

DeWitt Charter Township

Public Safety Committee

1401 W. Herbison Road

DeWitt, MI 48820

DRAFT August 16, 2022 minutes

The regular meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairperson Sara Shepard at 3:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sara Shepard, David Seeger, Steve Lennartz, Doug Burke, Ed Reed
It was noted that Doug Burke had been appointed to the committee

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jason Jones, Lt./Interim Police Chief; Dave DeKorte, Fire Chief

AGENDA The agenda was approved unanimously on a voice vote, with minor adjustments, as noted below.

MINUTES Seeger moved to approve the May 5, 2022 minutes as presented. Lennartz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

PRESENTATIONS None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. An updated Public Safety Committee contact list was provided.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None (HOA Contact list moved to New Business)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee Appointment – Doug Burke

The Township Board has appointed Mr. Burke to the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Burke gave a brief summary of his background and experience, which should prove valuable to the Committee, and the Departments the Committee interacts with.

2. National Night Out – name change

The Township will no longer use the name National Night Out, for various reasons, and will call the event DeWitt Township Public Safety Block Party

3. DeWitt Township Public Safety Block Party – Township Contribution

The event committee has requested the Township approve up to \$3,000 for the event. It is hoped that sponsorship will be sufficient that the full amount will not be expended.

4. HOA Contact List

It was determined that the HOA Contact List is no longer necessary, with enrollment in RAVE Alert/Smart 911.

5. Set next meeting

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. Meeting attendees will have the option of attending live at the Township Hall, or via Zoom. The meeting will include the Public Safety Block Party committee members.

PUBLIC AND STAFF COMMENTS

Interim Chief Jones provided a Police Department update:

- The Township Board has hired Matt Merony as the new Police Chief; he will start on Monday, August 22.
- Filling open positions continues to be challenging.
- Call volume remains busy.
- Officer Stump is expect to return to work in approximately two months.

Chief DeKorte provided a Fire Department update:

- A request has been make to adjust the budget, to accommodate the different types of calls the department responds to.
- Rotunda Trailer Park is officially closed.
- The department responded to a fatal house fire on Brook Rd.