

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **August 16, 2016**

Committee Members in attendance: Council Members J. Vincent Chase, David Harden and Beth Daponte

Others in Attendance: Police Chief Joe McNeil, Deputy Police Chief John Popik, EMS Director Michael Loiz, Fire Chief Bob McGrath, Emergency Management Director Jon Gottfried

Residents/Guests in Attendance:

- Miladys Cruz-Fisher, 114 London Terr.
- Daryl Fisher, 114 London Terr.
- Patricia DeCesare, 271 London Terr.
- Ann Gaujean, 270 London Terr.

Documents distributed during meeting:

- Stratford EMS/Public Safety Report and EMS/Dispatch
- Fire Department report
- Memo to Municipal Emergency Management Directors from Deputy Commissioner – submitted by Mr. Gottfried

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman J. Vincent Chase and cancelled due to lack of quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of May 17, 2016. DEFERRED

III. CONSTITUENT ISSUES Informal Discussion continued with the above-cited London Terr. Residents re: crime in area is up, car break-ins, property blight issues, abandoned property monitoring, attitude toward citizens who are reporting incidents, increase the blight officer's hours. Police Chief McNeil responded re: abandoned property, increase patrols, raids. Ms. Cruz-Fisher referred to specific suspicious occurrences.

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Emergency Medical Services — the above-cited report was reviewed. Questions were posed to Mr. Loiz.
- B. Dispatch Report — the above-cited report was reviewed. Questions were posed to Mr. Loiz.
- C. Police Department — Chief McNeil reported: personnel numbers are now at 95, test for new hires, upgrade of radio system realizes a savings, purchasing a speed trailer, crime is down for the summer.
- D. Fire Department — the above-cited report was reviewed. Questions were posed to Mr. McGrath.
- E. Emergency Management Director — the above-cited report was reviewed. Questions were posed to Mr. Gottfried.

V. TABLED ITEMS / OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS — None

VI. NEW BUSINESS —None

VII. ADJOURNMENT — Lack of quorum.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary