

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

MARCH 27, 2012

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

The Committee reviewed the comments from the Council meeting held on March 14, 2012 regarding possible errors in the minutes. After a brief discussion,

Motion was made by Mayer to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Wendlandt and unanimously carried.

MEMBER REPLACEMENT

The Committee discussed Jerome Feigum or Larry Alsted as possible replacement candidates for the Police Chief's position on the Committee during the transition period. Thompson will contact to see if either of them is interested.

REVIEW 2012 STEARNS COUNTY MITIGATION PLAN

Eckerly explained the documents distributed by Stearns County and for each goal have to have a Mitigation Action Worksheet completed and returned to the County. The Committee reviewed and made changes to the strategies in the 2009 plan. Eckerly reported that forms need to be in to the County before May 1, 2012. Eckerly will complete the rest of the forms and present them at the Special Public Safety meeting on April 17, 2012 for approval to meet the deadline.

(Carter left at 7:40 p.m.)

SIRENS – UPGRADING, NOT ON BATTERIES

Eckerly reviewed the quotes from Granite Electronics. Thielen wanted to know how the siren could be moved further into the Township and how to get a grant. Eckerly reported there is a grant available for communities with no sirens. Eckerly will check on this and bring it back to the next meeting.

Motion was made by Wendlandt to purchase the Federal Informer for \$795.00 for sirens 2 & 3 and purchase a kit for siren 1 to move to FCC narrowbanding and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Thielen and unanimously carried.

REVIEW MOCK DISASTER

This item was tabled until Stearns County can be in attendance.

EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN

This item was tabled.

DISCUSS POLICE DEPARTMENT TRANSITION

The Committee expressed concerns on having a special meeting and sending a recommendation to the City Council and the Council seeming unappreciative to what the Committee had recommended on such a serious situation. The Committee discussed if the Community is going to be growing with the Hwy 23 Bypass then police protection is extremely important.

Motion was made by Wendlandt to re-recommend to start the hiring process with posting an advertisement for 30 days and keep the Stearns County Sheriff's Department in place for now to do the CLEO duties and then it can be decided whether to appoint from within for Chief for an interim period or start going through applications and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Mayer and unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.