

Minutes of Perrysburg Safety Committee

Meeting Held May 23, 2023

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 Patrick Jones, Police Chief, William McCullough, Fire Chief, and Tom Granata, Deputy Fire Chief.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 04/25/2023 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the April 25, 2023 meeting were approved 3-0.

EMS BILLING RATES - FIRE

Chief McCullough explained that through a series of discussions and investigations, they have realized that their EMS billing rates are significantly lower than anywhere else in the surrounding area. They would like to bring them up to the current times, as well as establish a system so that they do not have to be revisited as often, and can be adjusted according to what the Medicare rate is.

Ms. Materni asked if the language that notes St. Luke's Hospital should be removed in light of their recent closing. Chief McCullough confirmed that it is not in the new language that Mr. Effler is proposing. Chief McCullough noted that they spoke to the billing agency and that this is certainly achievable. Mr. Weber thanked Deputy Chief Granata for bringing them the numbers from the surrounding areas, when they first brought this forward. Chief McCullough gave credit to Deputy Chief Granata for doing one-hundred percent of the leg work on this project.

Mr. VanHoozen asked how this was discovered. Deputy Chief Granata responded that the billing agency made them aware that they were significantly under the current Medicare rates. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Weber asked about the Pine Street safety issue, near the creek. Chief Jones explained that Engineering did look at it, but they need to make sure there is a strong enough base there to put a real guardrail. Chief Jones suggested they could put a

raised curb there and will talk through the best solution. Ms. Materni added that whether it is a creek or a ditch could impact their ability of what they can do with it.

Mr. VanHoozen asked about a holistic parking study. Chief Jones will have a conversation with the City Engineer and Mayor, adding that some areas are in the budget, such as Walnut Street and 3rd Street. Chief Jones noted that, as they look at a new Municipal complex, parking will come into play there also.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson
Safety Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.