

DeWitt Charter Township

Public Safety Committee

1401 W. Herbison Road

DeWitt, MI 48820

January 18, 2011 minutes

Chairperson Thomas Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: David Seeger, Thomas Hendrickson, Thomas Leonard

Members Absent: Bonnie Oetman, Sava Vosovic

Also Present: Chief Russell - PD

Chief Koos – FD

AGENDA

Seeger moved; Leonard seconded the approval of the agenda with an amendment; Police Department Update added as number 6 under New Business. Motion voted and carried.

MINUTES

Seeger moved; Leonard seconded the approval of the June 21, 2010 minutes. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Election of Officers.* Thomas Leonard nominated as Chairperson.

Hendrickson moved and Trustee Seeger seconded to elect Thomas Leonard as Chairperson. Motion voted and carried.

Thomas Hendrickson volunteered for the Vice Chairperson position.

Leonard moved and Trustee Seeger seconded to elect Thomas Hendrickson. Motion voted and carried.

The election of the Secretary was deferred to the June 2011 meeting

2. *DTFD new Tanker.* Chief Koos explained that training on this apparatus was on-going and that the radios have been transferred over to this new truck. The tanker is a 2011 International chassis and was built by Rosenbauer in South Dakota. It is a 2100 gallon tanker on a single axle. Previously we had 3000 gallons of water on a double axel. The truck is much more maneuverable and user friendly. We also have firefighting capability with this truck that we didn't before as it has 500 gallon/minute pump with pre-connect lines allowing this unit to do fire suppression. Chief Koos answered questions concerning what is next for the old tanker (it will be sold) and the cost of the new tanker (it is paid for) and the sale price of the old tanker (unknown).

3. *DTFD update on new Pumper.* Chief Koos is going to SD next Wednesday evening with the vendor to do the final inspection on the Pumper. We expect to take delivery in February. Of the total cost of the Pumper, \$260,000 is being federally funded through a grant.

The Pumper is on a Spartan chassis, with 1600 gallons of water, Class A foam, and is being built in Lyons, SD. The next apparatus acquisition scheduled will replace the second Pumper in the fleet, perhaps in three years. The replacement of that second Pumper would then have replaced every vehicle in the department's fleet since Chief Koos' tenure.

4. *DTFD 2010 recap* – Within the next couple of months the DTFD Annual report will be available. The department had 176 fire runs, 965 medical runs, 78 PIA's; for a total of 1219 emergency runs. In 2009 the run count was 1160, for an increase of 59 runs. Department personnel numbers have been relatively stable with only a slight drop.

5. *DTFD Fire Prevention* – DTFD had a fatal fire on Turner Rd. in 2009. This fire related death further illustrated the need to do fire prevention programs for the older population of our community. The department is approaching various groups, with older population membership, to provide fire prevention information.

6. *DTPD Update* – The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) program kicked off last year and is doing very well. RSVP has kept 12 members. Additional training is scheduled within the next two months, at which time the group will be trained in CPR. The group's primary responsibility is patrolling Granger Meadows Park and Valley Farms Park. Additionally, the police department has received a \$35,000 Burn Justice Grant for report writing software (OSSI) in order to write reports in the cars. In December, the department received a \$64,000 grant for capturing accidents using the same vendor as used for the report writing software. The PD reports are sent to the State of Michigan and Docview. The department did budget for new portable radios, and a replacement program for the radios has been established. Vice Chairperson Hendrickson suggested waiting for the vendor show to check out new vendors prior to purchasing the radios. The PD annual report is being worked on. In 2010 overall crime was down and there were no fatal car accidents. Officer initiated calls are up. PD is waiting for Officer Darnell to return to work sometime in 2011. DTPD manpower has been stable.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Seeger reported that the Granger Meadows Celebration will be held in 2011. A Property Maintenance code is being discussed by the Board as well as how to replace the Building Inspector. The Board has also made various appointments to committees. Finally, the Township is "holding its own" in terms of finances.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS and OTHERS COMMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2011 although the committee is prepared to meet as needed. Trustee Seeger will discuss with the Supervisor the need to expand the use of the committee when and where needed.

Seeger moved; Leonard seconded the adjournment of the meeting. Motion voted and carried. @ 7:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Frederick H. Koos
Fire Chief

Lori Fox
Fire Department Secretary