

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 15, 2016**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Cushing, Billy Fried, Bob Metropulos, Chairman Mike Timmons

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mitch Ives (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Allen (Branch II), Medical Examiner Larry Mathein, Daleth Mountjoy (River News), Kathleen Belliveau (Branch I), Amy Franzen (Register in Probate), Clerk of Court Brenda Behrle, Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), Denise Briggs (District Attorney's Office), Sheriff Grady Hartman

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Timmons called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room #1, 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 (Cushing/Metropulos, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the November 11, 2016, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Metropulos/Cushing, PASSED).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for January 19, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. Tentative date for February 2017 meeting will be February 16.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

MOTION: To approve bills, vouchers, and line item transfers for Public Safety Departments (Cushing/Fried, PASSED).

REGISTER IN PROBATE

Juvenile Clerk/Assistant Register in Probate Vacancy Review Appeal

Franzen reported that Juvenile Clerk/Assistant Register in Probate Liz Plautz retired. Franzen stated Plautz gave a two-week notice and the LRES Committee met the day after she gave notice, so that committee has already approved waiving the six month waiting period pending approval of this committee. The position has already been posted internally and advertised outside, as they are hoping to hire someone who has more probate experience. Franzen would like to move forward as soon as possible with the hiring process, as there are only two employees in this department.

MOTION: To waive the six-month vacancy review period for the Juvenile Clerk/Assistant Register in Probate position (Cushing/Metropulos, PASSED).

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Patrol Sergeant Vacancy Review

Sheriff Hartman reported that Patrol Sergeant Nate Ouimette will retire next week with 23+ years of service to Oneida County. Hartman looking for approval to hire a sergeant under the Civil Service County Code to promote from within. Fried asked if Hartman would fill the sergeant position from within and then come back to fill the new vacancy. Hartman stated that under county code he would not need to come back. Hartman stated he would wait eight weeks to fill, then work from a list from April to fill patrol opening, only needing to perform background checks and psychiatric testing.

MOTION: To waive the six-month vacancy review period to fill the Patrol Sergeant position at the Oneida County Sheriff's Office (Cushing/Timmons, PASSED).

Oneida County Code 5.25(2) Duty Weapon upon Retirement

Sheriff Hartman asked that Patrol Sergeant Nate Ouimette received his duty weapon upon hire retirement. Sergeant Ouimette has worked as a patrol deputy, detective sergeant, and patrol sergeant in his 23+ years at the Oneida County Sheriff's Office.

MOTION: To give Sergeant Nate Ouimette his duty weapon upon his retirement, with gratitude for his years of service with Oneida County (Timmons/Cushing, PASSED).

There was discussion about the type of gun, the cost, and if the county was exposed to any liability in giving officers their duty weapon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

River News representative Daleth Mountjoy asked for correction spelling of Nate Ouimette's name, which was provided to him.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

Timmons stated there will be a normal agenda including a mix of items that had been discussed in the past (ie: policies, codes, maintenance agreements, addressing oversights). The next meeting may be a little longer. It was learned that Dave Hintz appointed a chairman to the grievance committee and that committee will start to meet on a regular basis.

ADJOURN

9:56 a.m. MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Cushing/Fried, PASSED).

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Andi Seidel, Committee Secretary

Bob Metropulos, Vice-Chairman