

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: MARCH 26, 2012

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS WOOD
GIRARD
BENTLEY
THOMAS
CONOVER
STRAINER

OTHERS PRESENT:

BUD YORK, SHERIFF
KAREN PUTNEY, ADMINISTRATOR, FIRE SAFETY & BUILDING CODE
ENFORCEMENT
MARTIN AUFFREDOU, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
KEVIN GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS TAYLOR
LOEB
WESTCOTT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
JOANNE COLLINS, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR FRASIER

Mrs. Wood called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Sheriff York who requested permission for Investigator Maurice Aldrich to attend Blood Stain Pattern training at the New York State Police Academy in Albany, NY from April 24 -26, 2012.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously to approve the request for travel as outlined above. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

Sheriff York requested permission for the eleven members of the Emergency Response Team (ERT) to attend the 2012 New York State Tactical Officer Training Conference in Verona, NY, from May 1 - 3, 2012. He noted the conference fees were paid for with Asset Forfeiture funds.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve the request for travel as outlined above. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing with the action items agenda, Sheriff York presented a request for a contract with the Village of Lake George for additional Police patrol coverage during the months of May through July 2012, for a total amount not to exceed \$22,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the request for a contract with the Village of Lake George for summer Police Foot Patrol coverage.

A short discussion ensued.

Mrs. Wood called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to approve the request for a contract with the Village of Lake George for police foot patrol coverage as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 20, 2012 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Sheriff York presented a request to Amend the 2012 County Budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$2,500 to reflect receipt of monies from the Warren-Washington Victim Impact Panel (WWVIP) for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Enforcement Management.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously to approve the request to amend the 2012 County Budget in the amount of \$2,500 as outlined above and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request to Amend County Budget is on file with the minutes.*

Lastly, Sheriff York noted savings to the 2012 Budget was realized as a result of a recent retirement and a position reclassification.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Karen Putney, Fire Safety & Building Code Administrator, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Mrs. Wood noted a letter of commendation was included in the agenda packets, which cited Mrs. Putney for going above and beyond her regular duties to accommodate an applicant from out of the area. Mrs. Wood thanked and commended Mrs. Putney for her efforts.

Addressing the Budget Performance Report, Mrs. Putney pointed out additional expenses under Auto Supply and Repair (Code No. 441) due to vehicles with high mileage used by the Department. She also noted that the staffing of two part-time fire safety inspectors necessitated increased vehicle use, which she advised, may become an issue in the future.

Mrs. Putney referenced the Insurance Services Office (ISO) letter included in the agenda packets. She explained that ISO was a Federal agency which established a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) pertaining to permit issuance for homeowners who received insurance payments. She stated the rating had fallen by two points since the previous rating seven years ago for reasons related to the State's adoption of the ICC Code, the lack of a residential sprinkler requirement by the State, and a discretionary upgrade which had not applied to the most recent rating. Mrs. Putney said she received a call from ISO, who provided counsel regarding a rating upgrade; subsequently raising Warren County's rating by two points.

Martin Auffredou, County Attorney, recommended an executive session be held to discuss matters leading to the possible enforcement of five delinquent fire safety fees.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 105 (d) of Public Officers Law.

Executive session was declared from 9:41 a.m. to 10:06 a.m.

Committee reconvened and Mrs. Wood noted that no action was necessary pursuant to the executive session.

As there was no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover and seconded by Mr. Strainer, Mrs. Wood adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Collins, Legislative Office Specialist