

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

May 10th, 2011  
5:30 P.M.

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

**Roll Call:** Chair Mark Masser, Jed Morison

**Others Present:** Lou Chodosh, Bill Harvey, Bruce Langner, President McClelland, Jed Morison, Chief Rinehart and Rick Weber.

**Review of Minutes:** April 12, 2011- **Approved**

**Report of Chief of Police:** Chief Rinehart discussed the spray painting of cars which occurred recently. He said approximately 50 cars were vandalized by the spraying of a number 9 and a diamond shape. He said it was a coordinated effort and they will catch the individuals.

Chief Rinehart said with the warmer weather, they are having an increase in speeding incidents. Mr. Weber said he personally witnessed a COTA bus driver passing the Columbus School for Girls driving at least 40 mph. He asked the Chief to write a letter to COTA asking the drivers to be more respectful of the Bexley speed limit. Chief Rinehart agreed and said he would send them a letter. Chief Rinehart said the department owned three of the flashing light signs which display the drivers speed. He said he wished he had more of those signs. They are very effective. He said they are battery operated so they are easy to install in different locations.

**Report of Mayor/Safety Director:** Mayor was not present. No Report.

**Ordinances –**

**Third Readings.**

**Second Readings.**

**Ordinance 16-11** to amend Bexley City Code 648.04(a), Disorderly Conduct to be a minor misdemeanor for a first offense, introduced by Mr. Masser, (Introduced on April 26, 2011)

Mr. Chodosh said this Ordinance is to correct a clerical error on a change he made two years ago. He made the original change because the Magistrate did not have enough flexibility. He

inadvertently left out the minor misdemeanor which is useful when someone just made a bad choice. The next offense would be a second degree misdemeanor.

**First Readings.**

None.

**New Business: None**

**Other Business:** Mr. Kevin Brashear, 767 Euclair Avenue addressed Council concerning the speed limit in front of the Montrose Elementary School. He asked Council and the City Attorney to refer to Ohio Revised Chapter 45-11, Section 21 concerning the wording of "20 mph in front of all school buildings". He also referred to Chapter 45-11, Section 212 concerning speed sign requirements and the compliance or non-compliance of the signage. He said he had brought this issue to Council back in December and it is now May. He said he is being told by Council they want to wait until the Piada restaurant opens, but this is not about the Piada. Regardless of whether or not the lot is occupied, he is concerned about the safety of the children crossing Main Street and walking to school. He said he would prefer City Council members to be pro-active not reactive in this matter. He said he was disappointed in the manner which this subject has been handled on the part of the Safety Committee and the City Council members.

Mr. Masser explained based on the traffic engineer's recommendations; they were waiting until the Piada opens for a more thorough study and recommendations. He said they will be holding a meeting with the Bexley School Board members and they are not overlooking his request. Mr. Brashear said he wants to emphasize that it is not a Piada issue but the current traffic that he is discussing. He would appreciate a school zone sign.

Mr. Kessler said the city should be proactive with the signage. Mr. Weber stated he recalls when the city paid \$20,000 plus on Maryland, but he seems to remember there is a reason they did not place these signs on Main Street. Mr. Chodosh said he would do some research and have a definitive answer. Mr. Masser informed Mr. Brashear that he did not have to wait until the next Safety Meeting to come discuss this issue. Mr. Kessler said the issue is getting lost with the "Piada" issue. Mr. Brashear agreed and said he just wanted to get some answers. Mr. Kessler informed Mr. Brashear there would be a Main Street guideline meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> and there may be some specific recommendations for Montrose. He said the meeting would be at 6:30 p.m. at the Bexley public library.

**Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.**