



Town of Geddes

Public Safety Committee Minutes

March 26, 2019

In Attendance: Councilors LaFex, Donovan, Weber

Police: Chief Gillette, Captain Fall

Fire: President Modafferi

Absent: Councilor Valenti

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm.

President Modafferi updated us on the “stand by” staffing pilot being used at the fire department. A final decision will be made after the April elections.

Efforts continue to encourage participation in the fire department. The bunk in and live in programs help staffing, but more needs to be done to resolve the issue.

The April 4th elections have two chief positions instead of the usual 3, the latter of which allows for more shared tasks and responsibilities.

The job has become a big responsibility, and the department is exploring several options to help deal with this situation.

The Solvay Fire Department Smoker is 6/14.

The Fire Department will once again participate in the Solvay Festival, which is slated to be two days. Last year, they sold beer, wine and coolers.

More information is expected on the NYS Cancer Bill next month.

Concerning the request for 30 mph common speed limit signs on both sides of Grand Ave. near Westhill High School, as per the residents' petition, this issue was resolved when Onondaga County Civil Engineer David Cooper provided the documentation to state that the mileage guidelines are determined by the town. After discussions with Supervisor Tom Andino, who proposed that we reduce the speed limit from Fay Road on Grand Ave., our committee agreed, and we will propose a resolution once the Town of Onondaga passes their resolution. The result will be that Grand Ave. adjacent to the Geddes fields through the Westhill High School zone be 30 mph continuing into the city.

We are reviewing the contract for a new security system for the town to afford us full access and support.

Jeanne Albanese from PWP event attended the March PSC meeting to explain this year's event, the different races, the route, the request for police support, and the various non profit agencies which receive donations from this event. Chief Gillette will schedule officers for support as per the new policy for providing support passed last year. The application has been completed.

Two police matters were determined to also have code violations, and will be referred to the Code Enforcement Office.

5:55: Executive Session was called to discuss a personnel matter.

6:15 Left Executive Session      6:17 Meeting adjourned