

Minutes

Public Safety Committee

June 20, 2018, 4:15 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Niebel, Vanstrom, Bankoski, Whitford, Pavlock

Others: Tampio, Ames, Griffith, Himelein, Dennison, O'Connell, Abdella, Gerace, Cresanti

Chairman Niebel called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (5/16/18)

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Whitford

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

Proposed Resolution- Authorize NY Alert Use Agreement with NY State Office of Information Technology Services

Mr. Griffith: This is very easy. It doesn't involve any money at all. The State of New York has had New York Alert for years and it's a tremendous system. This system allows us, as emergency providers to notify people through the telephone system, text messages, and emails of possible alerts, things that are happening, natural disasters, storms, flooding's and other things like that. The State of New York has changed the vendor that they are dealing with so it required all new agreements for everyone to sign. We needed the County Executives signature on this so we put it as a resolution to come to authorize him to do that. I do encourage everyone that I talk with to join New York Alert, to support NY Alert and get signed up to use it because notifications can save lives.

Chairman Niebel: OK, questions? Concerns?

Legislator Bankoski: Who is the vendor?

Mr. Griffith: Everbridge. We don't deal with them at all, we only deal with New York but because New York changed vendors everyone had to sign new paperwork.

Chairman Niebel: Anybody else? All those in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Compensation for County Coroners

Chairman Niebel: Is there anyone here for this resolution? Let me just go over this. We are currently paying our County Coroners \$150.00 per case and that's up from \$80 per diem for last year. What this resolution does is it continues to pay the Coroners \$150.00 that we are already paying them after June 27th of 2018. Does anyone have any questions or concerns on this?

Legislator Pavlock: I have a question, Mr. Chairman. It just says after June 27th. Is there any end dates?

Chairman Niebel: No, apparently there isn't. There could be if the Legislature decided to change that, but for the time being it would be \$150.00 going forward from June 27th. Recently we approved the increase and it was in the last few months- maybe in March, we approved the increase from the per diem to the per case.

Legislator Pavlock: I understand that. It was also my understanding that in that time we would have researched and come up with an accurate and true wage would be moving forward. Do we know that? Is this accurate?

Legislator Bankoski: That's what the committee researched and came up with as a fair and reasonable amount for them. (*Inaudible*)

Chairman Niebel: They were receiving \$80.00 per diem and if they had two or three or four cases, that's all they received. So now this would be per case. I think that the Coroners feel that this much more reasonable and accurate.

Legislator Bankoski: Yes. We changed some of the stipulations on how they are supposed to conduct-

Chairman Niebel: Responsibilities and such?

Legislator Bankoski: There was a lot of grey area.

Chairman Niebel: Good questions. Anything else on this? Questions or concerns? Those in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Execution for New York State Office of Homeland Security And Emergency Services Grant for Bomb Squad Initiative Program

Sheriff Gerace: This has the magic words “no local share.” This is a grant that we receive from Homeland Security and it supports our Explosive Devices Team. We have a certified Bomb Squad and this gives us some funding to do training and then backfill while the bomb technicians are at training and also some equipment.

Legislator Bankoski: How much is the grant for?

Sheriff Gerace: \$110,000.

Chairman Niebel: And it’s for three years?

Sheriff Gerace: Correct, it’s a three year period. Three year fiscal year.

Legislator Whitford: Is this a carry-over from (*inaudible.*)

Sheriff Gerace: I think it’s appropriated over a three year fiscal year, but we might have to move the money forward if we are not going to spend it this calendar year. We would do that by resolution.

Chairman Niebel: Folks, anymore questions for the Sheriff? Those in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Agreement with Clymer Central School District for Provision Of Space for Sheriff’s Sub-Station

Sheriff Gerace: Mr. Chair, at the request of Clymer we looked at the possibility of moving a sub-station that we currently have at Peek-n- Peak. It is time to make a- they have been very gracious to give us space but this is better space plus it serves dual purpose. We have a presence at the school at a time that is important and there will be no cost to the County for us to use that space. It’s ideal for us. The way that it’s situated, we can come in and out without disrupting the school in any way and still have a presence there when patrol needs to use space. It would be similar to what we did at Pine Valley except for the fuel farm. They do not have a separate fuel farm at the school but that’s not a problem for us. Having the presence would be good.

