

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Monday, June 11, 2018 - 10:00 PM

Stephen McNally, Chairperson
Gerald Morrow, Vice-Chairperson

Chairman McNally called this Public Safety Meeting to order at 10:20 am with the following Supervisors in attendance: Robin DeLoria, Archie Depo, Shaun Gilliland, Joe Giordano, Charlie Harrington, Ron Jackson, Steve McNally, Noel Merrihew, Dean Montroy, Ron Moore, Jerry Morrow, Roby Politi, Randy Preston, Michael Tyler and Joe Pete Wilson. Mike Marnell, Jim Monty and Tom Scozzafava were previously excused.

Department Heads present: Richard Cutting, Patty Bashaw, Juliann Beatty, Judith Garrison, Donald Jaquish Wayne Taylor and Sue Montgomery-Corey. Dan Manning were absent. Daniel Palmer and Kristy Sprague were excused.

Also Present: Jennifer Fifield and Shona Doyle.

News Media present: Keith Lobdell - Sun News

McNALLY: I will call the Public Safety Committee meeting to order. Veteran's office, Noel.

MERRIHEW: No report this month. Thank you.

McNALLY: Thank you.

The first item on the agenda was the County Sealer, Wayne Taylor reporting as follows:

TAYLOR: Good morning everyone. You have my report. Do you have any questions?

HARRINGTON: Yes, it was announced that you had found a skimming machine on gas pumps. Have there been any other evidences of that happening in Essex County?

TAYLOR: No not in Essex County Supervisor Harrington just last week there was another one found in Sullivan County and it was identical to the one that I had found. It is a cellular device and they did find it in Sullivan County.

HARRINGTON: And what is the frequency by which you check for these?

TAYLOR: It's an annual inspection or unless there is a repair or a complaint but typically I do them once a year in a cycle there are 324 gas dispensers in the county and I do them once a year or as needed beyond that. We tend to get more complaints this time of year when gas goes above \$3.00 a gallon people tend to complain more about pump jump and different things they perceive being wrong but what they found is they found that the people that are putting these skimmers in place and they find pumps that have been recently inspected knowing that they won't probably be inspected for another year so when the State specialist gets free he's doing both propane calibration delivery trucks right now and when he gets free we are going to go back around and work and kind of retrace our steps and just open the electronics

departments of the ones that were done recently to be sure you know to be absolutely safe. Especially along the thruways, the Northways are the ones that they you know Westport Mobile there are different places. I had a complaint last week at the Exit 29 Sunoco on the road to Blue Ridge, the Blue Ridge Road there was a complaint there was a violated seal and a person seen it and called it in. I went and checked them out and put new seals on all the points of entry but they have seals that actually will when they are tampered with it changes they become indelible you can't see through them.

MORROW: Yeah I want to commend Wayne on the way he handled it when he found it and how he handled it you did an excellent job thank you very much Wayne.

TAYLOR: Thank you.

MORROW: You were right on top of it.

McNALLY: Anything else for Wayne? Alright thank you.

The next item on the agenda was the Board of Elections, Sue Montgomery-Corey reporting as follows:

MONTGOMERY-COREY: Good morning. We don't have a lot to report today but there are a couple of things I want to mention. We're gearing up for the Federal primary on June 26th so probably next month you will be hearing more about our experience with that. We also recently attended State Cyber Security training down in Albany and took with us Luisa Towne who is our IT person so that was a really productive good day and so you may be hearing more about that from us in the near future.

What we would like to ask for today is a resolution to allow us to do summer hours at the Board of Elections and we did draft something up but basically what we would like to do is for the remainder of June, July and August we would like to have the Board of Elections open from 8 am to 4 pm with the exception of two weeks which is when the delegating petitions and the impending petitions are due and those weeks would be July 9 to July 12 and August 14 to August 21 and beyond that if anyone has questions we're always willing to answer.

McNALLY: Anybody want to move the resolution?

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN THE HOURS AT THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2018.
Moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Morrow.**

McNALLY: Questions, concerns? All in favor, opposed – carries.

MONTGOMERY-COREY: And that's it for us. Thanks so much we appreciate it.

McNALLY: Thank you.

The next item on the agenda was the District Attorney, Kristy Sprague was excused.

The next item on the agenda was the Emergency Services Department with Don Jaquish reporting as follows:

JAQUISH: Good morning. You have my monthly report. If there is any questions you can ask or see me later.

I do have one resolution and that is to accept the PSAP operations grant in the amount of \$215,872. That grant is used to offset the operation of the 911 center. We use it for some equipment and mostly for offsetting dispatcher's salaries.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE 2018-2019 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT OPERATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$215,872.

Moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Moore.

McNALLY: Questions, concerns? I just have one question is that something we get every year?

JAQUISH: Yes.

McNALLY: Is it the same amount every year?

JAQUISH: It varies this amount could vary a little bit but this is what they are telling us. We haven't officially gotten the award letter.

McNALLY: It's approximately the same?

JAQUISH: Approximately the same.

McNALLY: All in favor, opposed – carried.

JAQUISH: I know some of you got phone calls from a concerned fire fighter about the Air One truck. We did in fact inspect that. The high pressure compressor was told to be failing. I actually had Dave Decker go down because I had a thought, being an old repairman myself I said I wonder if it's the generator and sure enough that's what it was so the generator failed not the compressor. We purchased it and we're having it installed this week Adam up at the DPW is going to put it in so I wanted to relay the concerns that if it is out of service soon it will be back in service and that's all I have.

JACKSON: How you making out on pursuing the tower in Vermont?

JAQUISH: We are reviewing the sample RFP's. It's kind of complex how we are going to have to write it with the engineering and the frequency searches but we are pursuing that but it's going to be a long term project. I mean to get new frequencies is going to be extremely difficult but we're going to try and get new frequencies if we can. If we can't then we have another plan to reuse some that we have.

McNALLY: Great thank you very much.

JAQUISH: Thank you.

PRESTON: I've got a question for Don.

McNALLY: I didn't see you Randy.

PRESTON: Donnie have we looked at different options for the placement of that training building?

JAQUISH: We did look at the landfill and I went to a meeting with the committee people involved unfortunately I was called away to an emergency and during that meeting the location shifted from using the landfill to the fairgrounds and the reasoning was is we could dovetail the burn building into a training type of situation where they could possibly be more eligible for grants to rebuild certain buildings for the fairgrounds and use them as classrooms I mean that was kind of a concept. I did meet with Jim, myself, a couple of the guys that were on the building committee. We went down to the fairgrounds and off in the back where the ox pull area is we need approximate area of at least 100 x 100 and that area is okay it's just that it would be far better to move it over to where the ox pull area is and move that somewhere else but I am open to put that building where it is centrally located but it has to be on county property and the reason being we wouldn't want to go purchasing property to build it. We have \$500,000 which basically could get you a pre-constructed burn building, turnkey operation that gives you the core and from that core in the future when we're not around anymore they can still add onto the core in a similar concept that they use at the jail.

PRESTON: I was just curious to be honest and didn't know how Mr. Tyler felt and if this was going to interfere with the fair or other activities that are taking place there?

TYLER: I haven't heard anything but Mr. Gilliland may have?

GILLILLAND: We had figured out a plan to put a covered horse arena down exactly where you want to put this building so I mean there seems to me not to be you know going against what your efforts are but this is something that probably needs to come to the board because there are other options out there and if you are going to load up the fairgrounds you are going to take up fairground property there I think this needs a little more vetting out than what has already. My assumption from Mr. Tyler or the fair committee meetings was that it was going to be further on down and further toward the back end of the fairgrounds and stuff not exactly where we are already having events and equestrian activities. We already put the nutrition center there and now we put the fire building there you're starting to crowd out other activities that we're kind of directing for the fairgrounds throughout the year so I think this needs further analysis and discussion.

JAQUISH: I'm certainly willing to look at other sites and maybe we should have a Plan B and this obviously this Plan A may not work. As long as we can find a piece of county property that is centrally located not on one end of the county or the other end, kind of in the middle where fire fighters won't complain about driving fifty miles to get there.

McNALLY: Alright thank you.

JAQUISH: Thank you.

The next item on the agenda was Emergency Medical Services with Patty Bashaw reporting as follows:

BASHAW: Good morning. Also in the report is my report. The only thing I kind of just quickly want to draw your attention to is I did go down and speak at the EMS memorial in May and it was extremely moving. There's eight people that were put up on the memorial and the closest one in the north country region was in St. Lawrence but if you ever get a chance to go to that it's on the plaza and it's a really pretty cool monument.

Other than that it's been a really active month and this month has been active as well and I'm not even teaching. The other thing is is that we're really moving quickly and forward with the paramedic program at the Public Safety Building. The equipment went in the other day a dry test happened the other day and it looks really encouraging to beam it to North Country Community College in Malone as well as the Queensbury Office and Mountain Lakes so everything keeps going forward.

McNALLY: Wonderful. Okay thank you very much.

The next item on the agenda was the Sheriff's Office with Sheriff Cutting reporting as follows:

CUTTING: I have one resolution request. You're all aware of the Ticonderoga Country Club fire. One of my officers was one of the first on the scene along with Ticonderoga Officer Towne and as I understand I think you have a copy of a letter from the Fire Chief down there. The two of them entered the building multiple times to ensure the employees and public safety in and out of the burning building removing people. There was a wedding that was supposed to be there there was approximately 50 guests there at the time and these two officers went in and out and made sure the building was clear and I'd like to ask for a resolution of commendation to the two officers Casey Kolodzey and Officer Towne.

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO ESSEX COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF OFFICER, CASEY KOLODZEY AND TICONDEROGA POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROLMAN, DENNIS TOWNE FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY ACTIONS DURING EVACUATION OF THE TICONDEROGA COUNTRY CLUB FIRE RESPONSE.

Moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded unanimously.

CUTTING: That's it unless there are any questions?

McNALLY: Any questions? We're all set. Thank you.

CUTTING: Thank you.

The next item on the agenda was the Probation Office with Juliann Beatty reporting as follows:

BEATTY: Good morning. You have a monthly report from me so unless anyone has any questions I have nothing else to report.

McNALLY: Any questions? Alright thank you.

BEATTY: Thank you.

The next item on the agenda was the Public Defender's Office. Brandon Boutelle was absent, no report was given:

McNALLY: Brandon Boutelle is not here. Anything else to come before the Public Safety committee? If not, we're adjourned.

As there was no further discussion to come before this Public Safety Committee it was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectively submitted,

Judy Garrison, Clerk
Board of Supervisors