



MINUTES
Public Safety Committee Meeting
November 3, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fedell called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The meeting was held at Newaygo City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Present at City Hall: Georgia Andres (Newaygo Police Chief), Dave Chambers (Newaygo Planning Commission Chair), Ed Fedell (Newaygo Mayor), Del Hirdes (Newaygo Economic Development Organization Chair & Newaygo Fire Board), Danielle Hummel (Newaygo Fire Board Chair), Travis Kroll (Newaygo Fire Department Chief), Jon Schneider (Newaygo City Manager), Lloyd Walerczyk (Newaygo Police Sergeant), Ron Wight (DPW Superintendent)

Motion by Chambers, second by Hirdes to approve 04/14/2021 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Chief Andres gave highlights of draft Feasibility Study and urged group to read final draft. Group discussed merits of surveying a larger community group and inquired about questions that were asked of public focus group.

Chief Andres stated that the Newaygo Police Department has received Accreditation through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program and gave some highlights of the final Accreditation Report. She said that the entire report can be viewed at: michiganpolicechiefs.org/page/accredited

Chief Andres gave some updates on the Major Case team and said they have been very helpful on some recent cases.

Chief Andres reviewed statistics and highlights in the Police Department 2020 Annual Report and stated that crime rates were lower in the past year and said it was likely due to COVID restrictions.

Chief Andres gave an update on Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (Asher) Guidance Training and stated that they are working on a rescue task force that would engage once a scene is safe. She said that they had done safety training with community members and are working on forms for other departments to follow in a large scale event so supervision goes as smoothly as possible.

Chief Andres discussed Newaygo Public School (NPS) Assigned Police Officer Bi-Annual Report and described several of the services provided by Officer Rood, NPS Assigned Police Officer.

Newaygo Area Fire Department Chief Kroll gave an update on Insurance Services Office (ISO) ratings for the City of Newaygo and Brooks Township. He stated that the fire hydrants had been inspected and he will forward a report to the Newaygo DPW. Chief Kroll said that the Fire Department had switched radio systems to the same ones used by local law enforcement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMENTS

Hummel stated that she is concerned with final pavement markings on M37 allowing parking on both sides of the street downtown.

Schneider gave an update on M37 Rehab Project and the watermain project.

Group had discussion regarding factors contributing to future growth of the community.

Motion by Fedell, second by Andres to adjourn meeting. AIF/MC