



Town of Geddes

Public Safety Committee Minutes

May 1, 2018

In Attendance: Councilors LaFex, Krawczyk

Police: Chief Gillette, Captain Fall

Fire: President Modafferi, Chief Mark Zoanetti

Resident: Mr. Fall

Meeting called to order at 4:01 pm.

Mr. Fall came to our meeting representing Mayor Baichi asking for the town to support the Solvay Community Celebration on 8/11/18. The event is 1 - 8 pm, and alcohol will be served. The request is for two officers to walk around the event which features bands, food and drinks. Chief Gillette explained that this has been done in the past, and the town and village officers split the coverage.

President Modafferi and Chief Zoanetti explained to the committee how the recently passed NYS Cancer Bill legislation will impact coverage of our firefighters. There are few details at this time, but what is known is that this targets interior firefighters, going back 5 years for those who

have been diagnosed with cancer, at a new cost of \$250 - 300 per firefighter. With 50 - 60 workers effected, this will have significant implications to their budget. More details will be shared as they emerge.

Fire Chief Mark Zoanetti added an article on fire safety and prevention to the About Town publication. The plan is to make this an ongoing feature of the town newspaper.

Our Solvay Fire Dept. will be marching in the Minoa Field Days on 6/2 at about 5 or 6 pm.

Chief Gillette reported that the body cameras are being used as of 5/1/18.

Chief Gillette will check with the union about the Code of Ethics being notarized and signed by our police officers. All employees of the town need to do this annually, and the police officers have not submitted theirs yet.

Chief Gillette outlined the services the town police dept. supports to which events, and what are subsidized by the promoters/sponsors and which are not. He will submit data which outlines the cost of services for our review.

Chief Gillette raised the issue of how the town investigates animal cruelty cases. Currently we contract with the ASPCA at \$1500 annually, anticipating an increase. We have an officer trained to deal with such cases now, and the Chief asked if we should have that officer cover the cases in the Village of Solvay as well, or should the Village send their own officer for training and/or share the costs with the town for these services? The Chief will find out if we have an official obligation to the village, and he has spoken to the mayor about this issue as well.

Further, the Chief suggests that we re-evaluate our contract with the ASPCA since we have an officer on staff. For stray dogs not claimed, there is a \$150 fee.

Chief Gillette gave us staffing updates. And he outlined the system used to train, hire, bring on part time workers, then evaluate them for full time work. This seems to work well.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 29 at 5:00 pm.