

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 17, 2016

The Public Safety Committee conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 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 J. Vincent Chase, and Beth Daponte; Electorate member Jennifer Hillgen-Santa, Dir. of Public Safety Larry Ciccarelli

Others in Attendance: State representative Joe Gresko, Council Member Wali Kadeem, EMS Director Michael Loiz, Police Admin Captain John Popik, Fire Chief Bob McGrath

Documents distributed during meeting:

- Stratford EMS/Public Safety Report
- Fire Department report
- Police Department report – April 2016

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of April 19, 2016. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. HILLGEN-SANTA AND SECONDED BY MS. DAPONTE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. CONSTITUENT ISSUES

Mr. Chase re: Speeding in the Putney area, possible temporary stop signs until route 113 renovations/detours end.

Ms. Daponte re: thrift shop business at a Church in Lordship

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Emergency Medical Services — Mr. Loiz reviewed the above-cited document and reported on:

Gross revenue, billing score card, fund balance report, regular statistics, response times, mutual aid, volunteer hours, patient satisfaction survey. He stated that this week is EMS Week. Questions were posed to Mr. Loiz re: general fund, fund balance.

B. Dispatch Report — Mr. Loiz reported: Overtime is down, the bargaining unit has renegotiated the agreement, state funds for telecommunication objectives. Questions were posed to Mr. Loiz re: training.

C. Police Department — Mr. Popik reviewed the above-cited document and reported on: response times, marine patrol began full-time, traffic issues, Regional Planning Agency involvement for traffic control info, accident that took place in Stratford Center near Acapulco's Restaurant. Questions were posed to Mr. Popik re: Auto break-ins and robberies in Lordship, random residential doorbell ringing late at night, parking at Longbeach West, Cameras at all beaches and the boat ramp from grant funds, digital frequency for car phones forthcoming, portable digital radios, the ACLU lawsuit involving Town's purported possession of drones. Discussion continued re: communications issues, computer encrypting, radio frequency, computer hackers.

D. Fire Department — Mr. McGrath reported on: Fire Vessel, dive team, 6 staff vacancies, Fire academy begins in September. Questions were posed to Mr. McGrath re: the above-cited report, ISO rating, under carriage/coatings of the trucks.

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E. Emergency Management Director — No report.

V. TABLED ITEMS / OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS — None

VI. NEW BUSINESS — Mr. Ciccarelli reported on: larvacide will be used for mosquito control; the concert series at Shakespeare property, dead forestry area in Roosevelt Forest which will require mosquito spraying. His report on the June 5 event at Short Beach led to Discussion re: auto parking fee waived for the volunteer workers, event expected to produce a stream of about 1,200 autos from beginning of event to the end, alcohol/drug use at event, police patrols, EMS availability.

VII. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no other business, Mr. Chase called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. UPON A MOTION BY MS. HILLGEN-SANTA, SECONDED BY MS. DAPONTE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary