



Town of Geddes

Public Safety Committee Minutes

January 22, 2019

In Attendance: Councilors LaFex, Donovan, Weber

Police: Chief Gillette, Captain Fall

Fire: President Modafferi

Absent: Councilor Valenti

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

These were suggested to be shared with the community by the Solvay Fire Department:

"During the winter, please be attentive to shoveling around fire hydrants so they can be seen, and utilized, in case of emergencies. Thank you."

"If you have a high efficiency furnace, please be attentive to cleaning the outside vents during the winter. Remove the snow covering the vents as carbon monoxide build up can provide a hazard."

The fire department's bunk in program houses six OCC students who are volunteer firefighters in communities outside of Onondaga County. President Modafferi will ask them to attend our April Board Meeting to describe their experiences in this program.

The "stand by" staffing model continues during the first week of February. So far, the model has been successful, and they continue to work out any issues related to this structure.

The Solvay Fire House on Milton Ave. has a building issue. Water is getting into the tower. It appears that the glass blocks facing Milton Ave are cracked. They are exploring whether this is a structural issue, and they are working on a solution.

As part of the State Fire Convention, which returns to Syracuse in June, the Solvay Fire Department is hosting a one day Smoker on 6/14 from 7-11pm on the grounds of the fire house. There will be beverages, food and a band.

The Grand Ave. speed limit issue continues. Chief Gillette contacted the county DOT, and they reported that they do not have jurisdiction, and that indeed, it is the town's responsibility to assign and enforce speed limits. Given that half of the road is in the Town of Onondaga, and the highway superintendent there is not interested in changing the speed limits to match the Town of Geddes' side of the road, we will bring this issue to the Supervisor's attention in hopes that the two supervisors can come to a resolution.

The No Parking signs on Walberta and Clover were sent to NYS, and after the 30 day waiting period, the signs will be posted weather permitting.

We will move forward with a memorial to former Chief Jay Demperio at the corner of Parsons Drive and WG Street as a tribute to the revered crossing guard.

PWP coordinator Jeanne Albanese has begun the process of requesting police support for the annual run on 4/28. She will attend our March PSC meeting to explain the details.

Chief Gillette will propose a resolution to hire an accreditation manager as a part time officer for an estimated 8 hours a month.

The police department received high ratings for responsiveness for investigations during 2018. The surveys were randomly sent to residents involved in investigations.

The meeting concluded at 5:15.