



**Safety Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, February 27, 2013**

Call to Order:

Chair Leslie Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Leslie Miller, Roger Kilgore, and Alternate Barb Schwartz, Kathy Rhoads arrived at 6:44 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Barb Schwartz made a motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2013, and the motion was seconded by Leslie Miller. Two Aye votes. Roger Kilgore abstained. The minutes were approved as written.

Privilege of the Floor:

Barb Schwartz asked about the progress of the notification for the Everbridge door to door campaign. Chief Burson replied there is no activity at this time. The Chief believed that over half the residents have been notified. Mrs. Schwartz recommended putting the information in the BOPA news.

Mrs. Schwartz asked Chief Burson about the park sign challenge on Facebook. Chair Miller informed the Committee there has since been a sign posted under The Village park sign by a resident. It was discussed whether the Village park sign should be changed. Chief Burson has spoken with Ted Lesiak, Solicitor, and discussed the State of Ohio law allows people with a concealed carry weapons permit to carry their weapon in the parks. The Village cannot enact ordinances that are in conflict with the state law. Chief Burson recommended changing the current Village park sign. There are concerns of the residents encountering the police in regards to proving their rights and videotaping the confrontation. The Committee will recommend to Council and the Parks Department to cover up the no weapon line on the park signs.

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Chief's Report:

Chief Burson reported that the Medina County Schools' Superintendents were in attendance to the Chiefs Meeting. The schools will be working to create unification within the schools on doors and windows to make it easier for safety personnel to assist when needed. Superintendent Kubilus had taken a moment during the Chiefs meeting and expressed gratitude for the Police Departments help.

The officers are active in classes for OVI check and Officer Eckstine is being recertified for the Taser.

Chief Burson brought up a new ordinance idea for criminal activity nuisance that has been created for Rittman. The ordinance is similar to the 911 ordinance. It is a tool that would allow the Police Department to determine a place a nuisance for multiple criminal violations. The Police Department then can let the land lord know they will be charged for subsequent violations. This would make the Landlord responsible for who is coming to the community.

Chief Burson checked local areas for snow bans. Wadsworth and Brunswick have their Mayor or Safety Director determine the snow ban and have it announced on the media. Rittman has one sentence built in their zoning code that the Police can determine cause for vehicle removal if unreasonable interference. Chief Burson suggested a parking ban can be confusing and disruptive downtown and The Village's goal is to have clean streets. The Streets Department could do a temporary closure. Mr. Sobczak said there has not been any major problems downtown.

Chair Miller stated that the Softball/Baseball sign-ups are from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Municipal building on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and asked Chief Burson to be sure the building is open.

New Business:

The Police Department Schedule has been completed.

The work session minutes for the January 16th meeting have been signed and will be attached to these minutes. Chief Burson will check with Chief Michalec on another work session. Chief Mihalec can give advice on job descriptions and levels for the Police Department.

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New Business (continued)

The Library would like to put a handicap parking space on Route 3. This is not possible on a State Route. Other ideas were discussed. Chief Burson will forward an ordinance to Kathy Rhoads.

Old Business:

Barb Schwartz asked about the supervisor/salaried hours for the Police Department for the work session of the handbook. Chief Burson explained the hours and that there are physical and mental limits. The 12 hour shifts help Chief Burson work with the challenge of having both officer and supervisory responsibilities. Both Chair Miller and Kathy Rhoads noted that Chief Burson is always available 24/7. The 12 hour shift also helps keep overtime to a minimal.

National Night out is August 6<sup>th</sup> and it has been proposed to have an open house at the Municipal building. Chief Winkler at the Fire Department is willing to assist. A corporate sponsor will be needed. Officer Eckstine will try and work with Target. Other ideas were discussed.

The Police Levy has not been able to get a working plan at this time and is looking to create a citizen advisory board.

Privilege of the Floor:

Kathy Rhoads asked Chief Burson to help with the Police Department information for the website.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Kathy Rhoads and was seconded by Roger Kilgore. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kathy A. Rhoads 3-27-2013*

Kathy Rhoads  
Acting Safety Committee Chair

**Barbara Schwartz**

Mar 21 (6 days ago)

to me

Patty,

I believe it is worth noting that the tracking information, showing the progress of what neighborhoods have been canvassed for the Everbridge Notifications, was documented on the 'white board' in the police dept. According to the Chief, the information had been erased, and without recreating it, he could not tell the committee what areas still needed to be done.

Let me know.

Thanks,

Barb

**Leslie Miller**

Mar 25 (2 days ago)

to me, Barbara, James

Thanks for your input Barb, but as Chairman of the Safety Committee, I feel the minutes, as presented, are a fair and accurate summary of the meeting.

**Barbara Schwartz**

Mar 25 (2 days ago)

to Leslie, me, James, Roger, Kathy

My request is supported by the audio. Chief Burson did not hesitate to share this information as presented with the committee, when asked for the status.

I request that this email string be attached to the appropriate set of safety minutes...which will actually draw more attention to the Everbridge question.

Please also add to your safety agenda the follow-up status on the Everbridge door to door campaign. Also, all department heads should share their ideas on potential cost saving ideas within their departments. Cost saving should be on the agenda monthly.

Barb