



Public Safety Committee meeting
6/28/17

In attendance:

Board members- Kolakowski, Weber, LaFex
Lakeside Fire Dist.- Gordon Tousant, Jeff Gehm, John Dantuono
Solvay Fire Dept.- Matthew Zingaro, Jack Zingaro, Bob Zingaro, John Fall Sr., Mark Zoanetti
Attorney for NYS Fire Districts Association- Joseph Frank
N.Y.S. Fire Dist. Region 3 Director Catherine Thompson.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Main topic of meeting was to discuss the possibility of forming a Town wide Fire Dist. joining Lakeside Fire Dist. and the Solvay Fire Dept. into one entity.

The advantage to the Town would be, remove the current money spent on fire protection from the Town budget and let a newly formed Fire Dist. control their own Tax rate and budget.

A lengthy discussion followed on the pros and cons of such an undertaking.

At the end of our meeting it was quite apparent to all parties involved that the Solvay Fire Dept. is content with them being a Fire Dept. Inc. and would like to stay as it is.

Joseph Frank noted during our meeting that these types of efforts have been undertaken throughout New York State, and very few end with Fire Districts merging because the Volunteer Fire Service makes up the actual thread of a given community and unless one is in dire financial straits, these do not work.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

No meeting for July. Next meeting will be announced at August board meeting.

Submitted by: Mark Kolakowski, Public Safety Chairman