

Chikaming Township  
Public Safety Commission Meeting  
April 18, 2018

Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm

Commissioners in attendance: Brian Kern, Rich Sullivan and Chuck Garasic  
Also Police Chief Taylor and Fire Chief Davidson  
Absent: Fred King, Steve Smith

Police Chief Taylor delivered township statistical information regarding property crime being down, there were 203 arrests, 426 citations given and 1158 verbal warnings issued.

Index crimes are down to a total of 31 but drug and suspicious activity are up.

Also gave an update on Officer Wyman condition and his case regarding the motorist that hit him on I-94

There was new computer equipment purchased this year consisting of a new scanner, printer and new computers totaling \$5,500.00

Public Relations events for both departments (Fire & Police) were discussed. (PC) Property Checks for the police are getting more widely utilized and the Safety commission thought it might be better served if the Police Department gave those same names to the Fire Department. (LB) Chief Taylor & Chief Davidson also spoke about lunch buddies and how they had seen an increase in the way the children reacted to both the Chiefs. (TR) The Truancy program is working well at River Valley School, the feeling was to get the children started on the right foot (BC). Along with the business contact program and the (CRO) Community Resource Officer things have improved. On May 18 there will be a Parent Awareness Night at the High School. Fire Chief is going to do the Safety Days Program and follow with a Safety Prevention Week. The Chiefs also spoke about an Emergency Management Class that they are going to regarding school safety, homeland security and trafficking of young girls. Michigan ranks #2 in the nation for human trafficking because of the major corridors we have.

The meeting was then turned over to Chief Davidson for his 2017 annual report. Chief Davidson spoke regarding the departments continued efforts in fire prevention all the meetings they have attended and their co-operation with the Police Dept.

Continuing to update the pre-plans for commercial and large residential properties, the Fire Departments interaction with the public and how Chief Davidson is trying to recruit prospective firefighters and the problems associated with recruitment. The main issue is affordable housing.

The old Pierce 1992 fire truck was sold last week to a town in Northern Michigan, in the amount of \$12,000.00. The Tahoe is at Big Bear Auctions (a consignment auction) to be sold soon hopefully this month.

The Fire Dept would like to utilize the cement slab on the NE side of the Chikaming Twp offices for storage where the recycling bin was housed.

A motion was made for Chief Davidson to use the cement slab where the recycling bin used to sit for storage, Chief Davidson is to get a price for security fencing to present to the township board for approval on use of the slab and cost of project. This motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan and was seconded by Commissioner Kern and all voted yes. Motion carried.

Chief Davidson presented the commission with a copy of a "Waiver of Liability, Civilian Ride-Along" form. The Chief would like to use this form for Medical First Responders. The Commission read over the document and made a motion to pursue attorney information regarding the waiver of Liability ride-along form to include cell phone usage in the vehicle to present to the Township Board. Motion made by Commissioner Kern, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan and all voted yes. Motion carried.

Chief Davidson supplied the commission with a 2017 report summary on call volume and calls by locations for each area of Chikaming Twp. Also a breakdown of monthly total fire calls, Total MFR, and Total Combined summary.

The board discussed having a meeting every two months for better communication between the departments and the commission. Alternates were addressed with discussion relating to having a full commission. All agreed this would help and will be looking for alternates. Dates will be discussed and added to the meeting calendar following the open meeting act.

At this time Officer Jones gave the Commission a presentation on an Internship Program that the Police Department would like to implement.

A motion to adopt this program to go to the Township Board to include cell phone usage in the vehicle, was made by Commissioner Kern, seconded by Commissioner Garasic. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 2:44 pm was made by Commissioner Sullivan Seconded by Commissioner Garasic. All voted yes, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Chuck Garasic  
April 19, 2018