

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Kelly, Billy Fried, Mitch Ives, Russ Fisher, Mike Timmons

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Luke Johnson (Medical Examiner), Shari Gorney (Corporation Counsel), Heidi Ihn (District Attorney's Office), Jean Meyer (Branch I), Grady Hartman (Sheriff's Office), Jill Butzlaff (Sheriff's Office), Jen Allen (Branch II)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Timmons called the meeting to order at 9:30 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/ Ives, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the August 20, 2020, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Fisher/ Timmons, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for October 15, 2020.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

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

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Amended 2020 Department Budget

Heidi Ihn presented the department budget with additional revenue accounted for as previously requested by Fried.

MOTION: To accept the amended department budget and pass on to the committee (Fried/ Fisher, PASSED)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Disposition of Duty Weapon upon Retirement: Greg Gardner

Sheriff Hartman advised that Sergeant Greg Gardner put in his retirement notice. Sheriff Hartman advised that Sgt. Gardner has 25.5 years on the job and will retire in good standing. Sheriff Hartman requested authorization to allow Sgt. Gardner to keep his duty weapon as done in the past for other retirees.

MOTION: To approve Sgt. Gardner keeping his duty weapon. (Timmons/ Kelly, PASSED)

Update on Capital Improvement Projects

Radio System Upgrade – Sheriff Hartman advised that the microwaves are being shipped and estimated to arrive in October. Sheriff Hartman advised that the repeaters are in and Moducom radios are in as well as installed. Sheriff Hartman advised that the project is on track and going well. Mention was made about previous conversation had with Ken Kortenhof regarding the service in the Town of Woodruff.

Phase III Radio – Sheriff Hartman advised that the radios were delivered and the Sheriff's Office is working on installation, which should be completed in the next two months.

2021 Department Budget

Sheriff Hartman explained that overtime, trainings, and transports were at an all-time low in 2020, so the budget was based off 2019, as Sheriff Hartman expects 2021 to return to somewhat normal operation. Sheriff Hartman explained that the budget was kept at zero and money was moved around, but there was no budget made to account for a 5% cut. Conversation was had regarding the Sheriff's Office assistance to Madison and Kenosha regarding riot control. It was explained that these agencies have been billed for the assistance. Conversation was had regarding revenue from commissary money and what that money is used for. Conversation regarding the revenue made by housing state inmates and how it would affect the budget if that revenue was accounted for in full and the Oneida County Jail no longer housed the inmates for some reason. Fried inquired to Sheriff Hartman about Oneida County possibly contributing more money to the Minocqua Police Department's dispatch center and the importance of MQPD's dispatch center as it relates to the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Hartman expressed that MQPD dispatch is important to the county, but if more money is to be directed to them, the Sheriff's Office should be appropriated more money and told to use that money on MPQD dispatch. Sheriff Hartman expressed concern regarding budget cuts and possible layoffs as a result. Conversation was had regarding finding dispatch employees. (*Exhibit 1*)

MOTION: To accept the 2021 budget as presented to include \$15,000.00 for MQPD Dispatch to pass on to the committee (Fried/ Kelly, PASSED)

Ives requested Sheriff Hartman's opinion on the motion. Sheriff Hartman explained that money utilized toward MQPD dispatch is money well spent and expressed concerns regarding finding enough qualified employees for the Sheriff's Office dispatch center if MQPD dispatch dissolved and the Sheriff's Office had to take that on.

Body Camera Package

Sheriff Hartman advised that there was possible concern regarding the Sheriff's Office not having body cameras. Sheriff Hartman advised that he does not think the Sheriff's Office needs the body cameras, but would be willing to implement a policy and purchase the body cameras if the committee and community find them necessary and/or beneficial. Conversation was had regarding the cost of the body cameras, the life of the body cameras, and the cost to store the footage as well as the cost to hire another records technician for redacting purposes. Conversation was had regarding the possibility of body cameras being a mandated item in the future and possible grants for the necessary equipment to do so. No motion was made and it was noted that the estimate provided by Sheriff Hartman put together by Chief Deputy Hess is a useful tool going forward. (*Exhibit 2*)

OTHER BUSINESS

It is anticipated that the Committee will adjourn to closed session pursuant to WI Stats Section 19.85 (1)(c) 'for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the body has jurisdiction or responsibility'. Topic: ADA requests

MOTION: To go into closed session pursuant to WI Stats Section 19.85(1)(c) 'for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Topic: ADA Requests (Fried/ Kelly, On a Roll Call Vote: Timmons: Aye, Fried: Aye, Ives: Aye, Kelly: Aye, Fisher: Aye).

The Committee entered into closed session at 10:33 a.m.

MOTION: To return to open session (Timmons/ Kelly, On a Roll Call Vote: Timmons: Aye, Fried: Aye, Ives: Aye, Kelly: Aye, Fisher: Aye).

The Committee returned to open session at 11:10 a.m.

Timmons advised that in closed session the committee advised they would continue to honor ADA requests and no action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

Department plans for possible future working at home scenarios.

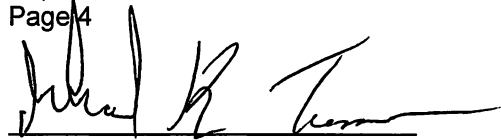
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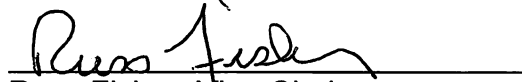
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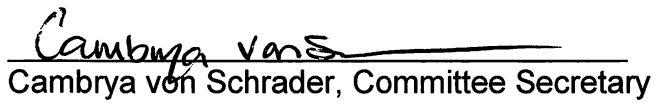
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Mike Timmons, Chairman



Russ Fisher, Vice-Chairman



Cambrya von Schrader, Committee Secretary