

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

February 8th, 2011  
5:30 P.M.

**Council Committee Members:** Chair Mark Masser, Matt Lampke, Jed Morison

**Roll Call:** Chair Mark Masser and Jed Morison. Matt Lampke absent due to military service.

**Others Present:** Mayor Brennan, Lou Chodosh, Bill Harvey, Ben Kessler, Rick Weber, Chief Rinehart.

**Review of Minutes:** January 11th, 2010 - **Approved**

**Report of Chief of Police:** Chief Rinehart said there is still the problem of petty crime. He can not emphasize enough to residents to keep their car doors locked and not to leave any valuables in the car. He said the best prevention is forming block watches; organized and vigilant residents are the best solution.

Mr. Kessler asked about a business owner who was questioning the amount of police presence on Main Street. Chief Rinehart said the patrols on Main Street are better than ever. He is convinced the number of patrols done each day in Bexley far surpass any other community.

Mr. Weber asked about the crime of someone breaking out car windows. Chief Rinehart said they have caught criminals but there is not a definite way to prove whether or not it is someone who may have been involved with the glass breaking incidents. He is sure that person was someone who is hooked on Heroin or Meth and looking for a quick fix. He said the problem is when they arrest these individuals for petty thefts; they are sent downtown and usually back on the streets with a couple of weeks. He said they have four patrol cars that are always being driven around Bexley. There is no other area Bexley's size that has four police cars on the streets at all times in Franklin County.

**Report of Mayor/Safety Director:** Mayor Brennan said Harlan Meyers wants to come speak to City Council members at the next meeting. He wants to present stickers to be placed on the restaurant doors that would show the date of the last inspection and remind consumers they have the right to ask to see the report. He said he did discourage the posting of "colored" inspection stickers. Mr. Morison suggested that they ask for some input from the restaurant owners. The Mayor said one problem he has with the inspections are if you go into a restaurant at 12:30 p.m. during the lunch rush, it greatly increases the possibility of finding something. Mr. Masser said it could pose a challenge since we are trying to encourage

restaurants to come to Bexley. Mayor Brennan said there are currently no other suburban areas currently placing these stickers on the restaurant doors.

Mayor Brennan said he has observed the traffic at the Montrose Elementary School. There were two people illegally parked and someone else had driven through the yellow tape and ran over it. The Mayor distributed copies of a traffic finding that was conducted in the past. He said Mr. Ridgeway suggested they wait until the Piada is up and running before conducting a traffic study. Mayor Brennan said he has spoken with Dr. Johnson and he does not want any changes.

#### **Ordinances – None**

**New Business:** Purchasing of Text Books Requests: Mr. Masser said he contacted the gentleman who came to the last Council Meeting from Pennsylvania and told him there was no reason for him to attend this evening. Mr. Masser informed him the next meeting would be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Morison said it is a good “green” initiative and it is a good thing for the students. Mr. Kessler suggested having a permit for anyone buying text books. Mr. Chodosh said if they allow him to do business, the City is violating its own code referring to transient sellers on the streets. We could always amend the term transient to eliminate “books” and add that under the permit section.

**Other Business:** None.

**Adjourned 5:55 p.m.**