PUBLIC SAFETY
Tuesday, December 1, 2015 – 6:55 p.m.
Police Training Room – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Chairman leFeber, Vice Chairman Gonzalez, Alderman Andreano, Alderman Tertinek, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Jester; Others: Mayor William Aiello; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

1. Roll Call

Alderman leFeber called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present except Alderman Barnard, who was excused.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Tuesday, November 17, 2015)

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting was made by Alderman leFeber, seconded by Alderman Jester. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

3. Unfinished Business

   a. PL #122-15: (Jester) To amend Chapter 15 of the City of Olean Code of Ordinances, Noise.

   A motion to postpone PL #122-15 to the next Public Safety meeting was made by Alderman leFeber, seconded by Alderman Andreano. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

   b. Discussion – Crossing Guards at Eastview Elementary School

   Chief Rowley stated that he and one of his Captains went over to the area the two days following the last meeting to monitor the situation. Given the description by the principal presented at the last meeting, he expected to see children running everywhere. However, he found that there weren’t that many children crossing the street. He witnessed parents parking and crossing the street to get their children, and a couple of stragglers here or there. He did see children crossing on Alder Street; however, the crossing guard would not affect this as the request was not for this area. He feels that there is no need or justification to have a crossing guard placed here.

   He did advise that the Police Department would periodically be checking the area for vehicle and traffic offenses.

   Alderman leFeber questioned if we had heard anything from the school regarding parents who may want to take the job, and Alderman Jester replied that we have not. However, he stated
that Dr. Taggerty is interested in meeting to discuss allowing the school system to have a bigger role. He suggested that we allow the school system to take over staffing so that they are responsible if someone does not show up, but that the City could still provide funding.

Alderman Smith stated that a solution to the problem would be for the school to not allow children to leave the school unattended. He has to leave his vehicle and go inside to pick up his children from Walsh, and Eastview could consider implementing such a policy.

4. New Referrals for Consideration

c. Discussion – SPCA Contract

Alderman leFeber stated that everyone should have received a copy of the proposed contract via email. Mayor Aiello stated that we have been in contact with the new Executive Director and Board of Directors at the SPCA to get a new contract put into place. He stated that the presented contract is in the best interest of the City to meet what our needs are.

Alderman Tertinek questioned if there was a peace officer available to write tickets, and Mayor Aiello replied that they do have one, whom they refer to as the “dog control officer”. He added that the contract is for a 6 month period, so that if we renew or enter into a new contract, it will correspond with the City’s budget year.

A PL and Resolution will be presented at the next regular council meeting for consideration.

5. Approval of Committee Reports

A motion to approve Committee Reports was made by Alderman leFeber, seconded by Alderman Jester. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman leFeber, seconded by Alderman Andreano. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.