

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MAY 7, 2009

PROPOSED

Call Meeting to Order: Acting Chairman Chuck Garasic called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. with members Fred King, Brian Kern and Adrian Van Ginhoven present. Steve Smith was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Mike Davidson and Recording Secretary Marisue Hojnacki.

Approval of Agenda: Kern moved, supported by King to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: King moved, supported by Kern to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The members divided up a list of places to deliver the safety brochures to – King took Sawyer, Kern has Harbert, Van Ginhoven will do Lakeside, Garasic took Union Pier, Davidson will go to New Buffalo.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Chief Stormont asked for a recommendation to hire Ben Downey. Stormont said that he interviewed him twice. His primary function would be patrolling the beach and the parking. However, he has also been hired by Van Buren County to work in their Marine Division. As they have 23 deputies working in that division, Stormont is hoping that Downey will be available most weekends. King moved, supported by Van Ginhoven to recommend to the Township Board that they hire Downey as a part time, seasonal officer. Motion carried.

2) Park Board Chairman Joanne Sims was present to discuss beach security. She said that they are asking Seven Trees to work later hours this year and have an extra person on duty for the Fourth of July and Labor Day. She also said that they have applied for a Pokagon Grant to put a five foot wide walking/nonmotorized vehicle pathway on the north side of Townline from Lakeshore to Lake Avenue.

Adjournment: King moved supported by Kern to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Marisue Hojnacki
Recording Secretary