

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION DECEMBER 6, 2007 MEETING

PROPOSED

Chairman Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with members Chuck Garasic, Fred King and Adrian Van Ginhoven present. Brian Kern was absent. Also present were Police Chief Jim Stormont, Fire Chief Mike Davidson and Recording Secretary Marisue Hojnacki.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Garasic moved, supported by King to approve the agenda with the addition under New Business of 4) Discuss change in meeting time and 5) Moving emergency phone to front of building. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Van Ginhoven moved, supported by King to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Beach Marker Project: Kern has a request from the Park Board for larger lettering of beach access names. Kern had e-mailed that he will have them redone in the spring.

- 2) Safety brochure and distribution; and discussion of future educational programs. Everyone liked the brochure Van Ginhoven had put together. Garasic had a sample of a brochure size folder with a pocket that could hold all the safety and park brochures, have the Township's logo and beach marker info on it. Hojnacki said that at the Park Board meeting they had appointed one of their members to get in touch with Van Ginhoven because they wanted input into beach rules. Van Ginhoven said he has left cell phone messages for Buckenmeyer because they wanted to do something more than just on the preserve. Garasic said that he got a quote for a one sided, one color folder of \$1,300 for 5,000. Davidson felt that real estate people could also hand them out and they should look at 10,000 to 15,000 and file for a Pokagon Grant. Garasic said that the chamber prints 65,000 guides every year. Smith wondered if the cost included assembling the brochures inside. Garasic said that he would get a quote for full color, both sides in quantities of 10,000, 15,000 and 20,000. Van Ginhoven will try to get in touch with the Park Board. They saw the fact that they don't meet again until March as a problem because they want to have this project ready for the spring. They felt they could include the printing of the park brochure in the grant request. King wondered how they would distribute them and Garasic said they could put them at the Chamber Office, businesses, cottage rental companies, B&Bs, restaurants, etc. Davidson felt that they would really want to get them to the renters, who are not as familiar with the area and safety conditions,

such as rip tides. Garasic said that he will work on the cover and price. Van Ginhoven said that he will work on the Park Board and the one page public safety piece. Stormont will see how many free bike, walking and rip tides brochures he can get from the State. Garasic said that he could pick them up in Lansing as he goes there regularly.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Warning System – Report from Davidson on cost to put warning siren on the Sawyer and new water towers to be activated by the County. Davidson said that this is still on hold as 911 has not moved into their new building yet. When asked about the existing sirens, he said that they are outside warning devices that are tested the first Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. Smith wanted to know why they are considering doing it and it was explained that someone from Lakewood Estates had asked about it because they could not hear the sirens from inside their home. Davidson felt that it was going to be very costly. Smith agreed that it would be cost prohibitive. It was something that Civil Defense should do and they should be referred to the Office of Civil Defense. Stormont suggested that they develop a phone tree at Lakewood Estate and if anyone hears on the television or radio that a tornado was headed towards Chikaming, they could call the Lakewood Estates office and set off a calling tree where they call five people and those five call five, etc. Van Ginhoven said that they can get a weather radio for about \$10 to \$15. Smith moved that they have reviewed and discussed the advisability of pursuing a new siren system on the Township's water towers and do not think it is in their scope of responsibility and it would be better handled by the Office of Civil Defense. Garasic seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2) Chief Stormont is seeking a recommendation to attend MACP Police Chiefs' Conference in Grand Rapids for a fee of \$235 plus mileage, meals and room from the state training funds. As it is something that the Chief does every year, Van Ginhoven moved, supported by King to recommend his request to the Township Board. Motion carried.

3) Discussion of pamphlets from State "Be a Safe Cyclist" and "Walk Wisely". These were discussed in Old Business as being two of the pamphlets to be inserted in the folder.

4) Discuss a new meeting time. All agreed that it would be nice to meet earlier in the day during the winter. They felt the person that would be most affected was Kern so they will wait until next month when he will be there to discuss the issue.

5) Move the emergency phone to the front of the building. Stormont said that it was moved from the front during construction. It is a direct line to 756-1111 which is dispatch and 911. It is in a little red box that says EMERGENCY and most people do not know it is there. Smith asked what it would cost to move

it, but no one knew. All agreed that it would be more appropriate in the alcove. Van Ginhoven moved, supported by King to recommend to the Township Board that it be moved. Motion carried.

6) Davidson asked that they recommend the signing of the Mutual Aid Agreement and handed each one a copy. He said that it is suppose to be signed by all 26 departments in the County. Van Ginhoven moved, supported by King that they recommend to the Township Board that the agreement be reviewed by the Township's attorney, Charles Hilmer, and based on his approval, sign the agreement. Motion carried.

7) Davidson said that Public Safety could use a Power Point Presentation program and projector for training. When they have to bring their own equipment it costs more for training and speakers. He felt that the money could come from the Alarm Permit monies. Hojnacki said that the laptop that she uses is about five years old and has Power Point 2000 on it. The Commission felt that was too old so a laptop and projector would be needed. Garasic felt that they should include a wireless speaker system for the meeting room also. Hojnacki said that she had given information on Wal-Mart Grants for Public Safety to Stormont. Davidson said that he will look into that. Hojnacki was directed to call Gary Blied at 2nd Look Laptops and see what the cost of a new laptop and projector would be. Both were to report back at the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Place Police, First Responder and Fire Reports were placed on file. Stormont pointed out that they have now hit a point where they have had more complaints than anytime in the past.

Adjournment: King moved, supported by Smith to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Marisue Hojnacki
Recording Secretary