

Minutes

Public Safety Committee

January 20, 2021, 4:00 pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Niebel, Bankoski, Pavlock, Hemmer

Member Absent: Whitford

Others: Tampio, Ames, Chagnon, Quattrone, Griffith, Dennison, M. Contiguglia

Chairman Niebel called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (12/9/20)

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Hemmer.

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Clerk Tampio: There are no communications received.

Proposed Resolution – Confirm Appointment and Re-Appointments - Chautauqua County
Fire Advisory Board

Mr. Griffith: These are annual appointments who are volunteering their time to serve on the Fire Advisory Board. The Fire Advisory Board is made up of representatives from the 4 Battalions and their purpose is to advise and assist the fire service through the coordinators office and also inform the County Executive and your committee, if needed, as to what was going on in the fire service. Nothing really out of the ordinary in this. In looking at it, it's pretty much all reappointments. There is one new appointment on the 4th Battalion here. Yeager from Falconer and everyone else, I believe as I look down through here, oh yea, Rusty Hardenberg from the 2nd Battalion but other than that they are all reappointments. Any questions on this for me?

Chairman Niebel: Any questions from the Committee? John, 3rd Battalion, we're lacking one person?

Mr. Griffith: Regrettably, Randy Champoe, who had served in that position for a long time, passed away last month from COVID. His position was filled with Dan Sisson as a new appointment for the full position and Battalion Coordinator Scott Bailey is handling virtual electronic (*cross talk*) fill that last position for the alternate for the 3rd Battalion. But yes, that is

why there is an open seat there and it should be filled by the end of the day today. We'll get that information (*inaudible*)...

Chairman Niebel: So does that have to come before us next month?

Mr. Griffith: We would have a resolution next month to confirm (*inaudible*) for your approval and the County Executive's approval going forward.

Chairman Niebel: Any other questions of John?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Authorize Acceptance of Indigent Legal Services Grant for the Period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022

Ms. Contiguglia: I'm the data officers for the Public Defender's office. These funds are a continuation of distribution seven which ended on 12/31/19 and the funds are for \$269,919. It does not require any budget amendments or any additions to the – like the budget will help to maintain the local share of the Public Defender's office.

Chairman Niebel: Committee, any questions of Madeline?

Legislator Hemmer: This is not adding any additional employees or anything? It's just funding the normal operation of the Public Defender's office.

Ms. Contiguglia: Exactly. It's doesn't add any additional staff, it doesn't add any additional expense to the County. It just to help maintain some of our expenses that we currently have. It does add a line for COVID 19 related expenses for the Public Defender's office. So, New York State has offered to assume the expense for those expenses that we had. We had to add plexie glass barriers, face masks, sanitizing, extra cleaning supplies. I know everybody's had those expenses these days so they just took on the responsibility of those expenses will not cost the County any money. It will all be through New York State.

Chairman Niebel: John, just for your information, a few years ago we did add a number of people to the Public Defender's office and it was through this grant fully funded by the State.

Legislator Hemmer: So this is just a continuation of that.

Chairman Niebel: Pretty much. Those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Confirming 2021 Salary of Public Defender

Clerk Tampio: I will address that for you Mr. Chairman. As you recall in the Organizational meeting held in 2020, we appointed Ned Barone as our Public Defender for a two

year term and within that resolution we set his salary. It was a base salary plus the money that they received through the Indigent Legal Services grant to supplement this salary. The 2021 was set at a base salary however at that time, we did not know what the award and it was not received yet, the next grant funding award through ILS to supplement his salary. So since then, we have received that and that's what the previous resolution referred to, that same amount of money that goes towards supplements of salaries in the Public Defender's office. So in order to set his 2021 salary, I requested the information from Kathleen Dennison to see what money was available and designated for his salary increment and that's when this resolution came about to reset his 2021 salary.

Chairman Niebel: Committee, any questions of Kathy or Kathleen?

Clerk Tampio: I would add that Kathleen determined what portion of the grant was to be utilized for Ned's supplement but she also backed out the amount of the whole amount so we just have salary and then there was an amount that's designated for benefits. That's why you have different numbers in there.

Chairman Niebel: My thought is that in the last RESOVLED, \$74,321 is strictly for the salary. The difference between that and the \$89,973 is \$15,652 and that's probably the fringe benefits, the .8's, retirement, etc.. Kathleen, is that more or less correct?

Mrs. Dennison: That's exactly correct.

Chairman Niebel: All those in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Other

Chairman Niebel: Does anyone have anything for the good of the Committee and agenda? Hearing nothing, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Pavlock

Unanimously Carried (4:10 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Kathy Tampio, Clerk/Olivia Ames, Deputy Clerk/Lori J. Foster, Sr. Stenographer