

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2007

The Public Safety Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, at the Stratford Police Department Conference Room, 900 Longbrook Avenue, Stratford, CT, pursuant to notice duly posted.

Members Present: Gavin Forrester, John Miranda, William Stroomer, and Rose Blackwell.

Also Present: Police Chief Michael Imbro, Deputy Fire Chief Michael Hostetter, Donna Best (EMS Asst), Councilman Robert Camillo, Olivia Gombar and Kevin Giasullo.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Acting Chairman Gavin Forrester called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Chairman Stavola was unable to attend due to a professional obligation. Mr. Camillo sat in for Chairman Stavola with full voting privileges.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- UPON MOTION BY MR. STROOMER AND SECONDED BY MR. MIRANDA, THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2006 WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

III OLD BUSINESS – Updates/Reviews

A. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Assistant Fire Chief Hostetter distributed and reviewed the monthly report for December 2006. There were 398 total calls, 245 were EMS related calls (61%), 139 were fire related calls (35%) and there were 14 service related calls (4%).

B. **POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Imbro distributed and reviewed the monthly report for December 2006. The Chief reported that December was an average month. Shoplifting was up due to the holiday season. Three arrests have been made in connection with the youth muggings. Vandalism to the Nativity scenes is under investigation. Chief Imbro has suggested to the Mayor that he offer an award. They are trying to keep the Animal Shelter afloat. The new ACO is doing a good job and adoptions are up. He has requested money in the budget for cats. The State has now mandated that all cats have to be altered before being released (cost is \$40/cat). Cats are not licensed like dogs, so the Town doesn't make any money. The architectural design for the new Animal Shelter has been awarded by Building Needs to Silver Petrucelli. Discussion followed about whether the present site was a good location for the new Shelter because of contamination issues.

- Mr. Forrester asked Chief Imbro about the Harborside Xmas Party and the Ramada New Year's Party. Chief Imbro stated that New Yorkers attended the Xmas Party and their bouncers couldn't control the crowd. One officer was injured when he slipped and broke his leg. No one was arrested, but the matter has been referred to the Liquor Control Commission. The Ramada party was attended by locals who trashed the place. Arrests were made.

- Chief Imbro has not been in contact with Supt. Cornish about the youths congregating on the Town Hall Green. However, this is not school property and to his knowledge no crimes have been committed.

C. **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:** Donna Best distributed and reviewed the monthly report for December 2006. Total Calls for the month were 486 – Stratford 423, Nelson 46, AMR 15, and Mutual Aid 2. Total calls for 2006 was 5636, the highest volume to date.

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- Problems with some of the dispatchers and incidents of long response time were discussed. The Dispatch Supervisor is Brian Thomas, who in turn reports to the Fire Chief. Mr. Thomas will be asked to attend next month's meeting to discuss the Committee's concerns. Ms. Best stated that there is an EMS complaint form that the public can fill out, but there is currently no feedback about what was done. Mr. Forrester suggested that EMS should follow up with the complainant.

- Mr. Forrester inquired about the status of the new portable radios. Ms. Best indicated that the security system has been partially delivered and the rest should be delivered by next Thursday.

- MR. STROOMER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MR. MIRANDA, THAT THE RADIOS BE IN PLACE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF DELIVERY AND THAT THIS BE REFERRED TO THE MAYOR FOR ACTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Mr. Forrester requested that the decommissioned ambulance be removed from the grass.

D. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR.** No report as Mr. Schirillo was absent.

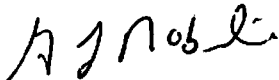
IV **NEW BUSINESS.**

- Mr. Camillo inquired about the Public Safety Committee's involvement in getting EMS its own facility.

V **ADJOURNMENT.**

- UPON MOTION BY MR. STROOMER AND SECONDED BY MR. CAMILLO, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted



Gail J. Nobili
Recording Secretary