

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **April 19, 2016**

The Public Safety Committee conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 in the Training Room of Police Headquarters, 900 Longbrook Ave, Stratford, CT, pursuant to notice duly posted.

Committee Members in attendance: Council Members David Harden, J. Vincent Chase, and Beth Daponte; Electorate members Jennifer Hillgen-Santa and James Wiltsie, Emergency Management Director and Asst. Fire Chief Jon Gottfried, Dir. of Public Safety Larry Ciccarelli

Others in Attendance: EMS Director Michael Loiz, Deputy Police Chief Joe McNeil

Documents distributed during meeting:

- Letter from CT Dept. of Emergency Services and Public protection re: Award of a grant
- Fire Department Monthly report
- Police Department report

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman J. Vincent Chase

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of March 15, 2015. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. DAPONTE SECONDED BY MR. WILTSIE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. CONSTITUENT ISSUES — None

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Emergency Medical Services — Mr. Loiz reported on: Call volume, response times, volunteer hours, personnel training, securing volunteers, Medicaid cuts, accomplishments/recognitions, 2017 budget work session. Questions were posed to Mr. Loiz.
- B. Dispatch Report — Mr. Loiz reported dispatch is fully staffed. Overtime is at 20%, training is on-going, 911 Education Month. Questions were posed to Mr. Loiz re: department overtime and hiring of second supervisor for second shift.
- C. Police Department — Mr. McNeil reported: the department full staffing amount is 106; the dept. is now staffed at 97. Communications has issues – break-in of frequency, \$6,000 grant received for extra summer patrols. Questions were posed to Mr. McNeil re: overtime.
- D. Fire Department — In addition to reviewing the above cited statistics report, Mr. Gottfried reported: 490 alarms were responded to in March, the Dept. is operating with 6 vacancies, overtime has increased, the dive team is ready to go, press release in connection with ISO rating. Discussed: brush fires, ISO inspections. Questions were posed to Mr. Gottfried.
- E. Emergency Management Director — The previously distributed grant information was discussed.

V. TABLED ITEMS / OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Hyde Park  
B. Broadbridge Park

Mr. Chase complimented the staff re: handling of occurrences in the 2 above-mentioned parks.

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. DAPONTE, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING TWO ITEMS (A. AND B.) FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. NEW BUSINESS — Mr. Ciccarelli reported that larvaside will be used for spraying; particularly in areas near the airport.

VII. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no other business, Mr. Chase called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. UPON A MOTION BY MS. DAPONTE, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary