

Chikaming Township Public Safety Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 26th, 2021

Commissioners Present

Chairman Bunch

Mr. Sullivan

Mr. Kern

Mr. Garasic

Quorum was met.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bunch at 10:07 a.m.

Comments from the Public

No public comment.

New Business

Chief Taylor briefed the Public Safety Commission on summer call volume and trends.

Chief Davidson briefed the Public Safety Commission on summer call volume and the increases in structure fires in the area this year.

Chief Davidson discussed the radio grant with the Public Safety Commission and the \$16,000 each fire department in Berrien County received to purchase new 800MGHz portable radios.

Chief Davidson discussed the funds raised for fire prevention.

Chief Taylor presented to the Public Safety Commission the Police Recruit Sponsorship Program. A motion was made by Chairman Bunch: *“Recommendation for pursuing the recruitment sponsorship program in collaboration with Chief Taylor,”* and seconded by Mr. Sullivan.

Chairman Bunch: Aye

Mr. Sullivan: Aye

Mr. Kern: Aye

Mr. Garasic: Aye

Motion passed.

Mr. Sullivan discussed with the Public Safety Commission the possibility of the collection of a public safety fee from short term rentals.

Chief Taylor gave a preliminary overview to the Public Safety Commission of his five (5)-year plan for retirement and transitioning.

Chief Davidson gave a preliminary overview to the Public Safety Commission of his plan for retirement transitioning.

Sgt. Brandon Jones presented to the Public Safety Commission a grant called “*Small Rural Tribal Body Worn Camera Program*,” which would aid the police department’s efforts to replace existing body worn cameras, which are old and outdated. Sgt. Jones asked the Public Safety Commission to approve him moving forward with the grant writing. A motion was made by Mr. Kern and seconded by Mr. Sullivan.

Chairman Bunch: Aye

Mr. Sullivan: Aye

Mr. Kern: Aye

Mr. Garasic: Aye

Motion passed.

Open Discussion

Chief Taylor prepared the Public Safety Commission to think about a promotional opportunity (Lieutenant) with his agency to be discussed at the October Meeting.

Chief Taylor prepared the Public Safety Commission to think about an increase in pay for his staff next fiscal year to be discussed at the October Meeting.

Chief Taylor prepared the Public Safety Commission to think about the purchase of a new patrol car next fiscal year to be discussed at the October Meeting.

Comments from the Public

Sgt. Jones mentioned the lack of affordable housing in the township for first responders.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch and seconded by Mr. Garasic to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Bunch: Aye

Mr. Sullivan: Aye

Mr. Kern: Aye

Mr. Garasic: Aye

Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:46 a.m.