

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MAY 4, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Crowe.

**ROLL CALL**

MICHAEL MIAZGA – CHAIRPERSON - EXCUSED  
P. RAMONE CROWE – VICE-CHAIRPERSON  
DIANE MADIGAN – EXCUSED  
REGINA MILLER – EXCUSED  
RAYMOND BAILEY  
RICHARD WARDWELL  
TRUSTEE PHIL HART

Others in attendance: Director McClanahan, Secretary Harman and an audience of eleven (11).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion Bailey, support Hart to approve the amended agenda of May 4, 2011 removing “Purpose of the Public Safety Committee” from Old Business. **Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion Bailey, support Wardwell to approve the meeting minutes of April 6, 2011 and Work Study minutes of April 11, 2011 as presented. **Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Recommend to the Board that Police and Fire Briefings be standard agenda items for monthly Public Safety Committee Meetings**

Vice-Chairperson Crowe briefly discussed police and fire briefings. Director McClanahan informed Committee members and the audience that a briefing was recorded with the Director, Fire Chief, Fire Lieutenant and Community Policing Officer, was first aired on VBTV12 on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Briefings will come to the Committee in the future, just not every month. No recommendation made by the Committee at this time, the discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

Residents concerned that not all Van Buren Township residents have Comcast so they are not able to watch VBTV12 and see the briefing or Public Safety Committee meetings. They inquired if the broadcast could be accessed on the website via the internet. Director McClanahan was not sure if the Township is able to do that at this time, but may be able to in the future. Additional channels of communication are being looked into.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Adam Byrd would like the Committee members to look into creating a noise ordinance that will enable police officers to issue citations instead of 24 hour warnings for loud radios in vehicles. Vice-Chairperson Crowe will look into surrounding communities’ noise ordinances that are already in place. The Committee will report back in a month or two with their findings.

Committee member Wardwell inquired about Nixle charging for their services and asked Director McClanahan for a briefing at the next meeting. Director McClanahan gave a brief update stating Nixle is going to charge for their services going forward and the cost will be well over \$1,000. Van Buren

Township currently has about 500 residents signed up on Nixle, the cost next year may be more than \$3,000. He is currently looking into other options and will speak more specifically on them next month.

Vice-Chairperson Crowe inquired if residents were able to be reimbursed for purchasing weather radios since the township does not have a weather warning system. Director McClanahan informed there is no such reimbursement program.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Wardwell, support Bailey to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Harman  
Recording Secretary