

Minutes

Erie County Charter Revision Commission

Public Safety Standing Committee

January 19, 2006

The Public Safety Standing Committee met at its regularly scheduled time and place. The meeting was brought to order by Chairman Flaherty and the roll was called. The minutes from the meeting on January 12 were distributed; due to their length and the absence of two members, the committee agreed that approval of the minutes would wait so that each member had an opportunity to review them thoroughly.

There were no members of the public in the audience.

By unanimous vote, the committee elected Mr. DePasquale to serve as recording secretary of the committee. Congratulations were extended by all present.

The committee had been scheduled to hear from CPS Commissioner Comerford. His testimony was postponed until February 9th when he will appear along with Commissioner Walters.

The committee will hear from former Town of Lancaster Police Chief Tom Fowler at its next meeting on January 26, 2006.

The committee agreed to maintain its current pace of progress. The goal is to hear from every elected and appointed official, among others, who play a relevant role in the portions of the Charter assigned for our review.

The Chairman advised that he would attempt to schedule Sheriff Howard to appear on February 2, 2006. Questions for the Sheriff will include his understanding of how his office assumed such a large role in local law enforcement and how the local municipalities can better collaborate on police protection. With the assistance of Chairperson Lynn Marinelli, the Chairman also extended invitations to members of the Erie County Legislature Public Safety Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Mr. Kelly.

All Commissioners were present except Mr. Newman and Mr. DePasquale.