

Minutes from Public Safety Commission Meeting November 5, 2009

Meeting called to order at 4.03 pm by acting chairman Brian Kern.

Members in attendance were Brian Kern, Adrian VanGinhoven and Fred King. Also attending were Fire Chief Mike Davidson and Police Chief James Stormont

There were no minutes to be approved.

Chief Davidson presented an application from Heidi Abele to become a member of the first responder unit of the Fire Department. Davidson advised that he is down in numbers on his staff of First Responders.

A motion was made by King to hire Abele pending her passing all records checks. The motion was seconded by VanGinhoven. The motion was approved.

Davidson showed some samples of a sign the he will be requesting funding for. The sign will be outside the Southwest side of the Fire Station. It will also have lighted flags on the ends of it. He stated the cost would be near \$4000.00 and he will be attempting to get a grant to fund that project.

Davidson presented a sample of a sign post that could be used in front of homes to put the address numbers on.

Davison gave a short presentation on the MABIS box alarm system for the commission.

Davison also announced that he has been elected to be the President of the Berrien County Fire Chiefs Association.

Chief Stormont gave a presentation on his project to create a Traffic Control Team. That team would be staffed by members of the Fire Department. He gave stats that show an ever increasing amount of crashes on I-94 and the increased danger to our public safety crews.

He asked for funding not to exceed \$30,000.00 to purchase an arrow board and a message board along with related items for controlling the movement of traffic. He said that both he and Chief Davidson met with MDOT and they have endorsed the project and have agreed to conduct training for our staff in the proper use of these items.

King made a motion to approve the project and Kern seconded, the motion was approved.


Stormont requested \$1,638.00 to fund the purchase of a computer for the police department and a new router for the whole building. The computer replaces one that is failing. The new computer will be in the Chief's office and the current computer will be moved to the patrol desk. The router is needed to comply with requirements set out by the State of Michigan to connect to their system.

A motion was made by King to fund the project and seconded by Vanginhoven, motion was approved.

At 4.38 pm King made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Kern. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes by

James Stormont

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