

Minutes of Perrysburg Safety Committee

Meeting Held August 25, 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 and Barry VanHoozen. Rick Rettig was absent. Also, present were Pat Jones, Deputy City Administrator, Brian Thomas, City Engineer, Rob Ross, Director of Public Service, Bill McCullough, Fire Chief and Chris Sargent, Interim Police Chief.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

John Meier, 220 W. Front St. Mr. Meier spoke about his concerns about the pedestrian crosswalks in the City. He said that he would like to have a way for people to cross more safely.

APPROVAL OF JULY 28, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the July 28, 2025 meeting were approved 2-0.

FLASHING LIGHTS ON THE PEDESTRIAN SIGNS- DISCUSSION

Mr. Thomas spoke to the Committee about concerns the residents have shared about some of the pedestrian crosswalks. Mr. Thomas spoke about possible grant projects that will help to make some of these crosswalks safer. Mr. Fuller asked if there was anything that could be done about the more dangerous crosswalks quicker than waiting for a grant project to be funded and constructed. Mr. Fuller suggested more signage to make it very clear to vehicles that they have to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. Mr. Thomas said that could be an option that we could explore further.

PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT PATROL VEHICLE

Interim Police Chief Sargent spoke about the purchase of a replacement Police Interceptor Utility vehicle totaling \$45,000. This vehicle will be replacing an existing marked police car that was totaled in a car accident this past May. This is informational as it is under the threshold for City Council approval.

EMS MEDICATION VENDING MACHINE REPLACEMENT REQUEST

Chief McCullough spoke about Fire Station 38's medication vending machine that has reached its end-of-life and must be replaced. The cost is \$10,819. This expense was not budgeted, but due to the machine's critical role in securing dangerous drugs, replacement can not be delayed until next year. Chief McCullough proposed using funds budgeted for another capital project. The Committee agreed to use funds set aside for another project.

STATION 38 HVAC PROJECT UPDATE

Chief McCullough reported that work on the Fire Station 38 HVAC Improvement Project will begin shortly as City Council and Finance Committee has already approved the project and budget adjustment earlier this month.

STATION 39 HVAC UPDATE

Chief McCullough reported that one boiler at Fire Station 39 has been down for several months, and replacement parts are unavailable. Both boilers may be replaced under warranty. Chief McCullough said that they are waiting for confirmation on whether the installation is covered or if there will be a cost to the City.

DORA FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

Interim Chief Sargent gave his review of the past five years of DORA. He said that overall it has been extremely positive. The only issues were in the beginning when patrons were unsure about the boundary lines. He said in the past three years there has not been any police calls regarding issues with DORA. Mr. Ross also spoke positively about the past five years with DORA. He said that there hasn't been an increase in trash or other public sanitation issues over the past five years and thinks it is a successful program. Mr. Jones stated that he would like to recommend that DORA be extended for another five years, and will have legislation for next month's meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief McCullough spoke about a "Thank You" letter that the Fire/EMS Division received after responding to an injury at a residence. The letter stated that the personnel that responded to the call were very professional and kind.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson
Safety Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.