

Minutes for Chippewa Lake and Lafayette Township, May 1, 2018 special meeting to discuss Deputies Contract.

Meeting to order: 9:05 AM

Attendees: Mayor Joanne Dodaro, Keith Reidel, Bud Hardesty, Alan Robbins, Allan Michelson, Lynda Bowers, Mike Costello, Marty Warchola, and Bill Thorne.

Topics of Discussions:

The existing Deputy Agreement with Lafayette Township, Chippewa Lake and Medina County Sheriff expired December 31, 2017 and has been operating on a month to month basis since that point.

Open discussions and exchanges with Lafayette Township Trustees concerning their difficulties and frustrations in perfecting and executing a new Deputies Agreement with Medina County Sheriff's department. The Township submitted an Agreement within which the points of negotiation which Lafayette, believed had been resolved in discussions with the Sheriff department, were completely blacked out. No corrective wording was provided.

Lafayette concerns include the following but not limited to:

- 1) A significant number of unnecessary "Mutual Aid" responses taking assigned deputies and township patrol cars out of the township. Examples included;
 - a. Call out to Valley City for Dead Body.
 - b. Patrols on the Interstate
 - c. Mutual Aid to Creston
 - d. A detail of the previous 3 months tracking of GPS on each vehicle was provided.
- 2) Vehicles damaged on mutual aid calls and reimbursement from resulting insurance claims.
- 3) Requests for documentation on mutual aid calls.
- 4) Evening and weekend schedule hours.
- 5) Vehicle maintenance.
- 6) Dispatch Fees
- 7) Allocation of vacation hours.
- 8) A general consensus that they are paying significant amounts of money for services that they feel should be free. The taxpayer is already paying for these items.
 - a. Payments to the Medina County Sheriff are annually near \$350,000
- 9) Other misc. items.

Additional discussions included the conversational topics; contract fulfillment, chain of command, communication protocol, confidence in the performance of contractual parties, organizational charts, potential fall out with county deputies, and how the Village of Chippewa Lake would be affected by any contract changes.

Lafayette Township discussed their research efforts into other police entities which could support the Townships needs. The City of Medina - Police Department has been positive in responding

back to the Township request. A back and forth dialogue was exchanged about the positives and negatives of such a potential relationship for both Lafayette Township and the Village of Chippewa Lake.

Lafayette also shared their reach out to adjacent townships for their interest in providing Deputy Services. These efforts did not yield positive responses of interest for which to pursue.

Lafayette feels it is in their best interest to pursue the Medina City Police option. Chippewa Lake would like to work cooperatively with the Township for a new deputy's contract. But, it was mutual understood, that the Village will need to explore and evaluate any new agreement in the perspective of the Village's needs. This could include the Village to pursue its own agreement with the Medina County Sheriff.

In closure:

Allan Michelson, for Chippewa Lake, will be contacting the Medina Count Sheriff to set up a meeting with Village Council members. A meeting has been arranged for 10 AM, Monday, May 2, 2018 at the Sheriff's office.

Township Trustees will keep Chippewa Lake apprised of the Medina City Police negotiations.

Meeting adjourned: 11:12 AM,

Respectfully Submitted,
Alan Robbins,
Village of Chippewa Lake - Council
Chair: Safety Committee