Public Safety meeting minutes notes

September 29th 2014 5pm

Mayors Conference Room

Members in attendance : Council Woman Stacy Szukala and Councilman Michael Michalski.

Others in attendance : Chief Ortolano, Animal Control officer Steve Purol, Councilman At Large Wilfred Rosas, Sue Chiappone from the Buffalo News, Gib Snyder from the Observer and Walter Rutland Community Activist.

Meeting is called to order at 5:06pm

Chair Rivera Apologizes that there are no notes from previous meeting to be approved at this meeting.

Chair Rivera Starts the meeting right away by Asking Chief Ortolano for an update from his office. Chief states School zone enforcement has had a lot of focus put on it concerning the new school year. Chief also took a moment to thank Superintendant Cerne and Tim Abbey for their work done in the school zones. Chair Rivera Pointed out the work that is going to be done on the North end of the 500 block of plover street by the City. Rivera also asked Chief to update the efforts that have been made concerning the motorized scooters. Chief Stated that this is a very delicate issue. Chair Rivera asked to verify if a helmet is required by law to be worn and Chief stated that after a review of the law that a helmet is not required by law to ride a motorized scooter. Walter Rutland asked about the smarts streets ordinance particularly Central Avenue between Dunkirk and Fredonia. Chief Ortolano explained that for Fredonia it would be much easier to handle than in Dunkirk because they have no parking on Central where as in Dunkirk parking is allow on Central. Plus Chief pointed out that Central Avenue is a county road as well.

Councilwoman Stacy Szukala asked Chief if he has heard anything on the request for a stop sign on Talcott Street. Chief stated that he has not heard from Mr. Spanos who is in charge of the streets study. Noting that Talcott is a county road as well.

Councilman Michalski asked Chief Ortolano when the alternate street parking rules go into effect. Chief stated that alternate parking goes into effect in November and that he does put out some press releases to announce the changes.

Councilman at Large Rosas asked to verify that Talcott Street is a county road. Chief Verified that it is. Rosas went on to explain that he has taken multiple calls for the lack of a stop sign in the area.

Chair Rivera acknowledges an email that he received from Chief Ahlstrom that he will not be able to make the meeting. Chair Rivera then continues on to Animal Control Officer Steve Purol and asks for an update. Steves says it was a good summer. That they had some work done on the shelter over the summer. He notes Tony Gugino and Kenny sek for their work on the shelter. He also acknowledges Purina for the donation of Food for the animals. Dog numbers don't seemed to be as bad as four years ago. A lot of dog enforcement. Steve also notes the change in the parking that is going to be coming up

in November. That he will go through a warning period and then start issuing tickets. Steve notes that people get used to the routine and that it makes cleaning the streets a much easier task in the winter. Chiar Rivera asked for an update on the happenings over the summer on dogs left in the car in the summer heat. Steve says everything is good and we haven't had any more issues with dogs left in cars. Steve says calls are changing now versus the calls and complaints that come in during the summer.

Walter Rutland apologizes for going back a bit in the agenda but he points out that there are no sprinkler systems in the Mayors conference room. Chief Ortolano explains that they do have them downstairs.

Councilwoman Szukala adds with a question of a strong clorine smell this past Saturday night between 8 and ten in the evening in the Fourth Ward. Stacy stated that she contacted the police who had already contacted Cott and Fieldbrook farms who stated that they were having no issues at the time.

Chair Rivera asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Mike. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35.