

## AGENDA

### Meeting Notes

PERSONEL, JUDICIAL & GENERAL WELFARE, RECREATION, LIBRARY AND REGIONAL PLANNING

### COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2013

Chair: William J. Rivera

Board Members: Stephanie Kiyak and Michael Michalski

Attendees : Stacy Szukala, Stephanie Kiyak, Chief Ortolano, Chief Ahlstrom and Al Zurawski. Michael Michalski present via conference call.

Meeting called to order: 10:06

Approval of previous meeting minutes for April 17, 2012 and December 12, 2012. Motion for approval made by Stephanie Kiyak and second by Mike Michalski.

Chair Rivera thanked everyone for coming. Thanked everyone for their patience in terms of meeting minutes. Declared meeting as open forum to discuss again multiple issues.

Central avenue school zone. Chair Rivera thanked Chief Ortolano for his work in enhancing the School four zone on Central Avenue. Chief explained working with school officials to find the money to put up new solar signs located on the northern and southern direction of the school zone after Chair Rivera's multiple inquiries as to what can be done to discourage speeding. Councilwoman Szukala added her concern for all school zones in the city.

Review of City Code. Chair Rivera explains intent to ask Citizens Advisory Committee to commence code review. Al Zurawski suggests that we also have them review fees. Councilwoman Szukala explains how it has been long intended by the Council to have this done. Councilwoman at large Kiyak asks that Chair Rivera write a formal letter to the Committee asking them for their assistance.

Property Management proposal. Chair Rivera explains that the intent of the work is still very alive but with all that we have been having to deal with in regards to HUD and CDBG as well as the uncertainty with the City Budget that finding money to kick start program is biggest obstacle. Councilwoman Szukala reminds us of her concerns she has expressed in the past. Chair Rivera reminds everyone of his intent to meet with the Mayor and City lawyer to iron out details and other concerns from new information recently gathered from Public forum. Councilman Michalski asks if is possible that Wendy in the Zoning department can update her credentials to widen the window of things that she can address. Maybe to take a little bit more off Al's work load. Al explained a list of (6) courses that would be needed to expand Wendy's capabilities but with uncertainty in her position we are not capable to address that at this moment. Al explains that internet sales lady is a big problem. Chair Rivera asks if enrolling

assistance of neighborhood groups to assist zoning department would be a good idea to help stay on top of things in spring when outside activity ramps up. Councilwoman Szukala expresses may not be a good idea. Al brings up the neighborhood groups motivation might be in question. Al again eludes to more training for Wendy.

Overtime in the DPW. Councilwoman Szukala questions why is there two hours of overtime for ordering chlorine. She also points out that Goerge Catalano had 64 hours of overtime on top of a 40 hour work week adding up to a total of 104 hours. Stacy leads and group questions the legality of letting someone work so much. If it is safe for that operator doing that job? Again the question of adequate staffing comes in to question and whether or not these departments have enough head count to cover vacations, sick time, bereavement and other unforeseen reasons that operators may need time off. Group points out that we have in budget for 2013 that position for operator trainee has been put into place. Councilwoman at large Kiyak requests that we have Tony Gugino present for next meeting to question what is going on in the DPW. Stephanie also asks if the midnight shift is really necessary and that eliminating it, unless weather changes, may help to alleviate overtime.

Chief Ahlstrom in the Fire Department. Council Woman at large Kiyak commends Chief for the money made in 2012. Over 152,000 via means of the Ambulance service. Chair Rivera explains to Chief Ahlstrom that he is interested in diverting projected overage income to dedicated capital projects fund. Stephanie asks Chief to explain the possibility of upgrading service capability . Chief explains that upgrading the level of service would obviously mean for money to be made but that there is a long list of things that need to be done to do this. Chief explains that our upgrading could affect other service providers in the area and that he is not sure how this will affect other municipalities who offer services as well. Chief goes on to explain that the new rescue truck is in and that it still needs radios installed and NYS registration.

Chief Ortolano in the Police Department. Councilwoman Szukala asks Chief to explain how the service with the town is going. Chief starts out by explaining that things are going very well. The town seems very happy with the police patrol and that they are receiving compliments and thanks regularly. Chief goes on again to remind us that they are on a six month contract and that he meets with the folks at town hall regularly. He continues to explain that more study is needed but it is being very well perceived in the town. Chief notes that an ideal case scenario would be that the Town and the City merge in the future. Pomfret and Fredonia are having discussions.

Chair Rivera explains that in light of some new time restrictions that we are having to deal with that he will announce time of next meeting as soon as possible. Chair Rivera requests a motion to adjourn meeting. Motion by Councilwoman at large Kiyak and seconded by Councilman Michalski. Meeting adjourned at 10:44am.

