

## **Minutes of Perrysburg Safety Committee**

**Meeting Held October 20, 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 Pat Jones, Deputy City Administrator/ Safety Director, Amber Rathburn, Finance Director, Khayla Trego, Deputy Finance Director, Bill McCullough, Fire Chief and Chris Sargent, Police Chief.

### **CITIZEN'S CONCERNS**

Justin Edgell, 340 E. Fifth St. — Mr. Edgell spoke about the crosswalk on E. South Boundary. He said that cars often do not stop for the crossing guard, and it is a very unsafe road to cross for students. He suggested putting in flashing lights like there on Louisiana Ave.

Jody Lonis, 270 Edgewood Dr. — Ms. Lonis is the crossing guard for Locust St. and E. South Boundary. She also spoke about how this crossing is unsafe and that there are times when the drivers cannot see her even with her crossing sign up. She stated that there is a lot more traffic on this stretch of road.

Mr. Fuller and Mr. VanHoozen suggested that they could look into relocating the flashing lights that are on Louisiana and E. South Boundary, in order to get something in place quickly. Mr. Fuller suggested that we look into adding a raised crosswalk with the rumble strips to alert drivers to the crosswalk.

Erin O' Rear, 4947 Prestonwood Rd. — Ms. O' Rear also spoke about the dangerous crossings. She asked if there could be more police presence in these areas in the morning while a more permanent solution is worked out.

Ethel, at the corner of East Sixth St and Hickory St. — She spoke about how the leaf pick-up truck cannot get to the leaves when there are cars parked on the street. She suggested that the City eliminates overnight parking, so the truck can come by in the morning for leaf and snow removal. She also expressed concerns about fireworks being set off in her neighborhood.

### **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 25, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

### **STATION 39 GIFT CARD DONATIONS**

Chief McCullough spoke to the committee about accepting two donations, one from Kazmaier's Market and one from Walt Churchill's Market. He said they donated gift

cards for the purchase of refreshments for Fire Station 39's open house. The Committee agreed 3-0 to move this on to City Council.

### **2026 POLICE AND FIRE BUDGETS**

Chief McCullough asked the committee if they had any questions about the 2026 Fire Division's budget. Mr. Rettig asked about the difference in price for the Police radios and Fire radios. Chief McCullough said that the fire radios have more features than the police due to the conditions fire personnel work in. Chief McCullough said that there are three new firefighter/paramedics budgeted and the capital items in the budget include Fire Station 38 improvements. Mr. VanHoozen asked how the three additional employees fit in. Chief McCullough said that there would be an additional person on each shift (A, B and C). Mr. Fuller asked about the long term financial impact of the additional firefighters. Ms. Trego stated that the cost for 2026 is about \$399,000 and union negotiations would affect future year expenses.

Chief Sargent reviewed the proposed 2026 Police budget. He said there are no new employees in the budget. Capital items include three new marked police vehicles and the up-fittings. Mr. Fuller asked if they intend on hiring officers to replace the two retiring officers from the police division. Chief Sargent said that they do plan to replace them after they retire and these wages and hiring costs has been factor in the 2026 budget.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Fuller spoke further about the crosswalks mentioned. He said that he would like to allocate money in 2026's budget to improve the safety of these crossings. Ms. Rathburn stated that she will talk with Brian Thomas in engineering about this. Mr. VanHoozen asked if she could mention the possibility of moving the lights from Louisiana Ave. She said she would bring this up as well.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson  
Safety Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.