



BEXLEY SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

8:45 P.M.

Matt Lampke, Chair

Anne Lewis and Tim Madison

- I. **Roll Call of Members:** All Present.
- II. **Others Present:** Lou Chodosh, Beecher Hale, Bill Harvey, Mayor Kessler, Bruce Langner, Mark Masser, Mike Price, Richard Sharp, President Weber and Gary Qualmann. Steve Keyes – absent.
- III. **Review of Minutes:** None
- IV. **Report of Chief of Police:** Chief Rinehart said there was a swearing in ceremony for two new officers, Tim Robert and Brent Otte. He had another officer while off duty, experience a severe leg break.
Chief Rinehart announced the “Ride Bexley Ride” fundraiser event for CHOICES will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. The Chief said this is strictly a family ride or walk.
- V. **Report of Mayor/Safety Director:** Mayor Kessler said both the Chief and Dr. Johnson are more concerned about the signage on Main Street. He asked Mr. Harvey to price some signage. He said this cost would need to be reimbursed or purchased by the TIF Funds for Main Street. The sign would have to be designed and posted making sure we are meeting all guidelines. Mr. Harvey said some of the 1.5 mil grant is for light and signage. Mayor Kessler said he would like to put something up now at Maryland Elementary. Chief Rinehart explained the Ohio road could be posted a 25 mph active school zone. You could have a strip of the road 25 mph except when students are present. The Mayor said he would prefer to keep it an active school zone. He wants to make sure it is marked clearly. Mr. Sharp said when we re-do Main Street, we could look at the code to see where to place it.
- VI. **Ordinances:** None
- VII. **Discussion of School Safety Issues/Signage:** (See Report of Safety Director above).



Mr. Kevin Broshear, 767 Euclaire Avenue approached Council and said he feels passionate about this issue. The school zone was painted on Main Street and he thanked everyone for their support. He is glad this concern is moving to Maryland Elementary as well as Columbus School for Girls. He does think Montrose needs a "flashing" school sign since Main Street is the busiest thoroughfare.

Mr. Madison asked if CSG had a flashing sign and Mr. Lampke said they did. Mr. Broshear brought pictures of the old campus for display. Mr. Madison said there are new Council members and a new administration. Mr. Lampke said they would look into it. Mayor Kessler said the police have done an excellent job in the school zones and he has received a lot of positive feedback from the residents.

Mayor Kessler said they looked at the intersection at Cassingham to post a southeast light mounted. Mr. Harvey said he does not have the ultimate price yet but is looking into a button operated system and there are a view other issues with the signage and controllers. Mr. Harvey said there was some concern about the pole being stable. Mr. Lampke suggested making it a 4 way stop. Mayor Kessler said they had discussed that and he needs to have more information to bring to City Council members before that could be discussed. He would like to have Council drive around and discuss this further at the retreat. Mr. Harvey said there is no "quick fix" and it will be very expensive. He said there were several different options including a "scramble" option or a "delayed" option.

Ms. Lewis said anything that will address this issue is great. Mayor Kessler said he would like to have a workshop and talk with Dr. Johnson further. Ms. Lewis said all future Safety Committee Meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourned 9:15 p.m.

