

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: August 12, 2013

PRESENT: Dennis Polach, Mike Feirer, William Murphy, Bill Winch, Gary Allworden

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Kreuser, Garry Kronstedt, Sarah Christensen, Lance Pliml, Tom Reichert,
Randy Dorshorst, Nanci Kinney

LOCATION: Marshfield City Hall

1. Call to Order:

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Review minutes of July 22, 2013:

Motion by Murphy, second by Winch to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

Bill Winch stated that the meeting with the Amish community and the townships went well. They discussed many different things that could be done to help with the problem.

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications July 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications July 2013 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communications

Steve indicated that the tower projects are ongoing and that we will take another 3 to 4 weeks until we hear back from the FAA regarding the tower heights that are allowed at both tower sites. Discussed the Nekoosa tower site and the money we pay to the city. Discussed utility costs for all of the tower sites.

d. Emergency Management July 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management July 2013 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management activity report. Question about participants terminated from the work program. Steve explained that they were terminated because the participants did not follow the work rules.

f. Emergency Management/Communications Budget

The committee reviewed the budget and discussed repair costs for tower sites and the utility costs. Steve explained that the cost of our communication radio and microwave system is around 4 million dollars, the life span of the system is 12 years, and we are into the 6th year. Steve also explained that if we have one of our 7 microwave links fail, each microwave line is 120k, since we currently do not have that money in the budget to repair the system, we would then have to go into the contingency fund for the money. Discussed the revenue that we receive from tower rent. It was discussed that a portion of the revenue be put into a carryover account for future repairs /System. It was decided that at this time we will leave the budget as is at 0%, , but will present to the budget committee both options and if there is excess money in the 2014 budget we will ask to put a portion into the carry over account for future repairs, if needed. The committee approved the budget to be sent on to the Executive Committee.

Motion by Winch, second by Allworden to forward the Emergency Management Budget on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch July 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch July 2013 claims.

b. 2014 Budget

The Committee reviewed the dispatch budget which is over by 5% at this time due to wage and insurance increases. Discussed the increase in overtime and the cost. Discussed that the current dispatch schedule creates overtime just by how it's set up. This could be a question to ask in the interview for the new manager. The Committee approved the budget to be sent on to the Executive Committee.

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to forward the Dispatch Budget on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously

6. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Reports

The Committee reviewed the July Humane Officer report. There was a discussion about what Nanci does when an individual will not comply with a quarantine order. She explains

the process and that she then has to remove the animal and quarantine it. Discussed the stray cow and numerous dog bites.

b. July 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer July 2013 claims.

c. Humane Officer Budget

There is no change to the budget from last year. The Committee approved the budget to be sent on to the Executive Committee.

Motion by Polach, second by Winch to forward the Humane Officer Budget on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Coroner Kronstedt states that the fee increase for cremations has really helped the budget as that expense is still up.

b. July 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner July 2013 claims.

c. Coroner Budget

There were a couple of increases in the budget. Bill Winch questions the need for pagers if there are cell phones. Coroner Kronstedt explained that not everyone has a cell phone and therefore uses pagers. The Committee approved the budget to be sent on to the Executive Committee.

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to forward the Coroner budget on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence: Sherriff Reichert talked about correspondence received regarding the termination of an employee. That individual has exhausted all internal appeal processes and the matter is now going to an independent hearing.

b. 2014 Budget: The Sheriff's Department 2014 budget has come in at a 0% increase. Discussed many different strategies that were employed throughout the year to keep the budget in check. The Committee approved the budget and recommends it be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to forward the Sheriff's Department Budget on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Updates:

Crimestoppers: None

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: None

d. Jail Items: All jail reports were reviewed.

9. July 2013 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Allworden, second by Murphy to approve the July 2013 claims of all the Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Set date, time and location of next meeting:

September 9, 2013

1:00 PM

Port Edwards Lions Club Shelter

11. Adjourn:

Motion by Allworden, second by Murphy to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Wood County Emergency Management.

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee