

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2012**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Bob Metropulos, Dave Hintz, Billy Fried, Jack Martinson and Mike Timmons.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ken Krall (WXPR Radio), Sheriff Hoffman, Deputy Tyler Young (Sheriff's Office), Lt. Jim Wood (Sheriff's Office), Lt. Dan Hess (Sheriff's Office), Deputy Ryan Rossing (Sheriff's Office), Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), Larry Mathein (Medical Examiner), Amy Franzen (Register in Probate), Bonnie Wilcox (District Attorney), Ann Prom (Family Court), Kathy Belliveau (Branch I), Deb Shawl (Branch II), Ken Kortenhof, Emergency Management Director and Dawn Robinson, Committee Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Metropulos called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. at the Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room #2, stated the meeting notice had been posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and noted accommodations would be made for handicap accessibility.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the Agenda (Fried/Hintz, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the September 12, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes (Martinson/Fried, PASSED).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for November 15, 2012. Time to be determined as, a meeting conflict was discussed.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS WITH NO AGENDA ITEMS (Corporation Counsel, Medical Examiner, Clerk of Courts, Register in Probate, District Attorney, Family Court Commissioner, Circuit Court Branch I, Circuit Court II, Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management)

MOTION: To approve the bills, vouchers, line item transfers and expense voucher summary sheets of Public Safety Departments (Martinson/Fried, PASSED).

DEPARTMENT ITEMS:

Sheriff's Office

Administration Committee-2013 budget review and \$23,354 reduction from Sheriff's budget-related to funding of the Oneida County Public Safety Dive Team:

The Sheriff stated both the Public Safety Committee and the Administrative Committee, through the budget process, approved the 2013 Sheriff's Department budget. After the budget was approved, the Administrative Committee received incorrect information on other Dive Team resources and then reduced the Sheriff's budget by \$23,354.00

without notifying the Sheriff or requesting additional information. The Sheriff repeatedly expressed his disappointment of the budget process; budgets reduced without department head notification and department heads are not given an opportunity to address any concerns or issues.

The Sheriff contacted Lincoln County Sheriff's Office regarding the information of Lincoln County having a Dive Team. The Sheriff was informed Lincoln County Sheriff's Office has one deputy on the Oneida County Dive Team and, Tomahawk Fire has a Dive Team. However, Tomahawk Fire Dive Team responds only to the Town of Nokomis and the Town of Little Rice and will not respond to other areas of Oneida County. If the Administrative Committee would have had accurate information, the cut may not have been made.

The Sheriff referred to the Efficiency Team Report, Dive Team ranking and affirmed there is an investment into the Dive Team and does not want to give the Team up. The Sheriff asked the Public Safety Committee to support the Dive Team and forward a document supporting the Team onto the Administrative Committee.

Committee member Hintz, who is also the Administrative Committee Chairman, explained the budget process and the Administrative Committee's goal to forward budget, with no increase to the tax levy, onto the County Board of Supervisors. The Administrative Committee came up with different ideas to reduce the county's budget and a motion was made, on the last day of budget hearing, to reduce a number of items, Dive Team was one of the items. Committee member Hintz stated he had a conversation with both the Sheriff and with the Chief Deputy on the issue, had received numerous calls from the public and from other County Board Members with majority of calls in support of the Dive Team. Committee member Hintz supports reinstating \$20,000 back into the Dive Team as agreed with both the Sheriff and the Chief Deputy and rework numbers.

The Sheriff's goal is to get the full dollar amount reinstated to the budget.

The Animal Shelter was referenced and discussed.

The Committee is in support of the Dive Team and Committee members discussed other Dive Team responses such as evidence recovery, ice rescue, response time in saving lives along with helping families during their time of sorrow in recovering their loved ones.

