

**TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA  
POLICE SERVICES BOARD  
MINUTES  
March 29, 2018**

**PRESENT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chair, Glen Mackey, David Kent, Mayor Doug Malanka, CAO/Treasurer Ray Morrison, with guest OPP Inspector June Dobson, and Acting Sargent, Josh Dupuis.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:00 AM

**2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

Welcomed OPP Inspector June Dobson.

Moved by David Kent, seconded by Doug Malanka, that Glen Mackey be appointed as the Chair for another year. CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Doug Malanka, seconded by David Kent that the agenda for March 29, 2018 be approved.

**4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of December 17, 2017 were distributed in advance.

Item 2 – Drinking 28% down to 43%

Page 4 – Inspector Dobson reported on the new billing format.

Moved by David Kent, seconded by Doug Malanka that the minutes of December 17, 2017 be approved.

Carried

**5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None noted

**6. DELEGATIONS:**

No delegations were requested for this meeting.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**OPP Monthly Activity Summary**

December 2017, January 2018, February 2018 and the 2017 year end report OPP statistics had been precirculated. Inspector Dobson reviewed highlights, suggesting that rather than a detailed review of all months, she would focus on the Year End report and trends. Board members agreed with this process.

Annual Report – Violent crime which includes assaults, sexual assaults and other crimes against persons. 2017 remained under the 6 year average, consistent with 2015 and 2016, noting a 100% clearance rate in 2017.

For 2017, sexual assault clearance rate is low at 50%. This could be due to a number of factors including timing of reports from prior year. Because of the MeToo motion, the OPP has had a significant increase in the region, but these claims would be distributed over the prior years they relate to.

For 2017, thefts increased due to a rash of petty vehicle and vacant house break and enters. Can we protect your house promotions on our web site, include pamphlets with the Final billing. Mr. Morrison will work with Inspector Dobson on this going forward.

Fraud continues to be on the increase (2017 CRA campaign), offset by education of the public. Calls are up as people know to contact the OPP, but losses appear to be decreasing.

February 2018 detailed Statistics highlights:

Frauds – Majority of people who have been taken advantage of relate to fraudulent Online Dating service, banking service. Potential victims becoming better educated, less likely to be defrauded, more willing to report whether taken advantage or not.

Calls for Service – Damage to motor vehicles increased. This could be attributed to winter ice conditions?

Traffic initiatives are being very successful in both Commercial and General distracted driving offences. Our detachments laid the most charges across the province in 4 of 9 events. However, they are quite frustrated by the volume they are seeing and lack of compliance. Legislation is in the works which will support progressive charges and recording on individuals records for points and insurance.

David Kent noted a Fentanyl example and asked if it continues to escalate. Inspector Dobson noted it appears to be stabilizing, but they are continuing to have incidents in the County.

Moved by David Kent, seconded by Doug Malanka that the OPP Statistical Reports be accepted for information. CARRIED.

**Traffic Control updates – Black Cat, Other options**

There was no Black Cat radar report available for this meeting. The unit was deployed since the last PSB meeting, but reporting had not been summarized into reporting format. Mr. Morrison will circulate a report once ready. **This remains outstanding, plus the one successful one since then.**

Staff continues investigating other models that are more winter reliable and have enhanced features. A report will be circulated for a future meeting. It will consider upgrading of the current model, as requested by the Board at the last meeting. This remains outstanding for two meetings and **Mr. Morrison noted he will provide a report upon completion vs deferring to the next meeting.**

#### **OAPSB Zone 2:**

Mr. Mackey will attend the meeting April 19, 2018 and bring a report back (not the evening meeting, but the sessions on Friday).

#### **OAPSB annual meeting is May 23-26th, 2018 in Blue Mountain.**

David Kent would like to attend, but is having medical issues which might be a conflict.

Doug Malanka will revisit with his calendar.

Glen Mackey noted he can not attend.

Inspector Dobson will be attending.

