

Public Safety Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2012

Meeting called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Chairwoman Szukala

Members in attendance: Szukala, Rivera, and Gonzalez
Council members Michalski and Kiyak were also in attendance

Guests in attendance: Gib Snyder, Mayor Dolce, Chief Ortolano, Chief Ahlstrom, Al Zurawski, Ron Szot and Mr. Dimmer.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Mr. Dimmer for his assistance in the apprehension of a robbery suspect at the Hallmark store a few months back. Mayor Dolce and Chief Ortolano thanked him for getting involved and a photo was taken for the newspaper.

Chief Ahlstrom talked about the third party billing and gave totals of \$20, 739 having been billed and having \$13,971 already received. Medicare has started but totals are being held due to possible rate changes. Medicare payments should be received around April 2012.

Chief also discussed the upcoming resolution for a rescue truck. A diesel truck is recommended. A demo truck or a spec. truck are both options but staying away from 2011 models due to additional maintenance on the emission system etc.

Szukala gave estimates from Treasurer Mark Woods for 1 year vs. 2 year financing. If a decision is made to move forward then he will be able to combine a note at no addition cost of issuance if done by 3/30/12.

Gonzalez asked where is the advertising done for the bidding process. Chief stated there are 4-5 local vendors interested but that he advertised in local papers in the area.

Kiyak asked why we needed a truck now and can we afford it? Chief replied its possible the truck last a little longer, but the normal life of a rescue truck is 10 years and anytime the truck is being worked on and not in service, it's a loss in revenue to the city.

Szukala asked about a short term plan vs. a long term goal for the fire halls. Szukala is concerned about roofing and electrical issues. Chief stated he would work on getting some estimates for short term repairs. He hopes to sit down with Mayor Dolce and discuss long term plans in the near future but has not been able to do so as of yet.

Chief Ortolano discussed vehicle congestion around the schools, stating sometimes its better to let the parents pick up the children for that 15-20 minute window and monitor the situation. Tickets are issued especially for speeding within school zones. He told us that through STEP ENFORCEMENT , NYS government safety board, the city will be

able to add 1 patrol unit to aide in the school zones. This will be 100% reimbursed to the city.

Kiyak asked why school zone speed zones were enforced all day rather than morning and afternoon travel times.

Michalski questioned Ahlstrom about comment regarding budget lines being taken to zero. Chief explained that the capital projects lines were being taken to zero to cover personnel changes for the new mayor.

Kiyak asked Chief Ortolano about protocol for home invasions.

Gonzalez passed along an area of concern, being the blue building near school #3 on weekends and nights.

Rivera asked Chief Ortolano about scanner conversations and wants him to know if there are problems and concerns he should know about, he wants to be called.

Meeting adjourned 10:12 A.M.