

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Crowe.

ROLL CALL

MICHAEL MIAZGA – CHAIRPERSON - EXCUSED
P. RAMONE CROWE – VICE-CHAIRPERSON
DIANE MADIGAN
REGINA MILLER – LATE 5:37 P.M.
RAYMOND BAILEY
RICHARD WARDWELL
TRUSTEE PHIL HART

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Madigan, support Bailey to approve the agenda of November 2, 2011 as presented.
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Madigan, support Wardwell to approve the meeting minutes of October 5, 2011 as presented.
Motion Carried.

Motion Wardwell, support Madigan to change the order of agenda items moving Reports to follow Old Business items. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Truancy Ordinance

Martha Toth of Van Buren Public Schools spoke on the attendance problems in Van Buren schools, consisting primarily of high school student walk-a-ways and/or students that leave at lunch and do not return. The City of Belleville police generally pick the children up at 5-points and bring them back to school. Toth is not sure that an ordinance would improve the situation. Committee members originally began looking into truancy ordinance after hearing crime analysis from Director McClanahan in which there was a direct correlation in the time of day in which home invasion 2's and children absent from school were at a peak. Police cannot approach students without an ordinance in place. The committee members would like to possibly look into this issue from another perspective down the road other than truancy. There are many different variables that complicate an ordinance particularly being that not all children are in school during the same time frame as many children go to vocational schools or are being home schooled. Supervisor White expressed the importance of maintaining recreational and cultural events for the children to keep them off the streets. Toth is currently in the planning stages of a committee that will handle the usage of the new Belleville High School facilities and programs. She will approach the elected officials and/or parks and recreation department about planning future events to make sure the community gets the most use out of the new High School facility.

Resident feels that committee may want to spend time elsewhere since this is an internal problem with the High School and is located in the City of Belleville. He would like to see the committee spend time on other things till the school comes to them.

Resident would like to see a resolution found possibly through community policing or an ordinance. He would like to see the community stay ahead of the problem and maintain the feeling of security within the community.

Motion Miller, support Hart to end the discussion. Motion Carried.

Motion Bailey, Miller support to postpone the Truancy Ordinance until it is needed. Motion Carried.

Leash Law

The Committee placed this item on the agenda for clarification. Committee member Hart informed that at this time the Board is not moving on this item. They would like to follow the State Ordinance which is already in place.

Resident entertained thought of ordinance with coding. Supervisor White informed homeowner that a homeowner's association regulation could be stronger and more easily enforced.

REPORTS

Chief Loyer gave a presentation on Emergency Operations Centers (EOC). The presentation explained what an EOC is and how it operates in the event of a major disaster. Chief Loyer is interested in making Fire Station #2 and EOC and \$25,000.00 has been requested in the 2012 budget, which has not yet been approved. The funding would cover computers, a T-1 dedicated phone line for 9-1-1 calls, and additional equipment. The \$25,000.00 is enough to get the EOC started, additional funding will be looked into for the T-1 line yearly maintenance fee and additional equipment. The fire department has a schedule of replacement for computers and the old ones could be reused for the EOC. Committee members would like to look into the EOC further to see how they can support this endeavor.

Motion Miller, support Wardwell to support the startup of EOC and the Public Safety Committee to have a work study in the future to look into how to support getting this endeavor off the ground.

Motion Carried.

Director McClanahan gave a police briefing that included a patrol update, budget comparison information, budget reduction information, overtime analysis, public safety millage revenues, financial impact of the millage, 2010 crime clock statistics, signup for community policing newsletter and signup for Nixle alerts.

Resident inquired about the upcoming EAC test. On Wednesday, November 9th at 2:00 p.m. This is the first time ever the emergency alert system will be tested nationwide, the test will last three minutes.

Motion Madigan, support Bailey to table New Business items to the next meeting agenda. Motion Carried.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Committee Member Madigan inquired about the use of Leads online for the recovering of stolen goods in which pawn brokers put information online of what is being sold and where. She inquired whether this is currently in use and if there is a policy on it. Director McClanahan is aware of the Leads program, it is not currently in use by the department and there is no policy on it. He noted that it is a great tool and he will look into Leads further.

NEXT MEETING DATE

November 2, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Bailey, support Wardwell to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Harman
Recording Secretary