

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AS AMENDED*

October 18, 2016

The Public Safety committee conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 in the training room of Stratford Police Headquarters, 900 Longbrook Avenue, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

Committee Members in attendance: Council Members J. Vincent Chase, Wali Kadeem, Beth Daponte, and Gregory Cann as substitute for David Harden; Electorate members Christopher Ciuci and James Duffy

Others in Attendance: Police Chief Joe McNeil, Deputy Police Chief John Popik, EMS Director Michael Loiz, Fire Chief Bob McGrath, Asst. Chief Campolingo, State Rep. Joseph Gresko,

*Scott Farrington-Posner.

Documents distributed during meeting:

- Stratford Police Dept. Report and stats – September 2016
- Stratford EMS/Public Safety Report and EMS/Dispatch
- Far Mill and Trap Falls Inundation Maps and statistics

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of Sept. 20, 2016. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KADEEM, SECONDED BY MS. DAPONTE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. CONSTITUENT ISSUES — The following issues were communicated to Public Safety officials:

- During Council Public Forum of October 12, a constituent conveyed an incident in which he said the blight office told him to trim back the hedges in his yard for safety purposes. The constituent stated that the Police directed him (Blight Officer) to contact him for that purpose. Chief McNeil said that he has no knowledge of this directive and will investigate the matter.
- Clover field gate – Could it be locked at night.
- Speeding in Lordship
- Housatonic Ave and Historic District auto break-ins
- Longbrook Park – Noise, trash/garbage, drugs
- “I-watch Stratford” – a phone app for instant reporting
- Value of “neighborhood Watch” discussed.
- Issuing of parking tickets for a specific street

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Emergency Medical Services — The above-cited report was reviewed. Concerns and questions were posed to Mr. Loiz re: Oronoque Village.

B. Dispatch Report — The above-cited report was reviewed. Concerns and questions were posed to Mr. Loiz re: the new 911 system and staff vacancies.

C. Police Department — Chief McNeil reviewed the above-cited document. Concerns and questions were posed to Chief McNeil. Discussion took place re: staffing level, invoice for communications, body cam testing.

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- D. Fire Department — Chief McGrath reported: the Department responded to 324 calls, the new engine is complete, dive team, 4 new hires, hose testing. Questions were posed to Mr. McGrath re: testing of new Fire truck. SAFER grant and other pending grants, definition of good-intent call, Fire Dept. open house.
- E. Emergency Management Director — Asst. Chief Compolingo reported on: Disaster drill to take place, flooding studies (referencing the above-cited document: Far Mill and Trap Falls Inundation Maps and statistics). Question posed to Chief McGrath re: reported Letter from last month to Supt. of Stratford School district re: School Safety and Security Plan Compliance with all the relevant state statutes affecting school safety and security.

V. TABLED ITEMS / OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Informational item re: existence of NARCAM (EMS and Fire only)

VI. NEW BUSINESS — Chairman Chase said that a Public Safety meeting will not be conducted in December. The scheduled of meeting of 2017 will be submitted designating the third Tuesday of every month (except for closures due to holidays) as regularly scheduled meetings.

VII. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no other business, Chairman Chase entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. UPON A MOTION MADE BY MR. KADEEM AND SECONDED BY MR. DUFFY, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary