



Town of Geddes

Public Safety Committee Minutes

August 22, 2019

In Attendance: Councilors LaFex, Weber, Donovan, Kelley,
Supervisor Albrigo

Police: Chief Gillette, Captain Fall

Fire: President Modafferi (oot, sent a report)

“We will be working on the 2020 Solvay FD Budget in Sept.

The bunk in students are back and have completed their "hell week"-
intense training so they are familiar the way we run calls.
We have a total of 7 this year split up between the 2 stations.

It appears once again our call volume will be between 1,400 & 1,500 for
the year, so it has been busy.

There was a machine fire at Berry Plastics over the weekend. Crews
were able to respond within 3 minutes and kept the fire from spreading,
though there was a heavy smoke condition until ventilation was set up.

No injuries, building was evacuated.”

Chief Gillette explained that the Eastern Security and Alarm will accommodate the Chief’s request to overview the town’s security system the first or second week of September. Following that, the Chief and Captain will conduct trainings for employees.

The memorial for a Chief Demperio was priced at about \$900. Chief Gillette will finalize the size and the wording for the next PSC meeting.

A group of residents came to the PSC meeting to discuss safety issues in the Lakeside and Ontario streets in Lakeland. They explained that there have been a number of incidents, including at least one involving a child on a bicycle, occurring in that area with people speeding at unsafe levels for a residential neighborhood. Increased traffic from new developments as well as the interstate entrance/exit contributes to this situation. The residents submitted a petition requesting that a three way stop sign be installed to help slow down travelers. Chief Gillette spoke to these issues recognizing that the resident’s narrative matches the reality there.

As the next step in the process, the Traffic Review Committee under Chief Gillette will gather data, and we will make a recommendation to the board after that review. All of the residents will be informed once this is completed.

Another resident brought a similar issue concerning Ontario and Beach in Lakeland. The resident was advised to gather signatures for a petition, and the Geddes Police Department can gather data once that is done.

Concerning the increases in court cases handled by the Town of Geddes largely due to the events at Lakeview Amphitheater and the NYS Fair, Councilors Kelley spoke to some issues discussed at the ZBA and Planning boards. Chief Gillette and Councilor Weber made additional suggestions that we reach out to the county and sheriff’s dept.

Chief Gillette was not asked to the State Police's planning meeting for the NYS Fair this year, but he says that the remedies implemented last year to alleviate the problems two years ago are effective. Chief Gillette will monitor this situation.

Concerning a dog complaint for barking, the Geddes police officer took care of the situation. There was no resident complaint drafted and signed so there was not any further penalty.

6:33pm: Executive Session to discuss personnel matters

6:44pm: Executive Session ended. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: September 26. 4:30 pm.

Staffing was overviewed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.