



Town of Geddes

Public Safety Committee Minutes

July 25, 2019

In Attendance: Councilors LaFex, Weber, Donovan

Police: Chief Gillette, Captain Fall

Fire: President Modafferi

Meeting called to order at 4:36 pm.

President Modafferi shared the timeline for presenting the budget to the town. They will begin the process after Labor Day, and hope to have it to us by the end of September.

The bunk in program with seven members (six men, one woman) will begin again in a couple of weeks.

Four new members joined the department last month: two women, two men. They are in training.

The department is looking to hire part time caretakers to be onsite and do maintenance tasks and equipment checks when the bunk in's are not

there. Salary is anticipated to be about \$15-20/hr. They are in the final stages of finalizing this; however they are working on which insurance covers which role in the event of an actual fire while acting as a caretaker.

Fire Prevention programs are going on with programs being run at nursery schools while some occur at the station. We encouraged photos be submitted for publication so that the public can view this outreach.

The SCBA fill system needing replacement is being addressed by having vendors come in. The department anticipates doing an RFP in the fall.

The contract has been awarded to replace the cracked glass in the tower of the fire department.

The Solvay FD will work at the Solvay Festival dispensing beer and drinks: Friday 4-9, and Saturday noon-close.

Chief Gillette addressed the town hall staff training issue by explaining that an attempt to contact the new security company for the town hall has not been acknowledged yet. The Chief will make a second overture. The training has been compiled, however.

The memorial for a former chief will be addressed next meeting.

The committee heard concerns about speeding issues on Dorchester by Newcastle. Captain Fall spoke with a resident about this issue, including the process needed for review.

The committee also heard about some resident's complaints about speeding issues on Lormik Lane. The Chief explained the background of some concerns there. Three options will be presented to the residents through Miles Bottrill, who brought the concerns to our attention.

The Chief reviewed staffing, overtime and budget items. The department will be ordering new tasers since the current ones are not supported by available batteries and cartridges. The cost is \$9000, which the Chief will cover from his budget.

Councilor Marty Kelley came in to the meeting to ask us to review our insurance coverage for police injuries and liability coverage in case of a critical incident in the town. Our town manager is reviewing that now.

5:30 Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

5:48 Executive Session ended.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm.