

St. Joseph Charter Township Neighborhood Watch Board Meeting Minutes 08-26-2010

Present: Rick Knapp, Frank O'Brien, Ron Drews, Dave Vereb, Sam Guardino, Mildred Hart, Kelly Clark, and area residents Minnie and Jackie Webb, Helen Kepp and Gene Weil.

Minute Revision

- A. Minutes from 7-22-2010 need to be changed. The check made out to Subway was actually check #1201.

II. Treasurer's Report

- A. \$793.14 as of 8-26-2010, with St. Joseph City and Lincoln Township still to be billed for the National Night Out.

III. Police Report

- A. As of now, car B&E's have slowed. There is a viable suspect. **(UPDATE: There have been more B&E's of cars in our areas. Western, Ottawa, Miami and Bradford have all been hit. Please check outside as you awaken during the night. Report any and all suspicious activity to our police department! Our officers need our help!**
- B. Door to door salespeople **MUST** have a permit from the township office. The permit will have the business name and the soliciting person's name. Please call the police if no ID is available from them!
- C. Some residents have complained about speeding cars in their area. It would really help our officers if you have a specific time that drivers are going through the area.
- D. Vandals have been destroying property in the Riverview Cemetery according to the St. Joseph City Police. If you see cars in the Cemetery at night, please call the police!

IV. Unfinished Business

- A. Special thanks to board members Ron Drews, Frank O'Brien, Dave Vereb, and Kelly Clark, along with Officer Rick Knapp. They all manned our tables at Berrien County Youth Fair Law Enforcement day.
- B. Thank you letters have been mailed out to participants of National Night Out. Our numbers were down this year. We used 650 hot dogs, and the ice cream was less too. We thank Target for all the help in the kitchen, and another big thanks to our Officers Rick Knapp, Bobby Simmons and Eric Wolff for the preparation of the hot dogs! Kelly suggested that there might have been a bit of trouble for our older population getting around the fire truck in the driveway. This may be the only place they can set the truck up to raise the bucket.
- C. IRS paperwork can now be completed, as we had to wait 90 days after contacting them.

V. New Business

- A. Mildred Hart suggested we have an informational meeting with residents regarding the recent early release/parole program that the Herald Palladium reported on in April. She will get in touch with Art Cotter, Jr. to see if he would be part of this. We talked of dates, but will wait to talk to Mr. Cotter. **(UPDATE: Our talk with Mr. Cotter will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Charter Township hall meeting room off of Washington Avenue. Tell your friends and neighbors and join us for this Open Discussion!)**
- B. October is National Crime Prevention Month.
- C. We are out of coloring books, badges and handout stickers. We will order these in January/February so we don't have to store them through the winter.

Call the NW Telephone Information line at 429-6890 ext. 277 after 5 p.m. to hear the latest updates.

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