

Minutes of Perrysburg Safety Committee

Meeting Held September 27, 2022

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Barry VanHoozen.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Barry VanHoozen, Mark Weber, and Jan Materni. Also present were Kate Sandretto, Law Director, and Patrick Jones, Police Chief.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 08/23/2022 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the August 23, 2022 meeting were approved 3-0.

UPDATE ON THE DOG WARDEN CONTRACT - POLICE

Chief Jones stated that there is a contract with the dog warden and that by state statute they have to provide services. In January 2021, Jeff Studer, the Animal Control Officer retired. Chief Jones stated that many calls were handled by Police Officers, rather than the ACO because the calls were outside of the ACO's hours. On average the City receives one call per day for dogs. Chief Jones noted that an Animal Control Officer should not be handling nuisance wildlife including raccoons, skunks, possums, and coyotes according to the Code. Chief Jones stated that if a raccoon is acting sick or rabid, they determine that to be a safety concern to a person, and will take care of those.

Ms. Materni noted that the most complaints she hears from people are for feral cats. Chief Jones stated that not many organizations do anything with feral cats and that the City does not have the facilities to care for feral cats. Ms. Materni asked if we have a chip scanner. Chief Jones answered that they do have one back from when they were chipping chickens several years ago. Mr. Weber asked if the dog warden also includes cats in their duties. Chief Jones responded that by statute it is dogs only. Chief Jones stated that if there is a safety concern, they will respond to that, and just are not setting traps anymore.

Mr. VanHoozen suggested that they educate through social media, so Citizens know what to do. Chief Jones stated that there are educational pieces that Marie Dunn could put on social media during certain times of the year. Mr. Weber suggested that they do

this update again one year from now.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Weber asked for an update on the flashing school lights on Louisiana Avenue. Ms. Sandretto will ask Ms. Kabat for an update. Mr. Weber wants to know that we are doing everything we can.

Mr. VanHoozen noted that they will be hearing next month from Administration regarding the questions asked by the Fire Union the prior month.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson
Safety Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.