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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:00 PM
1401 W. Herbison Rd.
DeWitt, MI 48820

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Meeting Dial-in: (623) 600-3750, PIN: 457968

The call will be muted to reduce interference with proceedings. The public will be invited to make comments during the public comment sections of the meeting as well as before any vote. If you desire to comment, you will be invited to dial 5* so the Clerk can unmute your line. Please contact the Clerk's Office at (517) 668-0270 with any additional questions.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Verbal roll of membership

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Tuesday, February 16, 2021

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [Tuesday, January 19, 2021](#)

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS*

PRESENTATION

1. Municipal Building South (MBS) – Trustee Dave Fedewa

CORRESPONDENCE – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. National Night Out – Sara Shepard
 - a. Progress report
2. HOA contact list – Sara Shepard
 - a. Progress report
 - b. Discussion
3. PD/FD monthly reporting format – Steve Musselman and David Seeger
 - a. Progress report

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bylaws change
 - a. Approve proposed amendment to PSC bylaws allowing two additional committee members
2. Public relations plan for police and fire departments
 - a. Discuss how the PSC can help educate the public on police and fire activities with a focus on building public support for the upcoming millage
3. Set next meeting

TRUSTEE'S REPORT – David Seeger, Trustee

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS**

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Note: Public Participation Policy adopted 9/11/89 provides:

***Public Comments on agenda items shall be limited to three (3) minutes.** Any citizen may address the Board regarding any agenda item at this time, or they may reserve the right to address the Board when the agenda item is discussed. Each citizen is limited to a total of 3 minutes on any one issue.

****Extended Public Comments - limited to five (5) minutes.** Any topic of Township interest can be addressed.

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1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
January 19, 2021 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Public Safety Committee was called to order by Clerk Cramton at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT Steve Musselman, Jon Ogar, Ed Reed, David Seeger, Sara Shepard.

MEMBERS ABSENT None.

ALSO PRESENT Clerk Adam Cramton, Fire Chief Dave DeKorte, Police Chief Mike Gute.

AGENDA **Shepard moved and Ogar seconded to approve the agenda.**

AYES: Seeger, Shepard, Reed, Ogar, Musselman.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PRESENTATION DeWitt Charter Township Police Department – Chief Mike Gute
DeWitt Charter Township Police Department – Chief Mike Gute presented an overview of the police department. He highlighted police functions and the services provided to township residents, current and desired staffing levels, township geography and coverage, township demographics and statistics and trends.

PRESENTATION DeWitt Charter Township Fire Department – Chief Dave DeKorte
DeWitt Charter Township Fire Department – Chief Dave DeKorte gave a history of the fire department and talked about staffing trends and current equipment. There was discussion about how part-time and full-time staffing can affect response time for calls and the resulting impacts on accepted benchmarks. Funding sources for both the fire and police departments were discussed. Finally, the committee may look at updating the Burning Permit application.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Public Safety Committee Contact List, DeWitt Charter Township Contact List, Public Safety Committee Bylaws.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS **Seeger moved and Reed seconded to approve the following slate of Public Safety Committee officers:**

Presentation of Membership / Appointment of Committee Officers

Committee Chair: Steve Musselman
Committee Vice Chair: Sara Shepherd
Committee Secretary: Jon Ogar

AYES: Seeger, Shepard, Reed, Ogar, Musselman.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Discussion of Potential Committee Projects / Scope / Role The committee discussed possible projects. These include organizing the National Night Out event, compiling a list of homeowners' associations with contact information and evaluating monthly and annual reporting to the board of trustees from the police and fire departments. There also was discussion about reviewing the committee bylaws for possible changes. This could include a change to the number of members if it is deemed necessary by the committee. Clerk Cramton will review the process for approving an update to the bylaws and report back to the committee chair. Sara Shepard will work on compiling an initial list of homeowners' associations in the township.

Set Next Meeting **Musselman moved and Shepard seconded to set a meeting of the Public Safety Committee for the third Tuesday of each month for the remainder of 2021.**

AYES: Seeger, Shepard, Reed, Ogar, Musselman.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None. **Motion carried.**

TRUSTEE'S REPORT Trustee Seeger said the evening's discussions included the items he was going to raise in
Trustee David Seeger his report. He is pleased with the committee's desire to get underway.

EXTENDED PUBLIC None.
COMMENTS

COMMITTEE None.
MEMBER
COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT **Ogar moved and Seeger seconded to adjourn at 9 p.m.**

Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Cramton, Clerk

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