

Minutes of Perrysburg Safety Committee

Meeting Held March 28, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairperson Barry VanHoozen.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Barry VanHoozen, Mark Weber, and Jan Materni. Also present were Amber Rathburn, Finance Director, Patrick Jones, Police Chief/Safety Director, and Tom Granata, Deputy Fire Chief.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 02/28/2023 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting were approved 3-0.

RAIL SAFETY RESOLUTION

Chief Jones stated that Mr. Weber brought up rail safety at the last Safety Committee meeting. He added that there is a Resolution before them to let State and Federal Legislatures know that more needs to be done for rail safety and regulations. Chief Jones noted that Council President Smith thinks it is a good idea. Mr. VanHoozen thanked Mr. Weber for bringing this up right away. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

DISPOSAL/DONATION OF OUTDATED FIRE GEAR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT - FIRE

Deputy Chief Granata stated that their fire gear has a limited ten year service safety life and needs to be replaced after that. He noted that they have donated to Africa Fire Mission before. They provide training and personal protective equipment to under resourced fire departments across Africa and other developing countries. Deputy Chief Granata added that Captain Whitmore volunteered to take the gear down to Cincinnati, where Africa Fire Mission is based. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT RESOLUTION - POLICE

Chief Jones explained that this is a second settlement that involves Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. He added that in order to receive any money from this settlement, they do have to opt in for this. Mr. VanHoozen asked if there will be others to follow. Chief Jones responded that there is still some litigation going on. Mr. VanHoozen asked how much we received with the first settlement. Ms. Rathburn stated that we have not received anything yet because it is based on a ten-year period. There

being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE DETECTIVE VEHICLE - POLICE

Chief Jones explained that they have money set aside in the budget, from forfeiture funds, for this. Mr. VanHoozen asked how much the vehicle will cost to be equipped. Chief Jones stated that this is minimally equipped and nowhere near what it takes to equip a marked vehicle. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Materni asked about U.S. 23 being shutdown for the next 24 hours, if there will be extra traffic control. Chief Jones responded that they will do their best with Officers patrolling and to be sure people are safe.

Mr. VanHoozen mentioned the Nashville school shooting and hopes that the Police Department is meeting frequently with the Schools to affirm whatever we can do for safety purposes. Chief Jones responded that they have a monthly school safety committee meeting that they are a part of. School Safety is a frequent conversation between Chief Jones and the Superintendent. Chief Jones added that within the last few years, they have implemented School Resource Officers, as well as doing walk-throughs daily at the other schools.

Mr. Weber noted that himself and Ms. Materni attended the hazard mitigation panel discussion. He thinks it is great that the City is being proactive and trying to get ahead of hazards. Mr. Weber added that Chief Jones and Deputy Chief Granta had a lot of great input there.

Ms. Materni congratulated the BGSU Women's Basketball team, who made it to the final four.

Mr. Weber noted that the flashing yellow lights are working great on Louisiana Avenue and that it has definitely slowed down traffic.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson
Safety Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.