Chairman Niebel: This is exactly what we did for Pine Valley and I think we approved that resolution last month. Same idea. Any further questions for the Sheriff? Those in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Lease Agreement Extension with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for Space on the Hall R. Clothier Building Tower

Sheriff Gerace: Mr. Chairman, this is a resolution- we have actually had this agreement for many years. This is just a little change that doesn't affect the bottom line of our budget because although it's a bit higher number per month, this is a contract that we put in place- it used to be a reciprocal agreement. We lease space on a Cherry Creek tower and when AT&T owned both that tower and leased space from us here, we just did it as a wash. They have since sold off that tower site and the vendor raised our price, so we are bumping our price up to match the price to make it a wash to us. I wish it was additional revenue, but it's not.

Chairman Niebel: It's \$1,500 per year?

Sheriff Gerace: Correct.

Chairman Niebel: For five years? And then there are extension clauses?

Sheriff Gerace: Correct. We can renegotiate at that time.

Chairman Niebel: Any questions for the Sheriff on this resolution? Those in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Lease Agreement Extension with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for Space on the Tower and Building at Dunkirk Tower

Sheriff Gerace: Mr. Chairman, they have been on our tower there. Actually, if you look at the date it is commencing December 1st of 2020. That seems like a long ways away but it's not. What they are trying to do is, nationwide they are trying to forecast a little further out with their cost and trying to bring the cost in line with what is standardized cost. We had put an escalation clause in their agreement and those can grow beyond the actual expense. We will need an adjustment to our budget in 2020 with a little bit less money, but it is reasonable and we can't just keep raising the cost if your cost doesn't go up. This would actually commence in 2020.

Chairman Niebel: Joe, you mentioned the escalator clause and now that I'm looking at it, it does call for an annual increase of 10% for each additional extension of the contract. I don't think we had that in the last one, did we?

Sheriff Gerace: No. That's because we are doing a reciprocal agreement with two different companies. This is a little unusual, but they are looking ahead to try to stabilize their expenses. You could make the argument that if we charged them 3% or 5% more every year that could grow beyond reasonable and they could build their own tower. We are trying to level off-

Chairman Niebel: It kind of locks them into working with us too. I mean if we are looking ahead to 2020 which is only two years from now, at least we know we have a \$1,800 per month agreement for five years.

Sheriff Gerace: We try to utilize our tower space. We take the prime space for Public Safety and then if we have the ability to lease other spots on the tower, that's a bonus for us to be able to get that revenue.

Chairman Niebel: Any other questions for the Sheriff?

Mr. Abdella: Where it says, "With an additional annual increase of 10%," I'm guessing that it's probably not 10% each year. Maybe we should take out the word "annual."

Chairman Niebel: Yes, that's a good idea.

Mr. Abdella: It would read, "With an additional increase of 10% for each of the additional extension terms." The first five years is at this rate and then it will go up by 10% for the second five and then 10% more for the third five.

Chairman Niebel: That's the way that I interpreted it but if you wanted to change that to clarify-

Mr. Abdella: You would amend to take out the word "annual" in Number 2- Rent.

Legislator Whitford: I'll motion to amend.

Legislator Vanstrom: I'll second that motion.

Chairman Niebel: Those in favor of the amendment? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried to Amend the Resolution

Chairman Niebel: Now we will vote on the resolution as amended. Those in favor of the resolution as amended? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried as Amended

Discussion- Administrative Code Amendments- Re: Coroners- County Attorney Abdella

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Pavlock to adjourn.

Unanimously Carried (4:37 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Olivia L. Ames, Committee Secretary