

# Council approves union contract for public safety dispatchers

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Public Safety Dispatcher Gina Silsby monitors one of seven computer displays on November 15th. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

CHEEKTOWAGA – The men and women responsible for dispatching police and fire units to incidents in Cheektowaga and Sloan have a new collective bargaining agreement in place after working under the terms of an old contract for nearly two-and-half years.

The town council approved the successor agreement Tuesday night.

“There was a lot of concessions, language-wise that saved the town money on overtime, vacation, and scheduling issues; things that we have had problems with in the past,” said Councilmember Timothy Meyers.

He says the new agreement mirrors the pay raises other union contracts received when they were recently settled. There is a bonus for 2016 and a two percent pay increase each year for 2017, 2018, and 2019.

“It was a long drawn out process,” said Gary Budzynski, President of the Town of Cheektowaga Public Safety Dispatchers Association. “Tim Meyers helped quite a bit and so did Christine Adamczyk. They both helped us through the process, and we’re very happy with the outcome.”

Like a majority of the town’s other union contracts, the dispatcher’s deal will expire on December 31, 2019.

“There will be a lot of new items from the town’s perspective that’ll be part of negotiations – unions wide,” added Mr. Meyers.

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