

**COMMITTEE DAY
LAKE PLEASANT, NY
MONDAY
AUGUST 24, 2015**

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/EMERGENCY RESPONSE
COMMITTEE
9:00 AM**

Members present: Rick Wilt

Also present: Bill Farber, Bob Edwards, John Frey, Karl Abrams, Don Purdy and Pete Klein

Emergency Manager Purdy opened the meeting with a power point presentation with Mr. Wilt discussing the PSAP Center. In order for us to be able to take cell phone calls we need to become a certified PSAP and this is the first step towards that with many to follow. Mr. Wilt asked Sheriff Abrams if he ever heard back if there is a certain number of staff he will need.

Sheriff Abrams stated no, just that he will need a two person staff for the center and feels he may be able to do it with the staff he has.

Mr. Farber stated if we have something setup to take roll-over calls he thinks they will get comfortable with it.

Mr. Wilt reported the other things in the PSAP are recording, mapping and all the data. When they get a emergency call they need to know what fire district they are in and which one you dispatch etc.

Mr. Farber asked how that becomes automatic when someone calls on a cell phone and we have limited towers and capacity to triangulate locations.

Mr. Wilt stated we will never be able to triangulate, we would need 4G to be able to pin point locations.

The committee then reviewed the Jail floor plans. The reception area and booking will be on the front side of the jail, on the South Shore Road side, and in the back of the jail will be the dispatching center.

They discussed costs on dedicated phone lines verses having Fulton/Montgomery County handle the calls.

After having many meetings and looking at the numbers Mr. Wilt proposes that they move forward with the standalone system.

Mr. Farber wanted to review the PSAP funding.

Emergency Manager Purdy stated one grant is budgeted at \$144,600.00 and expires April 2016 which has been extended twice and another one for \$166,000.00 that expires December 2015. The grants are 100%.

Mr. Snyder entered during the power point presentation.

Mr. McGovern entered during the power point presentation along with Budget Office Mezzano.

Mr. Frey asked if any of that money was for training or staffing.

Mr. Purdy stated the training cost was figured in the standalone amount along with a five year maintenance program.

Sheriff Abrams pointed out that's the training cost for just the system and then he has to get everyone certified 911 and as of April 1st we should be getting approximately another \$166,000.00. Emergency Manager Purdy stated in theory we have been told to look forward to this \$166,000.00 a year. We can use this money for training, staffing, fringe etc.

Tomorrow is the balloon test for Arietta and at the County Office buildings.

Sheriff Abrams asked for approval to purchase a pickup this year and the county will be reimbursed 50% of the purchase price. It will be to pull snowmobile trailers, boats, etc. It needs to be purchased this year and then the reimbursement will come next year, he would need \$27,000.00.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9:40 AM

Members present: John Frey, Bob Edwards and Neil McGovern

Also present: Bill Farber, Rick Wilt, Phil Snyder, Frank Mezzano and Pete Klein

Mr. Frey asked about the VoteYesfortheAdirondack.com web page. It was originally to get information out regarding the ballot proposals last elections.

Mr. Farber stated that wasn't why we had the web page, Behan Communications set that up. We worked in partnership with them but they paid for it and handled all of it during the elections. Then a year ago we renewed it because we were working on the Land Bank Amendment and a number of communities had projects that they were hoping to get approved under that. A short discussion continued and was decided by the majority of the committee members present not to renew it.

Public Health Director Franko entered.

Mr. Frey stated in regards to cost of living, what percentage should we be telling our department heads to use for their upcoming budgets. On the Comptrollers report for the tax cap it is .71 to .73. Budget Officer Mezzano has found through ECI - Employment Cost Index which is for State and Local Governments only; they are stating for salaries 1.9%.

Mr. Frey has put 2% in for his town budget. He advocates for 1.9% or 2% for the county employees and to do a resolution to override the tax cap. With rising costs and the State giving a .73 for the tax cap there is no way that they will be able to be under the tax cap without cutting Highway's budget again.

Mr. Edwards stated he doesn't think his town will be able to stay within the cap also. Mr. Wilt and Mr. Snyder stated that they have not started their budgets yet.

Mr. McGovern stated his town is at 1.5% for salaries.

After some discussion everyone agreed to 2% to start with for the working budget.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

10:00 AM

Members present: Neil McGovern and Phil Snyder

Also present: Bill Farber, Rick Wilt, Bob Edwards, John Frey, Susan Franko and Pete Klein

Public Health Director Franko handed out the 2014 Public Health's Annual Report and reviewed.

INTERNAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

10:15 AM

Employee evaluations.