



Town of Geddes

Public Safety Committee Minutes

November 26, 2019

In Attendance: Councilors LaFex, Weber, Quijano

Police: Chief Gillette, Captain Fall

Fire: President Modafferi

Meeting opened at 4:31 pm.

The Solvay Fire Department's Annual Pancake Breakfast is December 15, 2019. Both floors of the fire station will be serving. \$6 presale and \$8 the day of the breakfast tickets are available.

President Modafferi explained how the Service Award Program, in existence since in the Town of Geddes since 1998, and previously begun in 1990 with the NYS General Municipal Law and governed by NYS, is pursuing a third party administrator to handle the awards. While Solvay bank has been, and continues to be, the financial institution partner, the pursuit of a third party administrator will ensure that all procedures are followed and the program is in compliance. There are several parties being interviewed and evaluated for this role.

As part of this 3rd party administrator to be named, the Town of Geddes will be asked to have representation. Details are pending, and more may be known by the December meeting.

Resident Mike Kapuscinski attended this meeting to follow up on his request for stop signs to be installed at Ontario and Beach Roads in Lakeland. He presented a petition to the committee with 21 signatures of residents in the neighborhood. The concerns are traffic volume, excessive speeds and truck traffic especially from the Solvay bus garage project. There are safety concerns for families. Mike also suggested that we add speed limit signs and “slow down” reflectors through this area. In addition, Chief Gillette suggested adding signs to restrict truck weight. The Chief will ask Highway Superintendent to add the speed limit, reflectors and truck restriction signs asap. We will continue to collect data (such as traffic counts, accident history etc.), and have a review as to authorizing the stop signs over the next couple of months. Chief Gillette did remind the committee that in general, traffic law does not recommend stop signs to control speed. However, each situation is different and will be evaluated as such.

Discussion continued as to how to provide a safe and comfortable working environment for our employees through trainings and in evaluating what parts of the town hall are open to the public. A proposal to close off the south hallway on the main floor, where confidential employee information and financial records as well as other data is housed, includes securing the area on both ends. This discussion will continue at the Financial Committee meeting.

The training of a second officer to investigate animal neglect and cruelty complaints has been approved by Chief Gillette. The training is free, and this provides enough personnel to cover the hours needed. There are 3-4 cases a year at this time.

An inquiry concerning the status of the dog control vehicle was referred to the Finance Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.