighter can return home, but **be on call** for any incidents until 6am. These 8, plus 4 additional “bunk in’s”, may eventually be expanded to cover shifts seven days a week, dependent upon how the results of the trials in November

and December are evaluated. The organizational change (based on the Fayetteville model) can help maintain consistency in training and dependability of staffing as firefighters will be on “stand by” once per month.

Sgt. Gail Barrella will be honored at the 11/13 TOG Board meeting by Supervisor Albrigo and Chief Gillette. She will receive a plaque acknowledging her service to the town for 32 years.

Following Chief Gillette’s follow up to the residents of Grand Ave, the issue of inconsistent speed limit signs across from each other on Grand Ave. has come to the Chief and Captain’s attention. Indeed, the Geddes side has a 35-30-35 grouping, while the Town of Onondaga’s side is different. The Chief will pursue this issue working toward a resolution, recommending 30mph through the area.

Chief Gillette is continuing to pursue the cost of a stone memorial to honor a former police chief, and the committee is looking into options for a Wall of Remembrance. We agreed to share photos of options that we may see.

The Emergency Response Plan for town offices will be sent to the Administrative committee for review.

Two resolutions, one for the Disaster Preparedness Plan, and a second, for the policy “Request for Police Service”, will be presented for approval at the next TOG Board meeting on 11/13/18.

Chief Gillette and Captain Fall went to the Westvale Neighborhood Association meeting for a q and a. Their presence was received well.

Asst. Superintendent Smith from the Westhill Central Schools has submitted a formal request to add “No Parking” signs at the corner of Clover and Walberta Roads. The intersection there is quite narrow, and the buses have difficulty navigating the turns when cars are parked on the first part of the blocks. We will forward this issue to the Administrative Committee. Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 12/5/18 at 5:30 pm.