

Baroda-Lake Police Board
Minutes of meeting – Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Lake Charter Township PSB

Chairman Bob Clark called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Roll Call:

Bob Clark	Lake Charter Township	Present
Gloria Payne	Lake Charter Township	Present
Nancy Mensinger	Lake Charter Township	Present
Dennis Krotzer	Baroda Township	Present
David Wolf	Baroda Township	Present

Others Present: Chief of Police; Shawn Martin, Mike Essig Lake, John Wilk, Officer Wes Koza, Officer James Howell, Jamie Smith and Recording Secretary; Stacy Allen.

Amend/Set Agenda: To accept the agenda as presented.

Motion by Dave Wolf

Seconded by Gloria Payne

Motion carried

Minutes of Last Regular Meeting of November 10, 2020: To accept the minutes of the last regular meeting of November 10, 2020.

Motion by Dennis Krotzer

Seconded by Gloria Payne

Motion carried

Finance Report:

Bills: To approve the bills as presented.

Motion by Dennis Krotzer

Seconded by Nancy Mensinger

Motion carried

Bookkeeper's Report:

General Fund Balance: \$470,423.85 as of December 31st

Drug Fund Balance: \$93,765.53 as of December 31st

Motion to amend the 2021 general fund budget as presented, with the change to Baroda townships contribution to \$199,000 from \$208,000.

Motion by Dave Wolf

Seconded by Dennis Krotzer

Motion carried

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Agenda Items:

Hire Matt Verstrate fulltime with benefits: To hire Matt Verstrate fulltime with benefits effective February 1st, 2021.

Motion by Dennis Krotzer

Seconded by Gloria Payne

Motion carried

Discussion of MERS pension: We have had 2 meetings with MERs, to get a better understanding of what the pension plan is, how it's funded, how much it's underfunded and how they figure it all out. To try to understand where we are at now, what options we have with regards to the pension plan and are there other types to offer, are there other ways to handle the underfunded amount which has grown. Year end actuarial shows that the pension is underfunded at \$194,000.00. We are about 70% funded as of right now. No action was taken at this time.

2021 Chevy Tahoe purchase: Chief Shawn Martin presented a quote for a 2021 Chevy Tahoe to replace car #74 from Wimberley.

Motion to purchase 2021 Chevy Tahoe from C. Wimberley.

Motion by Nancy Mensinger

Seconded by Gloria Payne

Motion carried

Chief's Report:

Civil Forfeitures: Chief Shawn Martin gave a brief update on the 2020 year end civil forfeitures.

Officer Training: Chief Shawn Martin gave an updated sheet of the officer's trainings and upcoming trainings for 2021. Including yearly qualifications, March we are hosting a taser recert one day training, it is opened up county wide.

Police Activity: Chief Shawn Martin gave a brief update on the police activity. He stated we are "Use of Force" certified through the DOJ which gives us the opportunity to file for federal grants.

Vehicle Mileage and repairs: Chief Shawn Martin gave an update on the vehicle mileage and repairs.

Calls for Service: We ended 2020 at 2402 calls and we are currently at 67 calls for service. We had 102 FOIA request for 2020. In your packets is the 2021 board meeting schedule.

Public Comment: John Wilks was concerned about the underfunded amount and stated that the defined contribution is better than the defined benefit.

Mike Essig stated that pension funds are complicated.

Officer James Howell stated that he has concern that this department will have a revolving door to keep good officers if we do not have a competitive retirement plan. That wouldn't be good for the department or the community.

Officer Wes Koza stated that when he came to work for the department he was told what the benefit package was. To change it after the fact isn't right.

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Next meeting Thursday, March 9, 2021 @ Lake Charter Township PSB @ 5:00 pm

Adjournment: Adjournment of meeting.

Motion by Gloria Payne

Seconded by Dennis Krotzer

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Motion by Gloria Payne, seconded by Dennis Krotzer, to go into closed session at 6:45 p.m.. As authorized under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h), I move that we go into a closed session for discussion of workers compensation/Chief of Police. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the motion made in session.

Motion by Bob Clark

Seconded by Gloria Payne

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Stacy Allen