



Town of Geddes

Public Safety Committee Minutes

May 28, 2019

In Attendance: Councilors LaFex, Weber, Kelley

Police: Chief Gillette, Captain Fall

Fire: President Modafferi

Special Presenter: Lisa Dell, Onondaga County Clerk

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm.

Lisa Dell was invited to speak to us about adding the service of credit cards for residents to pay for fees, permits, fines and taxes. Lisa outlined guidelines and procedures for implementing this service. She emphasized that as municipalities, we need to be aware that our residents are looking for convenience, and as a town, we need to offer the best customer service possible. Lisa explained that there would be a convenience fee for residents choosing to use credit cards, and this cost would be passed on to the residents choosing this option.

Lisa spoke about two companies who offer this service to municipalities, both of whom are open to negotiation offering card readers at no cost, providing strong support for training and implementation and service fees. We will take this information to our Finance and Administrative committees for further review.

President Modafferi presented the 10 year Capital Projection Plan for the Solvay Fire Department. This includes replacing vehicles and equipment in a scaffolded approach. President Modafferi further explained the fleet of vehicles and its purposes as well as the Cascade System which is used to keep the air tanks full.

It remains an ongoing concern that recruitment of volunteer firefighters is a challenge. As well, the recent elections of two rather than the traditional three fire chiefs speaks to issues of keeping firefighters. The department may have to look at other ways of keeping staff in the future.

The Solvay Fire Department Smoker is 6/14 in conjunction with the Fire Chiefs convention. This is open to the public, and will include beer, wine coolers, as well as some games of chance. All licenses have been approved and additional parking secured.

A resident from Montrose Ave. attended our meeting to discuss a safety concern at the corner of Montrose and Knapp Road. Vehicles traveling at a faster speed cause hazards and near misses at the intersection according to residents. We advised the resident of the process involved for us to add stop signs, and she will gather signatures for a petition, which starts the process.

She also brought a concern about a suspected illegal business operating at the end of her street. This is the jurisdiction of the Solvay Police Dept., and it is our understanding that they are aware of the problem. Chief Gillette relayed that two other such businesses were shut down by the town.

A budgetary item was referred to the Finance committee.

Our meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.