

Village of Bellaire

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Anne Wendling, Chairman

Butch Dewey

David Schulz

MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Trustee Dewey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call Attendance**
 - Present:** Chairman Wendling (arrived at 6:31 p.m.), Butch Dewey & David Schulz
 - Absent:** None
 - Staff Present:** Janet Koch, Clerk
 - Also Present:** Village residents Colette Stanish and Kevin Keiser
3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved.
 - Motion by Schulz, seconded by Dewey, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved.
 - Motion by Schulz, seconded by Dewey, to approve the minutes of June 21, 2012. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**
5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** Mrs. Stanish spoke against allowing ORVs inside the village limits. Mr. Keiser spoke in favor of allowing ORVs.
6. **Old Business**
 - a) **ORV Ordinance** – Dewey made a suggestion regarding the definitions section of the proposed ordinance. Wendling then asked if an ORV ordinance was something the village needed. She said she agreed with Mrs. Stanish, that the answer is no.

Dewey said four people had approached council requesting that a village ORV ordinance be passed. He said ORVs are not just recreational, that people use them for commuting.

Schulz said from a personal standpoint he didn't see a need for an ORV ordinance, but from a business standpoint an ORV ordinance would enable usage for people to pass through Bellaire, most likely the area would benefit economically. He said the ordinance provides for fines resulting from ORV damages, that this could provide a small revenue stream. Wendling expressed reservations about the reality of enforcement.

Schulz said he hadn't received any phone calls about the proposed ORV ordinance, either for or against. He suggested holding a public hearing regarding the issue prior to the next council meeting. The committee thought this was a good idea.

Motion by Schulz, seconded by Wendling, to recommend to the Village Council that the ORV Ordinance be tabled and a public hearing be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 3, 2012. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

7. **New Business:** None presented.
8. **Discussion:** None presented
9. **Communication/Informational:** Schulz said he'd noted a number of LP tanks being relocated from the AmeriGas location on East Cayuga to outside the village limits, as a representative from the company had told Chief Rowe earlier in the summer.
10. **Closing Member/Public Comments:** Dewey said the rubber ducky festival had gone well; Schulz told the committee that a post-festival meeting had discussed some public safety concerns about the parade route. For next year, the plan is to have two-way traffic continue on East Cayuga instead of being re-routed one block to the south. East Cayuga has three lanes at that point; the parade will stay on the north lane and traffic will continue to flow in the south two lanes.

Another change is on West Cayuga over the river. Barricades will be set up on the centerline that will restrict pedestrians to the north lane. Traffic will flow one-way over the bridge with the aid of flagmen. When Bridge Street is open to traffic immediately after the parade, West Cayuga will be blocked off and the barricades will be removed, allowing pedestrians safe access to the entire bridge. The Antrim County Sheriff's Office has offered the use of up to four officers to assist.

Mr. Keiser asked if this would restrict viewing of the parade on East Cayuga. The committee said it probably would.

11. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Compiled by Janet Koch, Clerk

Approved: _____
Anne Wendling, Chair

Date: _____