

Minutes of Perrysburg Safety Committee

Meeting Held March 24, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - 4:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Barry VanHoozen.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Kevin Fuller, Barry VanHoozen, and Rick Rettig. Also, present were Brian Thomas, City Engineer, Joe Fawcett, City Administrator, Pat Jones, Safety Director/Police Chief, and Tom Granata, Deputy Fire Chief.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the February 24, 2025, meeting were approved 3-0.

RENEWAL OF FLOCK ALPR CAMERAS

Chief Jones explained that the Flock Safety Falcon Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Cameras allow them to have access to other communities' cameras too, such as Toledo, Lucas County, Rossford, and Perrysburg Township. It allows the officers to receive an alert if a vehicle is stolen or if there is a warrant out for that person. Chief Jones stated that they have 15 ALPR Cameras currently and are hoping to have all the cameras on the same 2-year contract so they can renew all at once. Mr. Rettig asked if there is a camera quality difference between daytime and nighttime. Chief Jones said that previously there was, but since the cameras are leased they are able to update the software remotely, to fix bugs like camera quality. Mr. Fuller asked when the contract would renew. Chief Jones said it would be July 2025 to July 2027. Mr. VanHoozen asked how often this software is used for a search. Chief Jones responded that it depends on the day some time it's only a couple of times and other days it's dozens. He added that in order to conduct a search and access the data you need a court case number, he also said that it is all cloud-based and only used for law enforcement, so it is secure. There being no objections, this is being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

PURCHASE OF NEW HANDGUNS AND TRADE-IN OF OLD WEAPONS

Chief Jones asked the committee members to allow the purchase of new handguns for the police division. The new weapons include optics on the top that help the officers aim the firearm. The weapons also include brighter lights for use at nighttime. The purchase of these weapons and the accessories is in the 2025 budget. Chief Jones has also asked for approval to trade-in old weapons used by the officers as well as confiscated guns that the division is holding on to. After trading in the old weapons, the division will

receive a \$19,260 credit towards the purchase of the new handguns. Mr. Rettig asked what is the average lifespan of the weapons and how old are the handguns you wish to trade in? Chief Jones said most can last about 8–9 years, and the current weapons are about 6 years old. Mr. Fuller asked how often they are used? Chief Jones said that officers are encouraged to use the basement range as much as they can, and we will be adding monthly firearm training for the officers. There being no objections, this is being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

PERMISSION TO MODIFY CONTRACT WITH APP ARCHITECTURE

Mr. Thomas discussed with the committee members that Station 38 is having HVAC issues, the sleeping quarters are not receiving clean air due to a broken pressure system, and the debris and contaminants on the fire gear is being carried throughout the fire station's air vents. Mr. Thomas wishes to modify the previous contract with APP Architecture to allow for the HVAC system to be fixed. This increase is in the 2025 budget. There being no objections, this is being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Jones presented legislation that will amend the language in section 634.11: Construction Operations of the City's code. This amendment adds clarification to definitions of construction equipment. There being no objections, this is being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

Deputy Fire Chief Granata informed the members that the Fire Division has promoted Michael Hickerson to Lieutenant. This is filling the vacancy created when Captain Joel Whitmore retired.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson
Safety Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.