

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 7, 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 – Vice Chairperson
Michael Miazga - Chairperson
Regina Miller
Richard Wardwell
P. Ramone Crowe

Others in attendance: Treasurer Budd, Supervisor White, Interim Director Carl McClanahan, Fire Chief Darwin Loyer and Secretary Queener. There were 14 people in the audience.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Bailey, Hart second to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Hart, Madigan second to approve the minutes of June 2, 2010 as presented.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairperson Miazga expressed his appreciation for Sharon Kennedy's years of service as secretary to the Public Safety Committee.

REPORTS

Committee person Madigan stated she and Ms. Miller attended association meetings with Officer Byrd. Ms. Madigan and Ms. Miller met with Canton Police regarding their awards night for the Officers to show their appreciation and would like to have some type of event for Van Buren Township Officers. To offset the cost she suggested recruiting sponsors. Ms. Madigan also thanked Joann Mason, and Big D Electric for donating our super sign-in board for the Community Policing Newsletter and O'Charley's for coloring books.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF

Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon stated their missions are: staffing, security of the jails, county parks and court security. The county is looking for ways to save money with the budget cuts. He is working hard on keeping the transporting of prisoners. The internet crimes are the crime of the future. All residents need to be aware of what their children are doing on the internet. Sheriff Napoleon brought some information on Follow to Life which you could put all of your medical information on so if there is an emergency the doctors are aware of your history. He also provided information about internet predators, emergency cell phones for seniors, and gun locks. Gun permits have increased about 3 times past years. As part of the Wayne County's budget issues, they have expanded the use of the electronic tether. Incarcerations have increased 2% which is very costly. Using the tethers saves the County about \$50,000 dollars a day. This is not for hardened criminals; there is an eight step process a person would have to go through to be eligible to be released on a tether. The tether can be set up with an exclusion zone, this would be for an area a person can not go within a certain distance of. When they do, the tether will notify the officers by three different methods, phone, fax and email. The tether can identify whether you are walking, driving or standing still. If you are driving it will tell the speed you are traveling at. If the person with the tether attempts to remove the tether the officer in charge is made aware. There is also an alcohol tether for people that are told not to consume alcohol. You have to blow into a machine which also takes your picture when you use it.

Trustee Hart, thanked Sheriff Napoleon for speaking, and inquired if the tethers were waterproof. Hart also stated if Wayne County does not transport the prisoners it would place a large burden on the smaller communities.

A resident inquired about patrolling Belleville Lake. Sheriff Napoleon stated one of the items to be eliminated is marine patrol, and Wayne County only patrols the Detroit River.

POLICE BRIEFING

Chaplin Weaver invited residents to attend an "Appreciation Day" for Police and Fire on September 11, 2010 at Belleville Church of God at 45170 Hull Road, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. There will be toys for the children and a softball game Police Department against the Fire Department.

Interim Director McClanahan gave a power point presentation on June 2010 statistics regarding the Police Department, Investigations and Animal Control. There were 3370 calls, 1589 citations and 257 arrests. Overtime has decreased from 2009. Dive training is monthly, firearms training was completed in the month of June.

FIRE BRIEFING

Fire Chief Loyer gave a power point presentation regarding the May and June 2010 statistics. The calls were down in June compared to May. June training, EMS, which is a state mandated requirement. They held a hands-on class with foam. The Fire Department

started the Pre-Planning Program and 187 businesses have received a Chemical Survey and to date 77 have returned the survey.

Officer Byrd reported the Public Safety Day held at Walgreens on June 26, 2010 was a big success. Residents could sign up for the Community Policing E-Newsletter, children could go inside of the MedFlight helicopter and received stuffed animals. Police canine handler Officer McCormick and Jaeger along with the Police Motorcycles were also in attendance. The fire Department had their smoke house where children learned the importance of getting out of a burning home.

Officer Byrd also thanked Walgreens for allowing this event to be held on their facility and for the donated refreshments.

Supervisor White stated the attendance was outstanding and enjoyed watching the residents interact with the Public Safety Department.

NON AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Hart, stated Trustee Jahr had a concern regarding the marine patrol. He requested Interim Director McClanahan look into putting a top on the boat.

Interim Director McClanahan stated he spoke with the patrol officer in charge of the marine division and he said putting a top on the boat would create problems, because of the two low bridges and it would interfere with the operation on the boat.

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 4, 2010

Motion Hart, Wardwell second to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Queener,
Recording Secretary