

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY MINUTES: April 26, 2010

PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY

COMMITTEE: Martin Rogowsky, Chair, John Nonna, William Burton, Peter Harckham

In Attendance: BOL: Larry Goldstein, Melanie Montalto Guests: Hope Corbin

MINUTES:

Chairman Rogowsky called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Chairman Rogowsky explained that the item on the agenda was originally referred to the Public Works, Parks, Labor & Transportation Committee and has been referred by the Chair of that Committee to this Committee. Chairman Rogowsky stated that this item has already been signed out of the Budget & Appropriations Committee and the Inter-Municipal Agreement was explained by Tony Sutton, Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and he is available by phone this morning if we have any questions.

The Committee agreed that Commissioner Sutton's presentation at the Budget & Appropriations Committee was sufficient, and this is an IMA that is being renewed to continue Emergency Shelter Training with the City of New York.

Moved by Legislator Burton and seconded by Legislator Harckham agenda item number 17, was approved with a vote 4-0.

Moved by Legislator Nonna seconded by Legislator Burton the minutes of the February 22, 2010 meeting were approved with a vote 4-0.

The Committee discussed the status of the Fire Suppression licensing legislation, item number 1 on the Committee's agenda. Chairman Rogowsky agreed to work with Committee staff offline to bring himself up to speed and bring legislation to the floor to get this item completed.

Legislator Harckham asked that the Committee look into helping the volunteer fire and ambulance core's convert to electronic files of all of the calls they respond too.

Legislator Nonna asked that the Public Safety Commissioner come in to explain the gun licensing process in order for clarification and understanding.

Chairman Rogowsky stated that he is looking into the notification process when there is an emergency in the County to make sure the legislature is properly notified and available to assist in communicating with their constituents.

Chairman Rogowsky stated he wants to get to the bottom of the inmate healthcare issue. He said he found a company through NACO that specializes in inmate insurance and he will look into

that. He also stated that there is a Federal Bill pending in congress that would allow inmates who are pre-conviction to remain on Medicaid or their private insurance until they are convicted. This legislation could save us money and really help us at the county jail.

The Committee discussed the issue with Leandra's Law, which puts the burden of cost of implementation of the inter-lock systems on the County. Many Counties are passing resolutions asking for a delay of the law or financial assistance from the state.

With a motion by Legislator Burton seconded by Legislator Nonna the Committee on Public Safety and Security adjourned with a vote of 4-0 at 10:01 a.m.

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