

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Crowe.

ROLL CALL

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

Others in attendance: Director McClanahan, Supervisor White, Secretary Harman and an audience of seven (7).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Bailey, support Wardwell to approve the agenda of October 5, 2011 as presented.
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Madigan, support Miller to approve the meeting minutes of September 7, 2011 as presented.
Motion Carried.

REPORTS

The Noise Ordinance was approved at the October 4, 2011 Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Leash Law Update

Director McClanahan and Supervisor White had discussion and at this time will follow the State Law that covers everything most equally. The Director noted it would be hard to equally apply the Leash Law presented in both rural and suburban areas. Committee members will follow up with Trustee Hart on movement of the Leash Law Ordinance to the Township Board.

New Information for Truancy Ordinance from Workstudy

Director McClanahan has no new information at this time. The Truancy Ordinance will be put on the November 2nd meeting agenda. The Director will invite Martha Toth of Van Buren Public Schools to the meeting to bring her findings and formulate them to the committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

Crime Mapping

Committee Member Miller inquired when crime mapping will be implemented on the township website. Director McClanahan would like to implement crime mapping on the website, however the resources are not available at this time, and this will be implemented when resources become available.

Discussion Crime Rate Comparison 2009 & 2010

Committee member Madigan sent committee members a chart showing 2009 and 2010 crime statistics. She inquired about the rise in forcible rape in 2010. Director McClanahan explained findings in the

chart to the committee members and also explained the difference between larceny and theft. Committee members inquired what the 2011 statistics look like. Criminal sexual conduct in the 1st degree is down 78%, criminal sexual conduct in the 2nd degree is down 75%, property crimes to vehicles are up 2.3%, no increase in building larceny and vehicle larceny is down by 38.4%.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Committee Member Madigan inquired about the new 800 mhz radios. The purchase was withdrawn from the Board Meeting to look at alternative funding sources. The radios are \$4,000 a piece and the department is looking to purchase 90 radios. There is a \$200 mic fee per radio per year. The total cost being \$579,000 with radios and dispatch consoles. Supervisor White is going to approach the DDA Board for purchase amount only, not \$200 mic fee per radio. The DDA has a line item for Public Safety and Van Buren Township Hall sits within the DDA District. If the DDA does not approve funding may come out of the general fund. Radios will identify each officer when keyed up and provide a wider range of interoperability giving officers better communication and safety.

Committee Member Wardwell inquired if residents need to re-register now that Nixle is back up and running. Per Director McClanahan, they will already be in the system and do not need to re-register.

Committee members inquired about the upcoming budget review meeting and would like to have a copy of the draft 2012 budget for review. Supervisor White noted the budget hearings are open to the public and committee members are welcome to attend. Printed out copies of the budget will not be available at the review, however, committee members may request a copy of the Public Safety budget specifically (police, fire, dispatch and animal control) from the Board of Trustees. The budget review is Wednesday, October 12th and Thursday, October 13th from 8:35 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the Board Room.

Resident Adam Byrd thanked everyone who attended the Community Action Group meeting for their participation. The next meeting is not scheduled yet but will discuss fundraising.

Supervisor White noted that Nixle works great as a supplement along with Weather Radio giving ready alerts. Using multiples sources will keep the community better informed.

Committee members discussed the importance of the Public Safety Millage passing.

NEXT MEETING DATE

November 2, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Madigan, support Miller to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Harman
Recording Secretary