

## **Minutes of Perrysburg Safety Committee**

**Meeting Held July 25, 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, and William McCullough, Fire Chief.

### **CITIZEN'S CONCERNS**

None.

### **APPROVAL OF 06/27/2023 MEETING MINUTES**

There being no objections, the minutes of the June 27, 2023 meeting were approved 3-0.

### **JULY 4TH PARKING ALONG 65**

Chief Jones explained that over the years, they have received more requests to block off the right-of-way along 65. It takes a lot of staff from the Streets Division to block that off. They will be having a meeting with the Police Division, Fire Division, Public Service, and Public Information Officer on Monday to do an after-action review of this. Mr. VanHoozen asked about the property damage and if the Service department will take care of it or if it is up to the individual property owners. Chief Jones will have the Service department do that, since it is the right-of-way. Mr. Weber asked about starting the process on July 2nd. Chief Jones responded that sometimes the cones will come up missing, so they usually wait until the morning of the event. Ms. Materni has this on the Service Committee agenda to discuss.

### **SR 199 BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN CONCERNS**

Ms. Materni stated that they discussed this at Service Committee, and ODOT says they can do it, but wanted Safety Committee to take a look at it. Chief Jones responded that if they had two eleven foot lanes, it would give them an almost eight foot width for bicycles and pedestrians. ODOT does not want delineators there. It does not meet the criteria to be a bike lane, so this is the best solution, which will offer some buffer for people traveling there. Chief Jones will talk about this at their internal Traffic Safety Committee meeting next week.

Mr. Weber asked if Chief Jones sees it as a problem, having the cyclists all riding on one side. He also asked about signage, to let people know to watch for bicycles. Chief Jones will have to look at the manual to see what is appropriate to put there. Mr. Weber suggested a 'lane narrows' sign. Chief Jones will put together what they think the best

and safest options are, so they can come back with a more formal recommendation.

**PRIORITIZED LIST OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK CONCERNS ALONG WITH PROPOSED SOLUTIONS AND COSTS POSSIBLY USING ARPA FUNDS**

Mr. Weber stated that because of the ARPA funds he wanted to ask for a follow up on a crossing between the two parks on Fort Meigs Road. Jonathan Smith questioned the crosswalk at 5th Street and Louisiana Avenue, because it gets used a lot for community events. Mr. Smith also mentioned the crosswalk at Locust Street and East South Boundary. Chief Jones noted some other ones he has looked at including Sandusky and 7th Street, Eckel Junction and Hunters Run, and White Road at Woodland School. Ms. Materni referenced the grant they just received; and Chief Jones added that the study will look more at the pedestrian side of transportation.

**PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH APP ARCHITECTURE (STATION 38 DESIGN COST APPROVAL)**

Chief McCullough stated that this is the architectural cost for interior renovations to Station 38 and was budgeted for this year. Mr. VanHoozen asked about the remainder of the cost. Chief McCullough responded that the remainder is to do the actual renovations themselves. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

**PURCHASE OF POWER COTS AND LIFT CHAIRS FOR THE FIRE DIVISION**

Chief McCullough stated that these devices will be able to get patients up and down stairs. They will be kept on the medic units at all times and will be deployed when needed. The ones they have now will only allow them to go down stairs, not up. Mr. VanHoozen asked about the old ones. Chief McCullough responded they will keep them in reserve capacity in the event that one of the new ones would be down for maintenance. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

**COMMAND TRAINING CENTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE PURCHASE FOR FIRE DIVISION**

Chief McCullough explained that they will not bring this to Committee, as they have decided to take another avenue with this purchase. Chief Jones explained that at Finance Committee they may move some funds, since the ambulances came in under budget.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chief McCullough received a letter from the Rossford Police Department thanking them for the use of their fire safety trailer for their Safety Town program.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson  
Safety Committee

**Next meeting: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**