

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 18, 2015

The Public Safety Committee conducted a special meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 in the Training Room of Police Headquarters, 900 Longbrook Ave, Stratford, CT, pursuant to notice duly posted.

Committee Members in attendance: Council Members Jason Santi, Gavin Forrester, and Brian Dempsey; Electorate members Barry Kelly and Jennifer Hillgen-Santa

Others in Attendance: Deputy Police Chief Joe McNeil, Public Safety director John Gottfried, EMS Administrator Kevin Giasullo, EMS Director Michael Loiz

Documents distributed during meeting:

- Stratford Police Department Report — submitted by Deputy Chief McNeil
- Alarm data Report — submitted by Mr. Gottfried

I. CALL TO ORDER —Chairman Jason Santi called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

II. CONSTITUENT ISSUES — None

III. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Emergency Medical Services — Mr. Loiz reported: We are currently going through heart-safe community program, a new urgent care clinic has opened on Main Street, fire software is now on line. Question to Mr. Loiz re: progress on bid for the all-terrain vehicle (Polaris).

B. Dispatch Report — 3 new dispatchers – now fully staffed.

C. Police Department —Deputy Chief McNeil reviewed the previously distributed report. He stated there are 9 recruits in training, one certified officer will begin next week. Dept. man power is now 105. We will receive the new crime van in about 4 weeks. There has been a substantial reduction in burglaries, but an increase in fraud – especially with tax returns.

D. Fire Department — Mr. Gottfried reviewed alarm data. The Fire Marshal's office is down one employee. A new pumper fire truck is needed — approx. cost - \$535,000. Our ladder truck is advertised with a broker.

E. Emergency Management Director — Discussion re: purchase of digitally trumped radios – 12 radios for police, 17 more for fire and EMS and 1 for the Mayor. Also discussed: encrypted hand-phones, CIP, digital-ready equipment.

IV. TABLED ITEMS / OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS — Next month's meeting will be conducted as a proposed budget "workshop" session to allow each department to present the highlights of their budget along with a question-answer segment.

V. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no other business, Chairman Santi entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. UPON A MOTION BY MR. KELLY, SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary