

Public Safety Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2013
10:00 Conference Room

Call to Order 10:02 A.M. By Chair Szukala

Members in attendance: Stacy Szukala and Bill Rivera

Also in attendance: Chief Ahlstrom, Chief Ortolano, Ron Szot, Sue Chiappone (Buffalo News) and Gib Snyder from Observer.

Note* There have been no minutes approved for 2013 due to lack of quorum.

Chief Ahlstrom gave figures for third party billing. \$78,478 for 2013 while 2012 was at \$94,000. We billed for 410 calls in 2012. For 2013 we have billed for 375 so far. There was 4-6 weeks until city received payment and now its between 6-8 weeks. We may end up being around 10-15,000 dollars short of projected revenue.

SS talked about the need to keep the revenue in department next year. It was approved by council to use the 2013 revenue to balance the budget. Council will discuss again during this years budget prep.

Engineering studies are being reviewed and council will be receiving a recommendation of which of the companies to continue discussions with. Within the studies is the option of renovating and combining buildings.

Overtime was discussed and Chief gave an explanation of the OT. UTD for 2013 there have been 302 sick days used. 150 of those were for three people and equals 12 weeks of non job related injuries. Two men will be out until mid to late September.

Chief explained that there have been 30X where men worked multiple shifts in a row. All OT pertaining to these injuries is mandated Ot due to Contract language. A minimum of 5 men per shift is required.

ALS/BLS service update will be given in near future as it will become part of the contract negotiations.

Chief Ortolano gave update on Town Patrol. Stated Patrol was happy with level of service being received. The city provides business and residential checks. We are not permitted to provide enforcements, so sheriff department is called and we respond as a back up if possible.

SS brought up bicycles in the roadway. Chief responded that bicycles must obey the vehicle law and will ticket if an accident occurred. However, this is an educational problem.

BR asked about the skate park. It seems to have turned into a bike park. The signs were removed but asked that the signs be put back up.

The new band radio upgrade mandated by FCC is up and running. The coverage is fantastic. This was an upgrade from analog to digital. FCC has rights to sell the frequencies to other communities. Dunkirk and Fredonia are on high band. Fire Dept. is still on low band, and use cell phones and pagers or communicating to volunteers.

Chief Ortolano reminded that school is back in session, please use caution. He also commented on National Night Out, stating it was a great success.

BR asked about the High School cross walk? Chief answered that the cross walk issue will be addressed in near future.

Meeting Adjourned 10:43.