



# Rochester Hills Minutes Public Safety Committee

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Monday, April 4, 2005

7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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**DRAFT**

## CALL TO ORDER

*Chairperson Raschke called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** Bryan Barnett, Linda Raschke, Louis Eble and Gary Elliott

**Absent:** Gerald Robbins

*Non-Voting Members Present: Chief Ron Crowell, Capt. Robert Smith, Adam Alleman and Andrew Roscoe*

*Non-Voting Members Absent: Andy LeBlanc*

*Others Present: Mavor Pat Somerville. Julie Jenuwine. Finance Director*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*None were presented.*

## COMMUNICATIONS

**2005-0012**      Revise 2005 Meeting Schedule

**Attachments:** 032905 Memo Raschke.pdf; 010405 Memo & Meeting Calendar.pdf; 010905 Resolution.pdf; Resolution.pdf

**A motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Eble, that this matter be Approved.**

**Resolved that the Public Safety Committee revise the dates of their remaining regularly scheduled meetings for 2005 to be as follows:**

**May, 9, 2005  
June 6, 2005  
July 11, 2005  
August 8, 2005  
No September meeting unless needed  
October 3, 2005  
November 14, 2005  
December 5, 2005**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:**            Barnett, Raschke, Eble and Elliott

Absent: Robbins

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2005-0170 Discuss Survey to Municipal Fire Departments

**Attachments:** Compiled Survey Responses.pdf; Survey List - Municipal Fire Depts.pdf; Response letter to Fire Chiefs.pdf; Auburn Hills FD Survey.pdf; Brandon Twp FD Survey.pdf; Chesterfield Twp FD Survey.pdf; Farmington Hills FD Survey.pdf; Independence Twp FD Survey.pdf

Final Draft Survey

*The Committee reviewed the revisions that were made to the final draft survey. The consensus was to have the "due date" be May 5, 2005. The Committee requested that the Clerk's staff will compile the responses as soon as they are all received.*

*The Committee also reviewed the list of municipalities to which the survey will be sent. The consensus was to eliminate the following municipalities because they are well established "full-time" fire departments and not a true comparison of "combination" fire departments such as Rochester Hills:*

- \* City of Ferndale
- \* City of Madison Heights
- \* City of Sterling Heights
- \* City of Warren
- \* West Bloomfield Township

**Discussed**

## NEW BUSINESS

2005-0233 Discuss Police Millages

**Attachments:** 050905 Supplmtl Info - Memo Jenuwine - 3 scenarios.pdf; 033105 Memo Jenuwine.pdf; 2005 - OCSD Millage Analysis.pdf; 2005 - OCSD Millage Analysis R&E.pdf

*As requested by the Committee, Ms. Jenuwine, Finance Director, provided financial information regarding the Police millages and the General Fund subsidy to the Special Police Fund concerning two (2) questions:*

\* Question 1 - What are the millage amounts [for both Police millages] and when are they due to expire?

*Currently, there are two (2) Police millages. The first millage (Police Millage I), currently levied at 0.7942, began December 1994 to generate revenue in Fiscal Year 1995 for twenty (20) years through Fiscal Year 2014. The second millage (Police Millage II), currently levied at 0.4326, began in December 2002 to general revenue in Fiscal Year 2003 for five (5) years through Fiscal Year 2007. The two (2) millages total a levy of 1.2268 mills.*

\* Question 2 - What would be needed at a minimum to eliminate the General Fund subsidy?

*The current levy equals approximately \$2.5 million dollars transferred from General Fund. Based on several assumptions going forward including staying with the current 58 deputies, the best projection is that nine-tenths (9/10) of a mill would be needed to reach 2.1168 mills assuming that the second millage (due to expire in 2007) would be renewed.*

The Committee commenced discussion regarding a millage request which included the following points:

\* Since the second millage will expire in 2007, it is recommended to try for a renewal during 2006 in order to provide a cushion in case it fails. Consideration should be given to simplifying the millage name and consolidating the levy to include some type of growth projections if warranted.

\* A major portion of a millage request is the public campaign which entails about six (6) to eight (8) months of presenting the financial needs and services to the public through various communication tools.

