

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**ROOM #318**

**CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

**Members: Chairman Jonke & Legislators Gouldman & Sullivan**

**Monday**

**6:30PM**

**May 14, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chairman Jonke who requested that Legislator Castellano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Sullivan and Chairman Jonke were present. Chairman Jonke stated that Legislator Gouldman is running late. He stated Legislator Castellano will be sitting as a committee member in his absence.

**Item #3 – Approval/ Protective Meeting Minutes: March 22 & April 19, 2018**

Chairman Jonke stated that the minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #4 – Update/ New Emergency Response Radios/Acting Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Ken Clair (5/14/2018, Acting Commissioner Clair was not present, Deputy Commissioner Lipton was in attendance)**

Chairman Jonke explained that Legislator Scuccimarra requested that this update be addressed. He requested if Deputy Commissioner Lipton could provide the update.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated there was a meeting with the Fire Departments, New York Communications Company (NYCOMCO) and Motorola. He stated the information in terms of the cost and different radio options was shared with the representatives of each Fire Department. He stated at the conclusion of that meeting the representatives of each Fire Department were asked to take the information back to their stations and review the options. He explained each department was also asked to tally up the number of portables, mobiles and bases they would need and which model they would want. He stated that information was requested to be sent to the County's Bureau of Emergency Services. He stated once all of that information is received then a cost projection can be prepared.

Chairman Jonke questioned if there is a deadline as to when that information needs to be back to the County.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated he does not believe a deadline date was set.

Chairman Jonke questioned when did said meeting take place.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated he believes it was late February 2018. He stated there is a Chief's meeting this Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, so the matter will be discussed at that time. He stated if they do not have the information they will be asked to report back in June, at the following month's meeting.

Chairman Jonke stated he believes there needs to be a focus and push on this, especially since they have had the information since February.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated there are (2) two of the (4) four towers up. He stated there is one at the Bureau of Emergency Services and one at the Kern Building. He stated they are still in desperate need of a cell tower on the western side of the County in the Nelsonville area.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated the Village of Nelsonville has been struggling and the Town of Philipstown in terms of opposition regarding the cell tower issue. She stated that she would like the County's Emergency Services representatives to express to the residents on the western side of the County that the cell towers are crucial to the emergency services community who work to help and protect the health and safety of the residents. She requested that Deputy Commissioner Lipton and Acting Commissioner Clair attend the town meetings to communicate the need for these towers.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated the Wednesday night Chief's meeting, May 16<sup>th</sup>, will be held in the Village of Garrison. He stated they will stress at said meeting that they need to let the residents know, the need for a cell tower on that side of the County is a matter of safety.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if Deputy Commissioner Lipton and/or Acting Commissioner Clair have been to all of the Town Board meetings to notify the residents of the extreme necessity that exists.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated when Tony Sutton was the Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services, together they went to a few Town Board Meetings to discuss the matter.

Legislator Sullivan suggested that dates be set and publicized that representatives from the County's Emergency Services Department will be at said Town Board meeting to address the importance of the proposed cell towers.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated she agrees.

Legislator Nacerino stated the Town Fire Department members should carry and enforce this message to their residents. She stated the message will resonate with the people when they hear not only from the County but from their local volunteers as well as the police departments.

Legislator Sullivan stated he believes every emergency service agency that would use the tower should be at the Town Board meetings to explain the importance of the proposed cell tower to their mission to serve the residents of the particular area.

Legislator Nacerino stated the cell tower will contribute to the protection and welfare and safety of the people. That is the message that needs to get out there. She stated she is very familiar with the subject of cell towers there are several proposed in her legislative district. She stated some cell towers are revenue makers and some are critical. That needs to be clearly distinguished.

Chairman Jonke requested that Deputy Commissioner Lipton relay the message to Acting Commissioner Clair that the Legislature wants to this project to progress forward. He stated that he will reach out to Acting Commissioner Clair as well.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated the last item on his update is that the RFP has gone out for a Project Manager. He stated this is a very large project. He stated neither Acting Commissioner Clair, or Director Tom Lannon have enough time to dedicate solely to this project. He stated that there were nine (9) responses to the RFP. He stated they are being reviewed.

Chairman Jonke questioned if a Project Manager was budgeted for.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated yes. He stated it is all being paid for with grant funds. He stated as soon as the Project Manager is on board, that person will be brought up to date and given all of the information gathered. He stated that the Project Manager will be in charge from that point forward.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated as discussed in previous meetings, once the total cost is calculated for all the new radios for all of the Putnam County emergency responder agencies, steps will be taken to go out for a State Bid.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated they have stressed to the Fire Departments that they need to work together, otherwise they will end up to be competing against each other. He stated the Fire Departments have been notified that there is a grant available, the title is something like "Volunteer Fire Fighters Grant Assistance". He stated this grant requires that the specific departments apply. The County cannot make the application on their behalf. He stated there is a County west of Syracuse who got all of their Fire Departments together, one department offered to do the submission and they were awarded enough money to cover the cost of purchasing radios for all of the departments.

Legislator Nacerino requested that be mentioned again and again to the Fire Departments and at the Chief's meetings.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated she agrees with Legislator Nacerino, this information cannot be delivered enough. She stated also all of the agencies must be contacted and informed such as the ambulance departments.

Legislator Nacerino stated that Acting Commissioner Clair has said that this has been discussed and each Fire Department was made aware that they need to budget and plan for this. She stated that she does not believe the onus should be put on the County to absorb the expense.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated the key is that the departments must come together and put their grant application in together, otherwise they will be competing against each other.

