

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Michael Miazga, Chairperson.

ROLL CALL:

Raymond Bailey
Trustee Phil Hart
Diane Madigan
Michael Miazga-Chairperson
Regina Miller-Vice Chairperson
Richard Wardwell
Anthony Woodford-Absent-Excused

Others in attendance: Interim Director Carl McClanahan, Captain Ken Brooks, Captain Greg Laurain, Fire Chief Darwin Loyer, Supervisor White, Secretary Kennedy, audience of seventeen (17).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion Bailey support Wardwell to approve the agenda.
MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES: Motion Bailey support Wardwell to approve the minutes of November 10, 8, 2009, with a spelling correction. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

REPORTS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS: Interim Public Safety Director, Carl McClanahan introduced himself and then conducted a presentation regarding concerns of Public Safety Dept. conditions. The budget for 2010 is reduced 4.96% less than the 2009 budget. Response times will remain unchanged. All standard mandated training will be conducted. Vehicle maintenance will remain unchanged. The Marine Patrol will be utilized on Belleville Lake, 5 days including holidays and weekends. The S.I.U. unit will remain unchanged regarding staffing and utilization. Support for public functions will be utilized wherever and whenever possible. School support will be provided as needed and the S.R.O. program will depend on the school system's ability to pay.

There are no plans to purchase new technology, however pieces are being replaced and CLEMIS usage will be expanded. A new program will be initiated in the near future which will be a voluntary, free community alert system. The Accident Investigation Team has not been eliminated per Director McClanahan.

Questions were addressed by Director McClanahan from members of the committee and also from members of the audience.

Director stated that animal ordinance is now assigned to the police department and that if there is a necessity for a replacement, there is a contractual company who will assist at a cost, or an on duty police officer may assist.

Chief Darwin Loyer addressed issues concerning the fire department. New training programs will be conducted on line and available through M.M.R.A. More in-house training will be utilized. Vehicle maintenance will remain unchanged. The overtime issue will be addressed by clearing a fire scene as soon as possible. Support for local public functions will be provided by the duty crew as possible. A new pre-plan program will be conducted utilizing the duty crew, who will visit commercial buildings and obtain information for possible emergencies which will be input into the computer for possible future use.

The promotion process will be conducted in February for three (3) Lieutenant positions.

Supervisor White stated that sensational events will be addressed at the time by the Police and Fire Departments and the budget will be addressed afterwards.

Overtime issues, Director McClanahan stated, will attempt to be kept under control, Overtime will only be utilized in extreme emergencies.

Director McClanahan stated there are ten take-home vehicles, two of which are leased (Director's Vehicle & Capt. Brooks) the other vehicles have been purchased with forfeiture funds. These vehicles are fully equipped and are a valuable asset. There is a vehicle use policy in effect.

A V.B.T. Civic member questioned the possibility that donated items presently unused by the department would be sold, but was reassured by the Director that the equipment would be stored for future use.

Discussion was conducted by the group regarding public safety concerns.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairperson Miazga brought up the issue of CALEA and the fact that there are only twelve agencies in the state involved in the program. The State Police does not participate in this program, according to Miazga. Director McClanahan stated that it is a beneficial program, however, cost is the issue at the present time. This issue has been tabled by the Chairperson.

NONAGENDA ITEMS:

The committee was commended by a member of the audience on their ability to voice their comments.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 9, 2010

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Madigan support Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Kennedy