

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 21, 2016

The Public Safety Committee conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 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, Wali Kadeem (as substitute for David Harden) and Beth Daponte; Electorate member Jennifer Hillgen-Santa, Dir. of Public Safety Larry Ciccarelli, Emergency Management Director John Gottfried

Others in Attendance: Police Chief Patrick Ridenhour, Deputy Police Chief Joe McNeil, EMS Administrator Kevin Giasullo, Fire Chief Bob McGrath

Documents distributed during meeting:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:10 p.m. by Chairman J. Vincent Chase

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of May 17, 2016. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. DAPONTE AND SECONDED BY MS. HILLGEN-SANTA TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. CONSTITUENT ISSUES

- Mr. Chase re: Explorers to assist with Parking at Boothe Park during the Pumpkin Festival
- Ms. Daponte re: speeding on Prospect Drive

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Emergency Medical Services — Mr. Giasullo reviewed the above-cited document and reported re: response times, mutual aid, volunteers, recruitment, personnel training. Questions were posed to Mr. Giasullo re: funds balance, Stratford Day, Beach events.
- B. Dispatch Report — Mr. Giasullo reported: Overtime is below budget, service is fully staffed.
- C. Police Department — Mr. McNeil reviewed the above-cited document and reported on: department has 97 members, call volume increase, more patrols will be put into operation this summer, burglaries/robberies have been low, there are no bicycle patrols, officers are posted at schools and Oronoque Village to create a presence. Questions posed re: Shakespeare Theatre.
- D. Fire Department — Mr. McGrath reported on: 3 vacancies exist in the Dept. with call-backs to cover the vacancies. Engine 8, Truck 2, Engine 1 are in need of repair. Questions were posed to Mr. McGrath re: CEP funds, purchasing/sending needed apparatus/equipment out to bid.
- E. Emergency Management Director — Mr. Gottfried reported re: the state grant for 2013 came back this week for \$25,000. Discussion: The Beaver Dam Association /DEEP Dam Safety Unit. There are 2 dams in Stratford: Beaver Dam and Circle

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Drive. Mr. Ciccarelli reported on: mosquito control – testing has indicated that there is no mosquito issue so far. Larvacide (a.k.a. dunks) will be put in storm drains. Dunks will be available to the public. Communication is being put in place as a precaution since the Orlando occurrence.

V. TABLED ITEMS / OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS — None

VI. NEW BUSINESS — Mr. Ciccarelli reviewed the Munis interim (as of June 21) budget report. A Financial Advisory Committee is being put in place by the Stratford Town Council to review budgets. Committee members posed questions followed by discussion re: the FOI request (drones), Search for Chief of Police, Interim chief of Police, Public Safety Director for 2017.

VII. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no other business, Mr. Chase called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. UPON A MOTION BY MS. DAPONTE, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary