

Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **Monday, January 10, 2011** **7:15 P.M.** **Police Training Room, 4th Floor** **Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Michael Taylor, Councilman Steve Szwejbka, Councilwoman Maria Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Harry Snellings, Deputy Chief Chet Harvey

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the December 13, 2010 meetings were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No one appeared to speak.

NEW BUSINESS

Tower Rate Card Request – TCP Towing.

The members approved the request.

Tower Rate Card Request – Ednbros’s Towing & Transport.

The members approved the request.

Tower Rate Card Request – Gary’s Carstar.

The members approved the request.

Tower Rate Card Request – Williams Garage & Wrecker.

The members approved the request.

Tower Rate Card Request – Midnite Towing

The members approved the request.

Request from United Veterans Council of Jamestown to hold a Memorial Day parade on May 30, 2011.

The members approved the request.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution authorizing the Jamestown Police Department to enter into a purchase agreement with Hoselton Automall, 909 Fairport Rd., Ease Rochester, New York for two (2) 2011 Chevy Tahoes in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$25,680.70) each for a total of Fifty-One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty One Dollars and Forty Cents (\$51,361.40). The purchase costs are to be paid from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee Grant reimbursements. Note: This item appears on the Finance Committee agenda.

The members agreed that a resolution be prepared for the January 31, 2011 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting with County Public Safety Committee

Chairman Taylor stated he has spoken to Doug Richmond from the Chautauqua County Public Safety committee regarding a joint meeting. A meeting will be scheduled in the late winter. The meeting may be held in Mayville.

Third Street Bridge

Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Snellings presented a report from Lieutenant Todd Isaacson regarding individuals throwing objects off of the bridge to the street below. Bricks and Ice Blocks have been thrown by one individual. A suggestion is to install a fence on the bridge to prevent this.

Mr. Olson stated that the State owns the bridge so they will need to be contacted for permission.

Director of Public Works Lehman should contact the state.

National Institute of Justice Statistics

Councilman Szwejbka stated that new statistics have come out for Police Officers that have been injured or killed on the job. In 2010 there as a 37% increase. The concern is that cutbacks are putting officers at risk on both the Police and Fire side.

Deputy Chief Harvey stated there is a direct correlation between staffing levels and injuries.

Councilman Szwejbka stated he will be at an International Conference in March that will provide him more information. We have to be aware of this.

Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Snellings stated that training has also taken a hit because of budget constraints. We saw this and have adjusted the training days. It is scheduled in January and February when more staffing is here.

Breathing Apparatus

Councilman Szwejbka asked the status of the apparatus discussed previously during the budget process.

Deputy Chief Harvey stated parts have been located to assist with the concerns. It costs between \$25-28,000 to upgrade what we have.

Councilman Szwejbka asked if funding can be sought for this.

Deputy Chief Harvey stated the City application for that was turned down. The new one is for fire prevention programs.

Councilman Szwejbka stated private sources can also be sought. We need to be kept up to date on this.

Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Snellings stated that working with the volunteers might assist us. The City does do grants with the county.

Deputy Chief Harvey stated that it may be difficult to agree on one brand for equipment with other agencies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

James N. Olson
Director of Financial Services/City Clerk