



Public Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 8th, 2018

Attendance: Mr. Oberdorf, Mr. Heban, Ms. Zuchowski-Eckel, Chief Goss, Chief Drouard, Assistant Chief Stautzenbach, Mrs. Freeman

Police

- 1) Staffing. Chief Goss informed the committee of an issue with retention of part time officers. He told the committee that he has hired 15 officers (both full and part time) and has lost 12 officers. We lost an officer to Oregon since this meeting happened last week. We seem to be training them and they leave for other employment. Chief Goss would like to consider eliminating the part time officers. Mrs. Freeman spoke on the financial implications of hiring one full-time officer instead of two part time officers. The committee recommended that Chief Goss get together with the civil service commission and schedule a test. In the meantime the department will retain the current part time officer, but not fill the open part time position at this time.
- 2) Red Flex cameras. The Chief asked the committee how to proceed on this issue. Perrysburg Township has implemented the program since we have been talking about it. The Committee and Mrs. Freeman had some questions for Red Flex that Chief Goss will follow up on and implementation will be discussed once those are answered.
- 3) West Elm Tree. There is an ongoing issue with parking on West Elm Tree. The road has been repaved, but no curbs were installed so neighbors continue to park on each other's lawns (instead of parking on their own). The committee agreed that this is a common issue in neighborhoods without curbing.
- 4) Feeding Deer. There have been several complaints to the department and committee about residents welcoming deer into their yard by leaving food out for them. This is an issue because the deer are destructive to the neighbor's property who are not feeding the deer. This is also a safety issue because the deer walk through the streets and impede drivers. Chief Goss is going to forward an ordinance to Kevin Heban for review regarding this issue.
- 5) SR 65 Traffic Lights. There have been complaints with the timing of the side street lights, especially from residents who work in the middle of the night. Why are the lights on at all after 11pm?
- 6) Council woman Eckel asked for an update on the no through truck signs. Chief Goss to follow up on that and getting them installed. With all of the construction going on this summer it could become an issue.

Fire

- 7) Boat. The Search for a rescue boat is on going.
- 8) Staffing. Chief Drouard looked for call trends to help with staffing. There were no obvious times that calls are more frequent. Chief Drouard and Mrs. Freeman have reached out to Kent Murphree regarding the on call options the department is exploring.