A Committee member referred to Oneida having over 1,300 lakes and expressed concern with the message it sends to tourists visiting the County if Oneida does not have a Dive Team. Another Committee member asked Hintz if the Public Safety Committee could reinstate the money back into the Dive Team or, if a motion needs to be made at the County Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Committee member Hintz recommended reinstating \$20,000.00.

MOTION: To reinstate \$23,354.00 back into the Sheriff's 2013 Budget for the Oneida County Public Safety Dive Team (Timmons/Martinson, PASSED unanimously).

Committee member Fried asked Hintz if the Public Safety Committee should submit a letter to the Administrative Committee stating a department head should have an opportunity to address any additional cuts made to the department budget, after the department budget has been approved by the Administrative Committee, to allow for additional information and input before adjusting budgets.

Committee member Hintz agreed department heads should be given an opportunity to provide input and explained the Administration Committee forwards a DRAFT budget onto the County Board of Supervisors.

Committee members expressed displeasure and concern with the budget process when a department head is not informed of any additional cuts to their budget after the original budget was previously approved and, expressed displeasure and concern with not allowing a department head an opportunity to address information, questions &/or concerns pertaining to their budget. Committee members disagreed with micromanaging departments, department heads know more about their needs and use tools they have to do so.

County Mutual Insurance law enforcement ALERT contest winner:

The Sheriff explained through the Wisconsin Counties Mutual Insurance Company, an ALERT (Advanced Law Enforcement Risk Training) Challenge was conducted on October 2, 2012, consisting of simulated driving and shooting with money awarded for training and equipment. Six counties participated in the challenge.

The Sheriff's Office sent Deputy Rossing (who is also a Dive Team member) to the challenge. Rossing took 3rd place and received a check for \$2,000.00. Deputy Rossing was introduced to the Committee. Committee members praised and congratulated Deputy Rossing on his accomplishment.

Ordinance amendment update, Disposal of Abandoned Property:

Lieutenant (Lt.) Hess explained the Disposal of Abandoned Property Ordinance has been updated based upon State law and with the Sheriff's Policies/Procedures and, provided the Committee with a copy, Exhibit #4. Lt. Hess referred to strike-through language and the new proposed verbiage.

MOTION: To approve the Disposal of Abandoned Property Ordinance Amendment and forward onto the County Board of Supervisors (Fried/Martinson, PASSED).

Bills, vouchers and line item transfers for Sheriff's Office

The Financial Summary Sheet was presented as requested by the Committee, Exhibit #5.

MOTION: To approve bills, vouchers and line item transfers for Sheriff's Office (Martinson/Hintz, PASSED).

Emergency Management

It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded, and passed on Roll Call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to WI Stats Section 19.85(1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee." A motion will be made, seconded and passed on Roll Call vote to return to open session. Topic: Set goals for performance review (Emergency Management)

11:20 a.m. MOTION: To go into Closed Session pursuant to WI Stats Section 19.85(1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee' (Martinson/Fried), On a Roll Call Vote: Hintz 'aye', Fried 'aye', Metropulos 'aye', Timmons 'aye' and Martinson 'aye'.

There was discussion with no action taken.

11: 39 a.m. MOTION: To return to Open Session (Timmons/Martinson), On a Roll Call Vote: Hintz 'aye', Fried 'aye', Metropulos 'aye', Timmons 'aye' and Martinson 'aye'.

A copy of the Oneida County Emergency Management 2013 Department Action Plan was provided, Exhibit #6.

MOTION: To approve the Emergency Management 2013 Department Action Plan (Timmons/Hintz, PASSED).

Bills, vouchers and line item transfers for Emergency Management

The Financial Summary Sheet was presented as requested by the Committee, Exhibit #7.

MOTION: To approve bills, vouchers and line item transfers for Emergency Management (Hintz/Fried, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was given.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Develop agenda at Emergency Management Director's discretion.

ADJOURN

11:34 a.m. MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Timmons/Martinson, PASSED).

Bob Metropulos, Chairman

Dawn Robinson, Committee Secretary