

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: July 9, 2012

PRESENT: Bill Winch, Dennis Polach, Mike Feirer, Gary Allworden, William Murphy

OTHERS

PRESENT: Steve Kreuser, Randy Dorshorst, Nanci Kinney, Laura Clark, Sarah Christensen, Thomas Reichert, Kelly Zenz

LOCATION: Marshfield City Hall

1. Call to Order:

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Review minutes of June 18, 2012:

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

Bill Winch states that he has been fielding complaints about the Amish leaving horse droppings in the road. He would like this added to next months agenda. Steve stated that he will try to stop by and talk with the Amish Bishop before our next committee meeting to see if they have any input.

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications June 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications June 2012 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communications Towers/Narrowband Project

Steve Kreuser stated that the microwave equipment is installed on the new towers. The radio equipment is coming in. We received the bill of \$6,000 for the replacement lines that suffered from a bullet hole in Nekoosa. It has been submitted to the insurance company. The Parks department is on board and installed on the tower. Dennis Polach asked if there was a reason that we moved the antenna on Marshfield

City Hall. The reason for moving the antenna was that there was some interference and it is now cleared up. Steve discussed the long range narrow banding plan.

d. Emergency Management June 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management June 2012 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

Steve Kreuser discussed the ongoing exercises that will be occurring this year. There will be one more with NewPage, one with Erco Worldwide and one with the Marshfield Fire Department. Also discussed was the opening and coordination of cooling stations. There were approximately 6 inquiries and most asked about being able to bring their pets along with them. The stations are not currently set up to accommodate pets, but a plan is being looked in to that would possibly consider a shelter with pet accommodations.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch June 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch June 2012 claims.

b. Dispatch Report

Kelly stated that 2 people have been hired and are currently involved in training. He anticipates hiring two more people in August. Questions were asked about how the 11 hour shifts are going. They are going well. Dispatchers are set up on one week of 4 11 hour days and one week of 3 11 hour days. Discussion about the space needs committee occurred. Phone system upgrade was also discussed. They will not be supporting our current system by the end of 2015. Dispatch is looking at getting all the upgrades to our existing system so that we can prolong the need to upgrade to a digital phone system for a while. The cost of the digital system is approximately \$400,000.

6. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report. Humane Officer Kinney stated dog bites are on the rise.

b. June 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer June 2012 claims.

7. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. June 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner June 2012 claims.

8. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence: Reviewed correspondence received by Sheriff's Department.

b. Updates:

Crimestoppers: Sgt. Drew is doing well in his new role in Crimestoppers.

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9 Project: Sheriff Reichert stated the construction of a dog house and privacy fence for K9 Rex is done. The Maintenance Department did the work. Funds for this project have been solicited from local businesses and from magic show proceeds.

c. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed. Sheriff Reichert stated the population in the jail is on the rise.

The Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) had a savings of \$34,560.24 for the month of June.

9. June 2012 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Allworden, second by Polach to approve the June 2012 claims of all the Public Safety Committee departments. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Agenda Items for next meeting:

Horse manure on roadways

11. Set date, time and location of next meeting:

**Monday, August 13, 2012
Village of Biron – Board Meeting Room
1:00 p.m.**

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Allworden, second by Murphy to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Emergency Management Department and the Wood County Sheriff's Department.

Signed electronically by William Winch 7-10-12

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee