

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 19, 2011

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

ROLL CALL

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

Others in attendance: Director McClanahan, Fire Chief Loyer, Officer Byrd, and Secretary Fleming. There were 20 people in the audience.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Bailey support Madigan to accept the January 19, 2011 agenda as presented.
PASSED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Madigan, support Miller to accept the minutes of December 1, 2010 as presented.
PASSED

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Fleming read correspondence from MACP in regards to the Traffic Unit receiving an award for Excellence in Traffic Safety and will receive a plaque and grant up to \$5,000 that will be used to purchase equipment. Read card from Sumpter Pet Care sent to the Traffic Unit congratulating them on their award. Read thank you card from Judget Oakley's family in regards to the passing of his father. RECEIVED AND FILED.

Officer Byrd introduced the Gilbert family who had adopted a family during the Christmas holiday (Mitchell family). Officer Byrd, Officer Raschke and the Gilbert family presented the Mitchell family with a tree, 65 gifts and gift certificates purchased by the Gilbert family. Byrd thanked and presented a letter and certificate for their services.

REPORTS

Miller gave report on January 13th at North Middle School, she attended along with Director McClanahan and Officer Byrd on a program called "Violence Bullying and Suicide".

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R. Crowe reported he did a ride along on December 17th with Officer Byrd. Was amazed about the contacts he has with residents. On June 12th he invited Byrd and Director McClanahan to attend the Charter Club Assoc. and discuss the neighborhood watch programs.

Vice Chairperson Madigan reported and read that she and Miller put together a 2010 year end report on the Public Safety Committee.

Bailey reported that he and his wife volunteered with the Salvation Army in Wayne to work in the kitchen for meals on wheels for the homeless.

NEW BUSINESS

POLICE BRIEFING

Director McClanahan gave briefing on the Police Department for 2010 year end. The Investigative Unit had 323 cases, processed 168 warrants, with 62 warrants approved. SIU Unit investigated 129 cases and had \$91,263.00 scheduled for forfeiture, seized 50 vehicles and 24 firearms. The Patrol Unit had 28,467 calls for service, 17, 358 citations and 2,593 arrests. Processed 158 Animal Control cases. The Twp. Board approved on 1-18-11 to accept new agreement with the Michigan Humane Society that will take effect on February 1, 2011 to handle the animal shelter operations.

Director McClanahan gave year end report for 2010 on overtime within the Department. Also gave Public Safety Budget breakdown from 2009 – 2011. Reminded everyone to sign up for Nixle and the Community Policing Newsletter.

Supervisor White commended Director and staff on the Public Safety Budget for 2010. Reduced overtime by 61%. The increase in Fire budget for 2011 is due to the purchase of (2) new trucks (crew-cabs) to be used by the Duty Crew Staff on medical runs. Congratulated Fire Chief on job well done.

Miller asked what objectives Director McClanahan would like to accomplish in 2011. Maintain service level, increase community outreach, the crime mapping program is up and running.

FIRE BRIEFING

Fire Chief Loyer gave a power point presentation regarding December statistics and in house training for the Department. 206 calls, YTD 2204.

Training for January. (In-house training) will consist of ice-rescue. Concentrate on Target Safety. Gave report on incident of the month. (Passing of Lieutenant Bill Gage). Chief read letter in regards to Lieutenant Bill Gage who passed away on January 13, 2011. Read list of names of people and gave a heartfelt thanks who participated in the operation and memorial for Lt. Gage.

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Chief reported Firefighter Wiggins is applying for a grant through AAA. Having demonstration at Station 2 for new Hurst jaws extraction equipment on Thursday. Also applying for FEMA grants. Miller questioned Chief as to where residents can go for shelter incase of extreme emergencies. Chief stated Fire Stations 1 & 2 are set as Emergency Operation Centers.

COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

Officer Byrd gave history report for 2010 on community policing. Gave full report on community policing goals for 2011. Crowe and Miller commended Byrd on job well done.

Chairperson Miazga reported on the Proposed Truancy Ordinance Update #58-357. The committee reviewed the current ordinance that was not accepted by the Board. Judge Oakley provided the proposed updates to add to the current existing ordinance. Motion Bailey, support Miller to table the Proposed Ordinance Update #58-357 until the meeting in March. Would like to have Judge Oakley's attendance in March to help discuss the Truancy Ordinance.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Resident expressed his thoughts and ideas about the upcoming 2012 public safety millage to the Committee. Need to start getting word out on how important the millage is. Suggestion was to look into mailing out surveys to get feedback from residents. Also, consider forming a millage committee.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 2, 2011

Motion Bailey, supported Crowe to adjourn meeting 7:50pm
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Fleming
Recording Secretary