SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

February 9, 2010
5:30 P.M.

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

Call to Order - Chair Mark Masser, Jed Morison

Review of Minutes from January 12th, 2009- **Approved**

Report of Chief of Police - Chief Rinehart distributed copies of his published article concerning the recent burglaries in the area of College and Sheridan Avenues. He thanked This Week News for publishing the information.

He is continuing to give tours of the new police station and welcomes anyone who is interested in visiting the facility.

Report of Mayor/Safety Director- Mayor Brennan said the parking signs in front of Christ Lutheran Church had been changed from ½ hour parking to 2 hour parking and lifts the Sunday parking restrictions. He said it has been very successful and he has heard a lot of positive feedback on the change.

Mayor Brennan said the Service employees have been working special shifts due to the heavy snow. He said they have been running separate shifts for the past 33 hours and have done a great job at keeping the streets safe and clear. He said they had started working on the side streets on Monday, just as the next snow storm occurred. Mr. Morison said the roads have been good. Mr. Masser said he has heard a lot of comments about how residents can tell once they drive out of Bexley. Mr. Masser said to tell the Service staff what a good job they are doing. Mayor Brennan announced all Bexley School sporting events had been cancelled due to the weather.

Mayor Brennan said the safety gate had been installed in the back by the garage area and a wooden fence had been built for the other side near COSI. He also mentioned that he had some concerns with parking at Dawson due to the snow plows having problems getting around due to parked cars. He did address it with the owner and delivered a hand-written message to him requesting they keep the cars off the street during bad weather.

Proposed Ordinances: Mr. Sharp's suggested Ordinance to update the School Safety Patrol standards as originally approved in 1941 to policies currently in place. Council and Mr. Chodosh thanked Mr. Sharp for his attention to this matter. Mr. Chodosh said he had just a few changes and would have it ready to be presented at the next Council meeting.

Other Business: Discussion of legal requirements for a bike and rider crossing the street. Mr. Chodosh said he had a comment from a person concerned that our laws did not completely match the bicycle riding laws of the State. She had concern about whether or not a bicycle rider should be required to walk their bike across the street versus riding it across the street. Chief Rinehart said he wasn't aware of any problems concerning the bicycle laws. Safety Committee members agreed that no action needed to take place on this topic.

Mr. Masser said more residents are shoveling now more than ever. He asked if a person goes door to door to make some extra money and they are willing to shovel snow, do they need a permit? Mr. Chodosh said this is a very casual form of labor and he doesn't think it is necessary for them to get a permit, especially if the person is a kid. Chief Rinehart said he had some concerns only if they are of an adult age. Anyone who is over 18 years of age could potentially become a predator and needs to get a permit. Mr. Masser said he had a concern with that because any adult who is out of work in today's job market and wants to go out to earn a few dollars, why would they want to spend $25.00? Mr. Masser said he did not agree with requesting adults to get a permit for shoveling.

Next meeting –March 9th, 2010

Adjourned 6:00 p.m.