



MINUTES

Public Safety Committee Meeting

April 14, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The meeting was held at Newaygo City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337 and via teleconference during the COVID-19 Virus. Kim Goodin acted as recording secretary.

Present at City Hall: Georgia Andres (Newaygo Police Chief), Dave Chambers (Newaygo Planning Commission Chair), 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), Danielle Hummel (Newaygo Fire Board Chair), Travis Kroll (Newaygo Fire Department Chief), Cory Nelson (Brooks Township Supervisor), Jon Schneider (Newaygo City Manager), Ron Wight (Newaygo DPW Superintendent), Kim Goodin (Newaygo Clerk)

Present via teleconference: Nick Looman (Newaygo Principal Shopping District Chair)

Motion by Hirdes, second by Chambers to approve 02/12/2021 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Dornbos stated that the Police Department had a Mock Accreditation for the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (MLEAC) a few weeks ago and the department is working on corrections. He said that the State assessors are scheduled to come at the end of May and once the Accreditation is final they will have to renew every 3 years. Dornbos said that in the future a department will have to be State Accredited in order to receive federal funding.

Andres discussed internal personnel changes occurring in the Newaygo Police Department stating that Sgt. Walerczyk will be taking on Zoning Administration, Code Enforcement, and Property Maintenance. She said that one of the other Newaygo Officers would be joining the Central Michigan Enforcement Team (CMET) and they will be hiring a new officer to fill the lost hours. She said that they have had conversations with neighboring townships about the need for a Code Enforcement Officer at various times and that the City is working on an intergovernmental agreement with the City Attorney.

Dornbos gave an update on the 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. He said that 3 focus groups (Police Department, Fire Department, and Community Group) will be developed during the study.

Kroll gave an update on new cell phone system that the County recently switched to and said the Fire Department is working on filling a few vacancies. He said they will begin working on fire hydrants once the weather is warmer.

Andres gave an update on current Codes related to Marijuana Care Growers.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Fedell gave an update on museum expansion project and Schneider gave an update on Christian Healthcare Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.