\* Consideration should be given to forming either a citizen committee or administrative committee or utilizing a consultant.

\* Police protection is unique and a separate millage may be marketable to the public. However, historically, the residents have not passed millages.

The Committee briefly discussed the other millages that may come forward in November 2005. They also requested that Ms. Jenuwine provide the following financial scenarios for the next Public Safety Committee Meeting:

1. Combine Police Millage I and II and keep the current level of officers, which is at fifty-eight (58) through 2014

2. Combine Police Millage I and II and add one (1) deputy per year from 2006 through 2014

**Discussed**

## YOUTH COMMENTS

Capt. Smith briefly discussed two (2) fatal car accidents that were totally unrelated and occurred within 20 minutes of each other in Lapeer County. They claimed the lives of nine (9) young people. Mr. Roscoe commented that one victim was a student at Rochester High School.

The Committee briefly discussed programs at the schools in prior years regarding alcohol-related driving fatalities.

Mr. Eble noted that he disposed of questionable paraphernalia discovered in the parking lot that accesses the Paint Creek Trail off Tienken Road. Capt. Smith will forward the information to the deputies.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2004-0032

Discussion of False Alarm Ordinance

**Attachments:** 033104 Agenda Summary.pdf; 020204 False Alarm info.pdf; 020204 PS Minutes.pdf; 032604 Master Report.pdf; 040204 Memo Capt. Smith.pdf; False Alarm Info - St Hgts.pdf

The Committee discussed a False Alarm Ordinance and made the following points:

\* There was a presentation made at a City Council Work Session on March 31, 2004 by Mr. Dan Clark, former False Alarm Officer for the City of Troy.

\* An ordinance would also require accurate record keeping for complete "due process" as well as working with citizens and businesses to educate them, etc. It is very likely

*that within three (3) years, a False Alarm Ordinance program would bring in surplus funds which would not only offset administrative costs, but reduce false alarm calls and free up police resources for other needed services.*

- \* There could be a separate line-item in the budget for financial tracking purposes.*
- \* There are "boiler-plate" programs being used that are successful and self-funding.*
- \* The ordinance could contain a fine schedule that increases if false alarms are repeated at the same address.*
- \* In 2004, seventeen percent (17%) of the call load at Rochester Hills sub station was alarms. Statically, over 99% of alarms nationally are false alarms.*
- \* As more homes are built, the number of alarm calls will grow. Alarm companies simply want to sell alarms.*

**Mr. Lee Zendel**, 1575 Dutton Road, commented that the City of Farmington Hills has budgeted \$90,000 as false alarm fees in the 2006 budget.

*The Committee consensus was to continue this discussion at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.*

**Discussed**

**2004-0505**

Communication from Thomas L. Boyer, Labor Attorney, regarding Full-Time City Employees and Paid-On-Call Fire Fighters

**Attachments:** 033005 Memo - Crowell - POC policy.pdf; 060304 Memo - Galeczka.pdf; 122203 Admin Policy - POCs.pdf; 070604 Ltr - KKUE FT Emps & POC FF.pdf

*Chief Crowell distributed a memo dated March 30, 2005 and briefly discussed his suggestions for an administrative policy regarding full-time city employees who also serve as paid-on-call (POC) firefighters. He explained the following:*

- \* The full-time employees who also serve as POCs would only be able to respond to "known structure fires in the City of Rochester Hills".*
- \* The policy would add five (5) firefighters to supplement the day shift.*
- \* There is also a "call-back" policy for POCs who live in the City. This would take place from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM for "known structure fires".*
- \* The City of Auburn Hills is currently using this type of program.*

**Closed**

**2005-0320**

Discuss Public Safety Aids Program

*Mayor Somerville informed the Committee that she has been told by deputies that they will not agree to a public safety aid program due to liabilities and union issues. However, she encouraged the Committee to continue to bring forward new suggestions and ideas for discussion.*

*Chairperson Raschke commented that she did receive a packet of information on the City of Troy's program, however, their police structure is different than the City of Rochester Hills.*

**Closed**

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Monday, May 9, 2005 - 7:30 PM*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Raschke adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.*

*Minutes were prepared by Denise Mertz.*