



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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