Legislator Nacerino questioned who will make the selection of the Project Manager.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated members of the Bureau of Emergency Services, Sheriff's Department and IT/GIS.

Legislator Nacerino requested confirmation that the Project Manager is a temporary position.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated that is correct. He explained the sole purpose of the position will be to manage and see this project through to completion.

Phyllis Hoenig, Resident of Mahopac, stated she recalls this discussion from past meetings. She requested confirmation that the new radios will be needed for the Police Departments and Fire Departments in every town.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated that is correct.

Phyllis Hoenig, Resident of Mahopac, stated she has read that the Fire Departments have funding to spend on things like this. She questioned if they will be helping pay for the radios.

Deputy Commissioner Lipton stated he has no knowledge of the individual Fire Departments' budgets nor does he have any authority on what they spend the funds on.

Chairman Jonke stated the County representatives are working with the Fire Departments and recommending that grant applications be submitted in an attempt to secure funding for the radios. He stated that there is some feedback from some of the County's Fire Departments that they believe the new radios should be a County expense.

Phyllis Hoenig, Resident of Mahopac, stated that is what she is concerned about.

Chairman Jonke stated that is a concern of the County as well.

Legislator Nacerino stated it was never the intent to have the County absorb the cost. She stated the Fire Departments were apprised of this and encouraged to plan accordingly.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that once all of the agencies get together and report what they need and their department's project cost to equip their personnel, action can be taken to get on a State bid/list. She stated that Motorola is more than willing to work with them on that. She stated that she did discuss this with the County's Director of Purchasing and he stated it will bring the overall cost down if all of the departments submit together versus individually.

**Item #5 - Approval/Fund Transfer (18T079)/ Security Cage and Racks to Centralize Evidence Storage/Sheriff's Department**

Chairman Jonke stated this fund transfer request is in the amount of \$25,375.00 to purchase security cage and racks to centralize evidence storage.

Sergeant William Meyer stated the Sheriff's Department is looking to get a credit from DCJS (Division of Criminal Justice Services) within the next 18 months. He stated to be considered they need to address the Sheriff's Department evidence storage and processing and retention. He explained that currently evidence storage and processing is in three (3) different vaults, because they have outgrown the facility. He stated the plan is to take the Public Training Room, which is used for storage, and convert it to a central evidence storage and processing room. He stated the company will come in and build it out with security cages, racks and locks. He stated originally these funds were going to be used to purchase a car. He explained it has been decided to use half of the funds to do this project and wait to purchase the car until next year.

Legislator Sullivan requested that Sergeant Meyer elaborate on the credit with the DCJS that he referenced.

Sergeant William Meyer stated DCJS is the New York State governing body of police and they have an accreditation program. He stated if their standards are met then the department becomes an accredited agency. He explained it is not a requirement.

Legislator Albano stated that this request, in his opinion, should go to the Physical Services Committee as a capital project.

Sergeant William Meyer stated there will not be a need for any demolition to the existing structure or building anything permanent. He stated if the Legislature wants it to go to the Physical Committee, certainly they will. He explained due to the fact there was not construction involved that is why the Sheriff's Department sent this request to the Protective Services Committee. He stated the company will come in and install. He explained the County will be requested to paint.

Legislator Albano stated that he would like to have this matter sent to the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Physical Meeting.

County Attorney Bumgarner stated the next capital projects meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup>. She explained it can be place on that agenda as well for discussion.

Chairman Jonke stated there will be no action taken on this matter tonight, and made a motion to move this item to the May 23, 2018 Physical Services Meeting; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

**Item #6 - Approval/Fund Transfer (18T091)/ Equipment, Training, Overtime, Uniforms/Sheriff's Department**

Chairman Jonke stated this Fund Transfer is in the amount of \$18,212.00.

Sergeant William Meyer stated seven (7) new people started working in January of 2018 that needed to be completely outfitted. He explained there are additional uniforms needed, cost for a drone et al included as well.

Chairman Jonke requested the explanation for an increase of \$2,000 for the Bike Patrols.

Sergeant William Meyer explained there will be an increase of the Sheriff's patrols on the Bike Path. He stated that there will be officers on the Bike Path every weekend.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve and move to the Audit & Administration Meeting Fund Transfer (18T091)/ Equipment, Training, Overtime, Uniforms; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

**Item #7 – Update/2018 July 1<sup>st</sup> Town of Southeast Fireworks Event**

Chairman Jonke stated Legislator Castellano will speak to this agenda item.

Legislator Castellano stated that the rain date has been confirmed for Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. He stated, however they are all confident there will be no rain on July 1<sup>st</sup> and the event will go forward as planned on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated the Sheriff's Department has been working on their plan to supply coverage for the event (*discussed at the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting*). He stated there has been a great response from the local business and folks in the area who are willing to put this event together.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if the Sheriff's Department provides assistance at the Cold Spring Fire Works.

Sergeant William Meyer stated usually there are four (4) Sheriff's Officers assigned to that event. It is a smaller event with one way in and out. He stated it is an easier event to manage.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that the Cold Spring Police are at the event as well.

**Item #8 – FYI/1st Quarter 2018 Coroners Report – Duly Noted**

**Item #9 - Other Business - None**

**Item #10 - Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 7:04p.m., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk of The Legislature Diane Trabulsy.