



MINUTES

Public Safety Committee Meeting

February 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM. The meeting was held at Newaygo City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337 and via teleconference due to the MDHHS COVID-19 Emergency Order. Kim Goodin acted as recording secretary.

Present at City Hall: Georgia Andres (Newaygo Police Chief), Ryan Dornbos (Newaygo Crime Prevention Officer), Ed Fedell (Newaygo Mayor), Morgan Heinzman (Croton Township Supervisor), Del Hirdes (Newaygo Economic Development Organization Chair & Newaygo Fire Board), Travis Kroll (Newaygo Fire Department Chief), Nick Looman (Newaygo Principal Shopping District Chair), Cory Nelson (Brooks Township Supervisor), Jon Schneider (Newaygo City Manager), Ron Wight (Newaygo DPW Superintendent), Kim Goodin (Newaygo Clerk)

Present via teleconference: Dave Chambers (Newaygo Planning Commission Chair), Danielle Hummel (Newaygo Fire Board Chair)

INTROUCTIONS

Andres explained that the Public Safety Committee was established for the safety of the community and to explore what the community would like to see related to the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works Department. She and the group discussed the growth in the Newaygo Community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Andres stated that the Newaygo Police Department and Newaygo Fire Department are proposing the need for a feasibility study to explore options related to a potential new police station, renovations of existing space at City Hall or sharing a facility with the Newaygo Fire Department. She said that the Police Department had received a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation for the cost of the feasibility study and that a feasibility study is required to apply for many grants and low interest rate loans should a decision for expansion be determined. Dornbos discussed the feasibility plan including scope of work and potential time line. He said that once the feasibility plan is approved the study can begin. Andres discussed survey that the Newaygo Police Department had recently completed and that "drugs" was the main concern of the residents. Consensus of group was to move forward with the feasibility plan and study. Andres said that questions need to be developed to ask City and Community Residents during the feasibility study and asked the group to think about potential questions that can be discussed at the next meeting.

Andres said that the current Police Mutual Aid Agreement between all local municipalities was being updated.

Andres stated that currently the Newaygo Police Department is utilizing Core Technology Software and that the County is in the process of switching to Central Square Software.

Kroll discussed survey that is currently being done for the Fire Department and that the major focus of the survey is related to current and future services offered by the Fire Department. He said that the survey will be complete on February 17th.

Kroll discussed the need for collaboration between the Newaygo Fire Department and the Newaygo Public Works Department to make sure that the fire hydrants are being maintained and are operational. He discussed Insurance Services Officer (ISO) Ratings. The group discussed dry fire hydrants and if there are any opportunities for placement in Brooks Township, potentially lowering the ISO Rating. Kroll to research potential opportunities and discuss with Nelson.

Group decided that future meetings would be Wednesday, April 14th, Wednesday, July 14th, and Wednesday, October 13th at 5:00 pm,

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Motion by Heinzman, second by Hirdes to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 AM.