



## **Public Safety Commission**

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### **Town of GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

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## **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 27 MAY 2015**

The Public Safety Committee met at the Greenfield Police Department meeting room at 5:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Butch Hawkins, and Commissioners Gary Longley, Adam Provost, Skip White, and Frederick Clark

A quorum was present.

Also present: Deputy Chief Williams, 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**

Commissioner White moved to approve the special meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Longley. All in favor, the motion passed. Commissioner Longley moved to approve regular meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner White

### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **SAFETY COMPLEX WORKING GROUP:**

-No new news to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

None

#### **EMS:**

- Ms. West reported 281 responses, 94.98% on scene in 10 minutes or less. Needed Mutual Aid 15 times. Ambulance stationed at Wormtown from 7am to 3pm and they would assess anyone in need and additional ambulance was sent for serious cases. No mutual aid needed for that- first time in history, probably due to being fully staffed. State inspection completed and rep said it was the best inspection he has ever seen. Another new ambulance was purchased.

**FIRE:**

- Chief Strahan reports that the Operating budget currently has 13.8% remaining, Vehicle maint & training are both way over, but in decent shape overall. Since October Engine 1 responded 691 calls for service; A1 responded to 681 calls for service so ambulance is helping cut down on engine responses. The ambulance account is finally in the black. Engine 2 was finally delivered.

**POLICE:**

- Budget it in good shape. COPS Hiring grant is under way- going to opt to promise to hire a veteran to increase our chances. It would cover wages for 2 years and town needs to **commit to two positions** for a year after that. Needs mayoral approval to submit. Did have an IT crash due to a virus but the impact was minimal in comparison to the last time this happened- still made the need for better virus protection and a better firewall apparent. Fernando is working on that, on top of backing up every 24 hours (which has been the practice since the last crash). Longley suggested we ask for aid of FBI if this happens again. Still having an issue with our phone system. Our board burnt out so we lost the ability to handle multiple calls at once and occasionally the phone line here does not even work at all. We are in talks with Verizon and the changeover date is supposed to be for next Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Clark- if that date doesn't pan out, can the Commission be notified? This is a public safety issue and it needs to be addressed at a higher level if they don't deliver. Williams assured them the department will keep them informed. Older records are being disposed of and any that we still need will be converted to digital files to free up space. Franklin County Regional Special Response Team: Grant from Homeland Security. \$59,900 to buy equipment, pay for training, and reimburse overtime. While Sheriff's dept will be involved, it would be run by GPD. There is interest here and those individuals have passed physical standard tests but members have not yet been selected yet. Goal would be to meet monthly and be able to respond to any situation called for. Radar is up on Monson Street – indicated that there is in fact a speeding issue here and the department is aware of the time it happens so Patrol has been notified. 7 applicants for Sergeants exam- 1 cannot take the exam until he returns from military leave overseas. Longley- do oral reviews and records reviews before the assessment center so that after the exam, the process is over. Williams agreed.

**DISPATCH:**

None

**OPEN FLOOR:**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**Commissioner Clark** moved to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner White. All in favor the motion passes. The meeting ended at 5:55 PM.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 29th at the Greenfield Police Department meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Nugent, Recording Clerk