

CANDIA SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF
October 11th, 2022
APPROVED

SFC Members Present: Brien Brock (BOS), Chief Mike McGillen (PD), Mark Chalbeck (PB), Russ Dann (BC/BOS), Rick Langlois (PD), Kevin Coughlin, Tom Severino and Andria Hansen (TA). **Absent;** Jim Wilson (FD), Ron Severino. Joseph Flanagan, Ed Domingos (FD), Jeff Wuebbolt (HWY) and Bob Stout.

5:00 pm B. Brock called the public meeting to order immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Brock stated the Committee Member will be discussing a list of items for the future advertising and events for the proposed Police Facility. Beth Chalbeck (resident) has volunteered to be the contact person for the website that Eckman Construction will be creating. Chief McGillen explained that it cannot be an employee of the Town to volunteer, and they will also need a person to provide the information to Eckman. The contact/resident will be responsible to pay for the website by credit card.

T. Severino expressed that he is very concerned about the overall budget. The total amount of money needed to build the PD Facility shocks him and it must worry the community. He feels a 4.1 million building will never pass in this Town. He has had conversations with Eckman Construction, and they do not believe it would pass either. He noted Eckman Construction has not billed the Town, nor do they plan to bill for any of the work they have done so far. At this point T. Severino would like the Committee to think about regrouping and to reconfigure the PD's needs for a \$2.5 building that they can afford. B. Brock said he is very concerned with the 2023 proposed Town Budget and how they need to do some serious cutbacks on their plans. T. Severino said they could construct a PD Facility that would be a simple building that is large enough in order to move them out of the overcrowded Town Office building. With the current status of high heating cost for the residents to pass by before presenting it to the voters in March 2023. He offered to work on the plans until next summer. One of the reasons why the cost of the PD was priced so high is due to the FD a connection/addition to the Police facility in the future. If they choose not to have the future FD connection/ addition a few items may be eliminated. That would give them the opportunity to focus on what is needed for the PD building, yet still meet all the requirements. It will also give the Town Offices more room.

The members conversed on the possibility of bringing to town vote in 2024, and breaking ground by end of that year. They took a consensus of what they want to concentrate on. All members gave their vote in not going to Town Voting with a warrant article in 2023 and would like to redesign the PD's current plans for a facility costing 2.5 million. R. Dann was not in favor.

At this point T. Severino will reach out to A. Mento of SMP to review the plans again and find out what they can change. T. Severino will search for someone to assist with a General Contractor and a Clerk of the Works that will work for them so they have the skills and contacts needed, but they will do they heavy lifting through the whole building with help of the local force and all helping. They will need to have the help of a professional who has the expertise of this type of building. T. Severino will call A. Mento to let him know there has been a direction change. He noted it would be too small of a building for Eckman to assist with and they can have it built with local people.

The members agreed they will continue to participate in Candia Meet & Greet on October 26th at the CYAA. Display and flyers will be distributed at Town Voting in March 2023. They will have a wooden sign placed on the property purchased. At this point the members will wait to create the website for the PD Facility.

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T. Severino will call A. Mento to inform him about the committee wanting to pause the plans, that they would like to regroup with him on October 25th, 2022 @ 5:00pm.

Approval of Minutes: Public Session Minutes for August 23rd, 2022. Line 51 correct to Sergeant.

MOTION: M. McGillen made a motion to accept the August 23rd, 2022, public minutes, as amended. Seconded by M. Chalbeck. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Public Session Minutes for September 20th, 2022. None noted.

MOTION: R. Dann made a motion to accept the September 20th, 2022, minutes, as presented. Seconded by M. McGillen. Public Session Minutes. All in favor. Motion passed.

M. McGillen updated the members that Primex did an assessment of the current PD. At this point he is waiting to hear back on what they report.

6:12 pm R. Dann made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by K. Coughlin. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Chandonnet