



Public Safety Commission

Town of GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

25 MAY 2016

The Public Safety Committee met at MedCare Emergency Health at 5:00 PM.

Attending the meeting were Chairman Hawkins and Commissioners Longley, Provost, White, and Clark.

A quorum was present.

Also present: Chief Strahan, Danielle West

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Proper notice had been posted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the May 5th meeting by Provost, seconded by Clark, Longley abstained.

Motion to approve minutes from the April 29th meeting by Clark, seconded by Provost, Longley abstained.

Motion to approve minutes from the February 24th meeting by Provost, seconded by Clark, Longley abstained.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX:

-A meeting was held on May 16th at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and proposals were presented by Pachico Ross and SVE- the Mayor signed off on the proposal from Pachico Ross. There was discussion about infrastructure renewal and projects over the years as well as debt reduction and where the budget could be based on that. There are grants available and they are being researched. There was also discussion about the dispatch initiative and regionalization, and a commitment was obtained from Donnellan and the Secretary of Public Safety.

POLICE BODY CAMERAS:

-Tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

-None

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE:

-Chief Strahan reports that this fiscal year's budget remains healthy with the exception of Training Overtime. He announced the Fire Fighter Cadran was out on FMLA beginning on May 10th. He noted three fires that were the result of careless disposal. The new ambulance has been lettered and equipped, and is now in service

POLICE:

-Tabled.

EMS:

-EMS reported 243 responses; 94% were on scene in 10 minutes or less. Mutual Aid was needed 15 times and provided 8 times. Other community ambulances were intercepted 21 times; 2 were for Greenfield Fire.

DISPATCH:

-Tabled.

FIRE PROMOTIONAL POLICY:

-Chief Strahan proposed an assessment center similar to that of the Police Department's. He stressed the importance of needing to solidify something prior to the written exam in September, and expressed the he would like to be able to implement the policy in October. Commissioner Longley motioned to recommend that the Department adopt the promotional policy presented on April 11, with revisions to be made at a later date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Longley motioned to recommend that the Mayor use the assessment center, written exam, and oral interview (option 1 in the draft of the policy). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clark. All in favor, the motions passed. Chief Strahan plans to present an RFP soon.

OPEN FLOOR:

-None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-None

Commissioner Longley moved to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Provost. All in favor the motion passed. The meeting ended at 6:10 PM.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22nd at the Greenfield Police Department Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Nugent, Recording Clerk

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