



MINUTES
Public Safety Committee Meeting
April 13, 2022

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.

Present at City Hall: Georgia Andres (Newaygo Police Chief), Theresa Cooper (PSD Chair), Amy Dalman (Newaygo City Code Enforcement), Ed Fedell (Newaygo Mayor), Kim Goodin (Newaygo City Clerk), Morgan Heinzman (TIFA Chair & Croton Township Supervisor), Del Hirdes (Newaygo Economic Development Organization Chair & Newaygo Fire Board), Danielle Hummel (Newaygo Fire Board Chair), Nicole Klomp (Newaygo Police Social Worker), Dave Otteren (Newaygo Fire Department Deputy Chief), Jon Schneider (Newaygo City Manager), Lloyd Walerczyk (Newaygo Police Sergeant), Ron Wight (Newaygo DPW Superintendent)

Motion by Hirdes, second by Wight to approve 11/03/2021 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Chief Andres introduced Amy Dalman, who is the City’s new civilian code enforcement officer and will eventually take on Zoning Administrator duties. Dalman gave a brief history on her background. Chief Andres stated that Sgt. Walerczyk will be providing code enforcement services, on certain cases, for Croton Township and Brooks Township. Chief Andres discussed the shortage of police officers and rationale to hiring a civilian code enforcement officer. Heinzman described challenges of code enforcement, for certain cases, when not an officer. Group discussed civilian code enforcer vs. officer code enforcer.

Chief Andres said that Sgt. Walerczyk and the Administrative Assistant for the Police Department are working on annual requirements to maintain Accreditation.

Chief Andres introduced Nicole Klomp, new Newaygo Police Department volunteer Social Worker, and said that she is the first Police Social Worker in the state of Michigan. Klomp gave an update on her background and said that she is already getting many referrals, requests and inquiries. Deputy Fire Chief Otteren said that the Fire Department would be interested in utilizing Klomp’s services.

Chief Andres stated that some updates were made to the Asher Guidance because of the recent school threats. Chief discussed terminology related to school threat situations.

Chief Andres gave an update on Newaygo Public School (NPS) Assigned Police Officer Rood and stated that a threat assessment team has been established and includes herself, Officer Rood, school administrators, school staff, and others. She said that Officer Rood is working on a Medical Response Team at the school and has been providing a lot of training in classrooms on various topics.

Deputy Fire Chief Otteren gave an update on staffing levels at the Fire Department and said that Chief Kroll had taken a new position in Coopersville and they are unsure how much longer he will be with the Newaygo Fire Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMENTS

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM. AIF/MC