

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 11, 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

Others in attendance: Interim Director Carl McClanahan, Secretary Kennedy, audience of seven (7).

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

MINUTES: Motion Hart support Bailey to approve the minutes of April 13, 2010.
MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

REPORTS: Committee Member, Diane Madigan, reported on her attendance at a recent class “Refuse to be a Victim” and advised it was an informative program with very poor attendance. Officer Byrd explained how Community Policing will assist in the promotion of educational classes. The group discussed the possibility of presenting the class again at a later date. The committee commended Ms. Madigan for her attendance in the program.

Officer Byrd presented an update on the Community Policing Program and the progress he has made in promoting the program in the community . He also expounded on the future goals of this program. Discussion by the committee on the possibility of reporting at the Board Meetings when the program has been established.

NEW BUSINESS: Interim Director McClanahan gave a power point presentation on April, 2010 statistics regarding the Police Department, Animal Control and the Dispatch Departments.

Interim Director gave a power point presentation on April, 2010 statistics involving the Fire Department.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Officer Ryan Bidwell, the Van Buren Township School Resource Office gave a presentation regarding gangs in the U.S. and also explained their activities in the Township. Interim Director McClanahan distributed paperwork regarding the curfew and truancy ordinances and also provided information regarding statistics on juveniles and crime in Van Buren Township. The group discussed the ordinances and made the following motions: Motion Bailey support Miazga to accept the Truancy Ordinance with the verbiage change for “D” in the ordinance. **MOTION APPROVED.** Motion Bailey support Wardwell to accept the Curfew Ordinance with the verbiage change of “C” in the ordinance. **MOTION APPROVED.** Interim Director McClanahan requested the presence of the committee for support at the next Township Board meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of changing the meeting date from the 2nd Tuesday of the month to the first Wednesday of each month to accommodate the use of the Board Room to improve the audio/video of the township committee meetings. Motion Madigan support Hart to change/revise the meetings from the 2nd Tuesday of the month to the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. **MOTION APPROVED.**

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Committee Member Wardwell presented copies to all members of the committee of a non-binding resolution to vote on commending the Director and the professionalism of the police officers serving the community. After discussion it was determined that this issue will be tabled and addressed again at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 8, 2010

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Bailey support Wardwell to adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Kennedy