

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**MAY 22, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Thompson at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Harry Thielen (Township), Donnie Mayer (School), Renee Eckerly, Bob Liestman, Joe Schmitz, and Robert Dickhaus, Stearns County Sheriff Department. Frank Carter (Hospital), Doris Wendlandt, and Dusty Veldkamp were absent.

**Motion was made by Liestman to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2012 and March 27, 2012 Public Safety Committee meetings. Seconded by Thielen and unanimously carried.**

**REVIEW ANIMAL ORDINANCE**

The Committee discussed the issues with cats under the animal ordinance. The Committee discussed the pros and cons to licensing cats. The cost to impound either a dog or cat is \$14.00 per day. The Committee decided that the health and safety issues outweigh the cost and to keep the current process.

**STEARNS COUNTY WARNING & NOTIFICATION POLICY**

Eckerly explained the document and Stearns County's service regarding severe weather. The Committee discussed the situation with the vacancy in the Emergency Management Director's position. Eckerly will be filling in and will ask for assistance from the Police Officers and a member of her staff until the position can be filled.

**POLICE CHIEF UPDATE**

Thompson reported that the advertisement is posted and there is interest to have someone from the school be on the Interview Committee. There was also a volunteer from the community that expressed interest. The Committee discussed the hiring process and interviews including scoring.

**MEMBER REPLACEMENT**

**Motion was made by Eckerly to appoint Joe Schmitz to the Public Safety Committee until the Police Chief is hired and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Liestman and unanimously carried.**

**MITIGATION ACTION WORKSHEET & UPDATE**

Eckerly explained the documents that were submitted and the email from James McClosky, MN HSEM Mitigation Planner.

## **EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN**

The Committee wants to wait to discuss this until after the Mock Disaster is reviewed with Stearns County. Eckerly will invite Erin Hausauer, Stearns County Emergency Management to the June meeting.

## **VICE CHAIRPERSON POSITION**

Eckerly reported that Dusty Veldkamp resigned effective June 1, 2012, so a new Vice Chairperson needs to be appointed. The Committee discussed nominations.

**Motion was made by Schmitz to appoint Donnie Mayer as Vice Chair. Seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.