

# DeWitt Charter Township

## Public Safety Committee

1401 W. Herbison Road

DeWitt, MI 48820

January 15, 2008 minutes

Thomas Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present: David Seeger, Bonnie Oetman, Thomas Hendrickson

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Chief Russell PD  
Chief Koos - FD

### AGENDA

**Hendrickson moved; Oetman seconded the approval of the agenda. Motion voted and carried.**

### MINUTES

**Hendrickson moved; Oetman seconded the approval of the November 21, 2005 minutes. Motion voted and carried.**

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Thomas Hendrickson was elected Chairperson and Bonnie Oetman was elected Secretary of the PSC.**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. *Reactivation of FD Apparatus Committee.* Chief Koos discussed, at length, the apparatus needs and apparatus usage of the Fire Department and the need to review and perhaps update the apparatus study done in 2003. A committee has been established to undertake this review and includes: Ronald Beaton, John Lance, Diane Mosier, Rodney Taylor, David Seeger, David Fedewa and Chief Koos.
2. *PD Explorer Program.* Chief Russell discussed the cooperation of the police departments from Bath, St. Johns, City of DeWitt and DeWitt Township in establishing a police explorer program. The initial interest of the students in these school districts is very high. An information meeting will be held next week for students interested in the explorer program.

3. *Misc.* Chief Koos discussed the staffing issues of a paid-on-call department and Chief Russell commented on the on-going vacancies in the police department. Chief Russell also discussed the good works of the nine neighborhood watch programs, which act as the extra eyes and ears for the police department. Trustee Oetman commented on the good-looking police department shirt patches that have been adopted since the last PSC meeting. All discussed the police and fire department mileage that will be up in 2010.

#### TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Seeger discussed the revenue flow from the 425 Agreement with East Lansing and how that money is used. Further discussion was held about the positive fiscal responsibility of the Board of Trustees given the difficult economic times.

#### EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS and OTHERS COMMENTS

The PSC will meet on an “as needed basis” going forward.

**Hendrickson moved; Oetman seconded the unanimous adjournment of the meeting.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Oetman,  
Secretary

Lori Fox,  
Fire Department Secretary