



Town of Geddes

Public Safety Committee Minutes

September 6, 2018

In Attendance: Councilors LaFex, Krawczyk, Weber

Police: Chief Gillette, Captain Fall

Fire: President Modafferi, Solvay Fire Dept., Inc.

Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm.

President Modafferi overviewed the Solvay Fire Dept.'s presence at the NYS Fair. There were many calls during the busy 13 day event, covered completely by the fire dept. There was adequate firefighter coverage at the Town of Geddes station as well.

Upcoming timeline: 9/17 preparation of budget

10/14 Open House: fire prevention, tours. All are welcomed.

Chief Gillette reported that the back up of traffic from the NYS Fair through Lakeland was improved this year. The Chief was notified when

Exit 7 was closed temporarily, and he was onsite working with officials to divert the traffic.

Chief Gillette also explained how the Town of Geddes police officers had a presence on the first day of school being in close proximity to the schools, following buses etc. The Chief also used the Facebook page to post community awareness messages on salient topics such as bullying, which have been well received.

The committee reviewed the application form created by Chief Gillette to use with the information cover previously discussed concerning groups request for police support outside of routine duty. We made some suggestions to consider adding to the form, including insurance information and a submission timeline guide for requests. Both will be reviewed by the town's lawyers before presenting it to the Board.

We reviewed the CNYSPCA fee for 2019. It is at \$3052, which is doubled from last year.

The committee is reviewing several matters related to this fee including animal cruelty and animal management/boarding, such as court fees of \$25, boarding fees \$150 (which the town pays when the owners do not reimburse us), licensing fees \$6/7 etc. Our Town of Geddes officer will still have to do investigations, and when they are done in the Village, a Solvay officer accompanies the officer.

Councilor Weber informed us that Mayor Baichi is going to address contributing to pay half of the TOG animal control budgeted fee of \$3500 per year at \$1750. The Village of Solvay board will address this at their next meeting in September, and we will discuss this again in October.

Discussion continued on possible ways to honor a former police chief, as well as where to put the memorial to him. We discussed creating an honorary wall within the town hall to remember those who gave service to the town.

The Grand Ave. request for a school speed limits was again discussed. Councilor Weber has since connected with Legislator Ryan McMahon, who outlined the process for us in terms of request letters from the town and the school district. The committee supports this idea to lower the speed limit on Grand Ave. to a school speed because of the traffic that enters and exits from the Grand Ave. parking lot during the school day, and at sporting and other events in the evening. This is also the access for the bus garage and student parking lot. Chief Gillette will contact the school district and coordinate the request letters.

Chief Gillette announced the retirement of Sgt. Gail Barrella after 32 years of service. She has contributed greatly to the department, and we appreciate her service.

Executive Session: 5:56

The meeting adjourned at 6:24.

Next Public Safety Committee meeting is *tentatively scheduled* for October 4 at 6:00 pm.