

VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE, OHIO
STREETS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
July 8, 2024 MEETING
8:00 AM, BENTLEYVILLE VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Attendees:

Alex Goetsch
Bob Chalfant
Mayor Hale (partial)
Matt Maistros (by phone)

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the June 2024 meeting were approved.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The service director was unable to attend the meeting but reported by phone that fire hydrant flushing is underway this morning. Additionally, the loader identified for purchase is being held by the seller pending Council approval and a resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

The Chief and Mayor will continue to search for grants that would facilitate the purchase of police radios. If no grants are identified, the Chief plans to purchase a few units per year, provided that current units remain operable.

The Chief is still looking to fill a full-time officer position, but in the meantime is adding some overtime hours for full-time officers and has brought on two part-time officers to help fill the schedule and reduce the need to pay overtime. Other neighboring communities all have several vacancies and offer higher pay, so attracting a full-time officer continues to be challenging.

The Chief reported no significant issues with fireworks over the holiday, but suggested that the Village may wish to consider opting out of the new state law and introduce some restrictions on use.

The Chief reported that the Lexipol integration is going well, with near-weekly meetings with the integrator to customize all 160 applicable policies. The Chief is very impressed with the system and service and believes it to be “worth every penny.”

OLD BUSINESS

The Village Engineer has been on vacation and the Committee is still waiting for an update on plans to repair failed road edges and other issues.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Next meeting scheduled for August 12, 2024.

The meeting was concluded at 8:36 a.m.