

**St. Joseph Township Neighborhood Watch  
Board Meeting Minutes  
04-22-2009**

**Present:** Rick Knapp, Frank O'Brien, Mildred Hart, Ron Drews & Kelly Clark

**I. Minute Revision**

A. Approved minutes from 10-2008.

**II. Treasurer's Report**

A. No report due to illness.

**III. Police Report**

A. Officer Knapp shared a report covering January 2009 to April 2009. Lincoln Township has had people posing as water department workers to gain access to homes. Nothing was stolen, but residents need to be aware that this scam is happening. These particular people were described as Hispanic males with a 90's Dodge ¾ ton pickup. If they are spotted in your neighborhood, please call police right away!

B. A few solicitors were warned about permits being needed in the township, a building was vandalized with graffiti. **Neighborhood Watch Works!** The weather is warming up and more people will be outside. Keep an eye out for suspicious behavior and call the police! With our help, our officers will keep our neighborhoods free from crime.

**IV. Old Business**

A. The following have recently contributed to our program for our picnic and other activities throughout the year. We appreciate the assistance of these fine local companies!

Quality Dining-Papa Vino's	Nye's Apple Barn	Leco Corporation
Baguette De France	Liberty Foods	Shoff's Mowing
First Church of Christ-Scientist	Pier 1000	First Assembly of God

**V. New Business**

A. Martin's fundraiser may be in June 2009. No exact date as of yet.

B. Camp 911 asked us to provide lunch again for the program which teaches grades 4&5 about safety. A motion was made and approved. **Camp 911 is held on June 10-11, 2009.**

C. **Our picnic will be held June 28, 2009 from 1-3 p.m. at Carronde Park.** Vineland Catering has offered to sponsor the buns and hotdogs. Ice and pop are usually provided by Pri-Mart. We need to get back with both companies to finalize this.

D. **National Night Out will be held August 04, 2009 at Riverview Park from 5-8 p.m. at the Briarwood Pavillion.** The pavilion is booked for us already. Target will sponsor the event again, and we hope they will send volunteers to man the food booth.

E. Our Neighborhood Watch Website page should be up and running in May. Our page will be on the SJCT.org site. We hope to add the meeting minutes, photos of our events and other important information for the community!

F. Officer Knapp will check into how many bikes are unclaimed in the evidence shed. If there are enough, we will schedule a bicycle sale.

G. Officer Knapp reported that the Western Michigan Crime Prevention dues have been paid for 2009. He also passed out catalogues with promo materials. We will decide what to order for the year by our next meeting.

H. Ron Drews shared an editorial in the Herald Palladium regarding our officers. State Police Trooper Matt Churchill praised our officers for their work during the huge crash on I-94 in December. Good job!

**Next Board meeting 05-21-2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station in Fairplain.**