

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 30, 2023

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Wilson, Hogan, Haff, Hicks, O'Brien, Clary
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Rozell

SUPERVISORS: Henke, Hall

Debra Prehoda, Clerk of the Board

Al Nolette, County Treasurer

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Melissa Fitch, County Administrator

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1. Call to Order
2. Accept Minutes – May 2, 2023
3. Department Reports/Requests:
 - A. EMS
 - 1) EMS Advisory Board Appointment – Michelle Parbus – Granville Rescue Squad
 - B. Sheriff
 - 1) Budget Amendment Request – Move ARP Funds - .4 to .2
 - C. District Attorney
 - 1) Total Station Crash Reconstruction Unit Purpose & Need
 - D. Public Safety
 - 1) RFP Updates
 - a. MSA
 - b. Hazard Mitigation
 - 2) Fire Advisory Board Appointment – Greenwich Fire
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. in the Supervisors' Classroom Room B214, Municipal Center, Fort Edward, New York.

A motion to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2023 meeting was moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Mr. Hogan, and adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS /REQUESTS:

EMS: Bruce Mason, EMS Coordinator, addressed the following items with the committee:

- EMS Advisory Board Appointment – A motion to appoint Michelle Parbus, Granville Rescue Squad, to the EMS Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Roland Steves who resigned, term expiring December 31, 2023 was moved by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, and adopted.
- Thanked the Supervisors and Administration for attending the presentation by EMS at the Fort Edward Rescue Squad after last month's meeting.

SHERIFF – Captain Anthony Leclaire addressed the following item with the committee:

- Budget Amendment – Requesting to transfer ARP funding from contractual to equipment to purchase gun cabinets in the amount of \$4,693. A motion to amend budget transferring funds from A.3110.3112.4625.04 ARP to A.3110.3112.2625.04 ARP for the purchase of gun cabinets in the amount of \$4,693 and forward to the Finance Committee was moved by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mrs. Clary. Discussion. These gun cabinets are specifically for the weapons purchased for an active shooter incident. The motion to amend budget transferring funds from A. 3110.3112.4625.04 ARP to A.3110.3112.2625.04 ARP for the purchase of gun cabinets in the amount of \$4,693 and forward to the Finance Committee was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mrs. Clary and adopted.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Tony Jordan, District Attorney, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Total Station Crash Reconstruction Unit Purpose & Need – Captain Leclair is the last trained crash reconstruction officer with experience in crash reconstruction. Some other officers are working on this training. In the crash reconstruction analysis, there is an investment piece both in terms of personnel and money but there is also the value that comes from it. In the County seeing an increase in car – bike, car – pedestrian, car - motorcycle and single vehicle crashes that are not necessarily witnessed and is someone at fault criminally or is the driver not involved criminally. This also has value in other criminal investigation but certainly in the realm of crashes. When the Sheriff's department arrives on scene, they have to determine if there is a need for a crash reconstruction analysis to be done and in that instance the road is closed to preserve evidence and the scene so that a crash reconstruction analysis can occur. Currently do not have the equipment or sufficiently trained personnel so what the County has done is use the resources of the neighboring counties or the State Police and there are challenges with that. The reality is if you do not do the total investigation accountability becomes difficult and if someone is not at fault that can be established. Two officers have started the training process, a Sergeant and an Investigator. The in house value from a public safety standpoint is invaluable. If you have that level of investigative technique and talent in-house they can arrive much quicker and generate reports quicker. If not engaged in the reconstruction effort then it leaves the families of the victims left wondering was everything done. Seeing an increase statewide and across the country where they have legalized cannabis an increase in impaired driving crashes. The capital investment for the two units, a total station and scanner, is roughly \$100,000. Would also need to bring a sufficient number of Deputies and Investigators up to speed and get experience working with our neighboring counties. He did not want to wait until budget time to bring this up and not have people trained to use the equipment. The District Attorney stated this would be new money. The training is free through NYS DCJS. In the last month there has been three call outs for crash reconstruction services. The Treasurer stated at the Finance Committee meeting tomorrow he plans to suggest a significant investment in the capital plan and this might be a valid part of that conversation. Chairman Wilson asked the District Attorney to get some figures together and to also coordinate with Information Technology.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Glen Gosnell, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- RFP Updates:
 - MSA – Master Services Agreement & Hazard Mitigation – Received one proposal from the RFP for the master services agreement from Chloeta, in Oklahoma and it did not meet requirements for the MSA or State regarding the hazard mitigation plan requirements. Requesting to reject proposal and reissue the RFP with less restrictive language. A motion to reject proposal and reissue RFP with less restrictive language was moved by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mrs. Clary, and adopted.
- Fire Advisory Board Appointment – Nomination received from the Greenwich Fire Department for appointment of Don Ward to the Fire Advisory Board. A motion to appoint Don Ward, Greenwich Fire Department, to the Fire Advisory Board was moved by Mr. Haff, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, and adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 P.M.

Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Washington County Board of Supervisors