



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

Call to Order:

Acting Chair Kathy Rhoads called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Kathy Rhoads, Roger Kilgore, and Alternate Barb Schwartz

Absent: Leslie Miller

Approval of Minutes:

Roger Kilgore made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2013, with the email attachment request by Barb Schwartz. Kathy Rhoads seconded the motion. Two Aye votes. Barb Schwartz abstained.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

Chief's Report:

Chief Burson reported that it has been a good month. This is not said lightly. Law Enforcement deaths have been up 18%.

Chief Burson reported Officer Eckstine recently lead a class for the officers' recertification on equipment and did an outstanding job. Later this week the officers will be participating in a self-defense subject control training put on by the park rangers. Chief Burson noted that the Seville Police Department was the only outside agency invited at no cost. The Department will also be involved in active shooter training with Montville Township.

New Business:

Mrs. Schwartz asked the Chief to look for some cost saving ideas for the Department. This will be moved to next month's agenda.

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Old Business:

National Night out is August 6th. There are no new updates at this time. Parking concerns were discussed.

It was discussed that Council is not able to actively solicit for the Police Levy. The Safety Committee is looking for citizens to head the committee with the guidance of Council if Council decides to put the levy on the ballot. Mrs. Schwartz noted the residents currently pay \$10 to \$20 on average a year for police protection. The levy is going on 40 years old. The Department and the services provided are a great value. Chief Burson was asked to spread the word and talk with people that may have helped in the past. The Police Department can help but cannot handle the funds. Further ideas were discussed.

Work session dates for Chief Michalec were discussed. The Committee is clear to meet on April 2nd, 4th, or 9th. The Committee will have Leslie Miller contact Chief Michalec for his available date.

The Park signs wording for "no weapons" has been covered up. There has not been any further activity on this subject. This subject is considered closed.

The Criminal Activity Ordinance 2013-22 has been presented to Council and has had a first reading and is scheduled to pass in May. Kathy Rhoads will confirm with Council that everything is in place before the final reading.

Employees' licenses have been checked and are valid.

The Village of Seville has been recognized as the only community to make the effort to do a door-to-door campaign along with the BOPA newsletter notification. Chief Burson explained his goal was twofold to go to areas in town where the population probably do not use computers and also a positive experience for the Police Department to interact with the community. Chief Burson expressed he felt his goals have been met. Mrs. Schwartz suggested having a table for the Ever Bridge at the National Night Out.

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Privilege of the Floor:

Barb Schwartz reported she has spoken with Ted Lesiak about the Library handicapped parking. Mr. Lesiak had stated The Village owns the Library property. Mr. Lesiak will do further research. Chief Burson was asked to give Mr. Lesiak the parking ordinances that the Chief had previously referred to the Committee. Mr. Sobczak will also check with Doug with the State. Mr. Sobczak will be able to provide a new handicapped parking space at the old BOPA building. The Village will have a total of 6 handicapped spaces. The Committee is asking for Leslie Miller to be the contact point.

Barb Schwartz asked Chief Burson about a citizen's advisory board. The Chief does not have anyone at this time. Mrs. Schwartz stated that Mr. O'Rourke would be willing to sit on the board.

Barb Schwartz asked Chief Burson about the Police website. The website is still a work in progress. Mrs. Schwartz is requesting to include a yearly report showing how many warnings and tickets were given and the number of vacation watch requests. It was noted this is another way to show the citizens how their dollars are spent.

Mrs. Schwartz asked about The Village of Seville Auxiliary Police Officer capabilities. Chief Burson explained our Auxiliary limits are self-imposed. The supervisory responsibilities for Chief Burson are based on a sliding scale of the auxiliary officers' experience. The Auxiliary officers have the same authority as the full time officers. Our current Auxiliary officers are Ron Michalec and Don Searle. Both officers currently have over 25 years of experience.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Roger Kilgore and was seconded by Barb Schwartz. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kathy Rhoads
Acting Safety Committee Chair