

Minutes of Perrysburg Safety Committee

Meeting Held May 27, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 PM

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

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Kevin Fuller, Barry VanHoozen, and Rick Rettig. Also present were Pat Jones, Safety Director/Police Chief, Bill McCullough, Fire Chief and Officer Chris Sargent.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 24, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

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

FIRE DIVISION UPDATES

Chief McCullough, updated the committee on three new employees hired to fill paramedic/fire roles, four new internal promotions and the sale of the retired 1997 Pierce Fire Engine.

Surplus and Sale of a 1997 Pierce Fire Engine

Hiring of new Firefighter/Paramedics

Promotion of Tom Samson to Deputy Fire Chief effective April 28, 2025

Promotion of Aaron Harwell to Lieutenant effective May 12, 2025

Promotion of Jason Kessler to Lieutenant effective May 12, 2025

Promotion of Justin Lynch to Lieutenant

FIRE LANES AND FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS

Chief McCullough spoke about roads in the City that allow parking on both sides of the street. The fire division has noticed that it has been difficult to get ambulances and fire engines down these roads and a few times the trucks have had to re-route while on their way to an emergency. Chief McCullough stated that a discussion has started about limiting street parking on these specific roads to prevent them from being too narrow for emergency vehicles.

ALLEYWAY DISCUSSION

Chief Jones spoke about the alleyway next to Swig. The owners of Swig have asked the City to close the alleyway next to them off to vehicle traffic and make it a pedestrian-only walkway. During the downtown revitalization construction, they will close off this alleyway and re-purpose it to make it a public seating area for pedestrians. This will also allow for possibly 2-3 more parking spots in front of this alley that is not currently there.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Jones informed the committee that this would be his last Safety Committee meeting as the Police Chief, and he looks forward to starting in his new role as the Assistant City Administrator. Also, the position of Police Chief will be posted in June and, until the position is filled, Chris Sargent will step up and be interim Police Chief.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson
Safety Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 23, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.**