#### **Cannabis Legalization:**

Mr. Morrison has circulated recent information in preparations for Cannabis legalization.

No action is required at this time. Development and approval of an Augusta municipal Bylaw is premature until further directions are received.

Stay tuned.

#### **Safer and Vital Communities (SVC) Grant**

Doug to take to the Municipal Drug Strategy for partnership opportunities.

#### **Use of Funds Policy**

Doug Malanka has sat in on the MDS for a few years now. It initially had high participation from local Mayors, but he has been the only one attending recently. Meetings have slowly morphed into a round table discussion and co-ordination of activities of various service providers. Some things that have been raised at Connect Youth, require funding and he would like to determine if the Augusta PSB funds would be eligible to support initiatives from them.

A specific Connect Youth Inc. request to support the Stingers After School Program was distributed, reviewed and discussed.

Next meeting of MDS is April 9<sup>th</sup> in Augusta Council chambers. It is suggested this issue be raised there and that group be asked to submit a request for funding to the PSB.

June Dobson commented that the PSB needs to revisit their mandate for guidance before considering approving this precedent. This may not be a role of the PSB, but rather of the municipalities. She noted North Grenville has a fairly strict guideline that they apply to each request for support they receive. Ray Morrison to a) revisit our Procedural Bylaw for guidance, b) contact North Grenville and other local municipalities for their PSB bylaws and mandates.

Moved by Doug Malanka, seconded by David Kent that we support the request for April of \$175 to get the program going, ask for a detailed report for future consideration and advise Connect Youth to seek May and June funding from Prescott and EC. Carried

Glen Mackey noted that initially the Township would consider ongoing funding for the MDS and the PSB only contribute to one time activities (i.e. like the Alvin Powell presentation). June Dobson noted that committing to one time projects is most appropriate.

Ray to ask June for an invoice related to laptops at local detachment?? Originally had a multiyear commitment, but have not been billed in last year.

Moved by David Kent, seconded by Doug Malanka that we double our contribution to the SGDHS bursary from \$250 to \$500, for two bursaries, total \$1000. Glen Mackey will attend to make the presentations.

Wheels A Churnin:

Dates are on the website, first one June 2, 2018, local OPP are planning to do the same procedures as prior year, bringing in highway traffic for RIDE programs on 416 and 401. They will not stop people coming into the event, but will upon exit. What concerns her is that Onne van Hoek has his own Security company now vs the previously employed contract firm. Ray will ask for documentation to permit the Township to assess the validity of his Security firm, Insurance provisions, Emergency and Fire Safety preparations and review with our insurance and legal advisors.

What concerns Inspector Dobson is that if don't check regularly, the Township is liable, so how do we mitigate that risk.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Ray Morrison circulated the Financial Report for Year-to-Date 2018 and fielded questions related to specific items.

Inspector Dobson noted she will be providing an Domestic Violence presentation, to be hosted at Roebuck Community Hall, potential date to be determine, but hopefully to coincide with Domestic Violence month in May. She will be applying for a grant, 100 people, grant of \$1250 per municipality subject to amount of grant received. This event will now be deferred until the October or November.

Moved by David Kent, seconded by Glen Mackey that the Augusta PSB contribute \$1,250 towards the 2018 Domestic Violence presentation. CARRIED

Moved by David Kent, seconded by Doug Malanka that the Treasurer's report be received.

Carried.

**Safer and Vital Communities (SVC) Grant:**

Mr. Morrison had precirculated the grant program information. Neither the OPP nor Augusta Township can apply for the grant. Doug Malanka will follow up with Connect Youth to ensure they are aware of the program and our municipalities willingness to support their application.

**Other Business:**

How do we support "Lock it or Lose It"

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Doug Malanka and seconded by David Kent that the meeting be adjourned at 12:10 a.m. Next meeting to be co-ordinated in June 2018, subject to member and OPP schedules.

Carried

**8. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 28th, 2018 at 10:00 am.**

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Chair

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Ray Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer