

Minutes from January 19, 2023 Crime Watch Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Correction was noted in October 2022 minutes. The correct number for Code Enforcement is 843.832.2023, to report issues. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Sheriff's Report: LT Chaz Easterlin reported on calls between 15 Oct 22 and 18 Jan 23.

- There were 60 reports in that time period or .62 report per day. This was broken down to:
- Felonies – 11; Misdemeanors -13; Non-Prime reports – 36.
 - Brailsford 6; Braly 6; Cobb 2; Larson 2; Roberta 5; Susan 4; Teddy 2; Wendy Way 1; Bailey 3; Blackwell 2; Carmon 1; Greenhurst 1; Judith [traffic] 1; Miley 1; Waring 1; Miles Rd 6.
- The issue of golf carts speeding through the neighborhood was raised again. LT Easterlin gave us some information. Golf carts are NOT legal on public roads, i.e., Miles, Gahagan. They are not legal to use after dark. There must be a registration sticker on the windshield. He suggested we call the Sheriffs Dept and speak to the Duty Patrol officer if we see any infractions. Also, children should never be driving.

Jason DeCorte, Animal Control Officer spoke to us.

- He reviewed the leash law. A dog must be on a leash when off your own property. Also on a neighbors property unless consent has been given not to leash the dog. Leash is required always on public property.
- Barking laws. If the dog is constantly barking and more than 10 minutes it can be reported to 843.209.4058.

Khaliah Ferrell, Environmental Services Officer spoke to us.

- She reviewed recent efforts to contact owners of an abandoned house on Roberta Dr which has not been taken care of. Also the house at 100 Carmen was mentioned as this property is often not in compliance. However, the owner is working to correct the issues he has. She reviewed the Drop Off Locations or sofas, electronic equipment, TVs, etc.

Treasurer report: Our current funds are \$444.00.

President report: She raised a question about damage to our Greenhurst sign last November.

Secretary report: She has taken on the task of sorting out what we can do about the issue of the sign damage. She also got the meeting listed in the Journal Scene. Mike Mahoney at 100 Blackwell has agreed to put the signs out for her for the meeting each quarter.

Webmaster report: Crime Watch meetings will be held quarterly on the third Thursday in Jan, Apr, July and Oct. No dues or donations are requested at this time. He reported 565 hits on our website since the meeting in Oct 2022.

Old Business:

- Moving of the gate: the gate was moved to the Dorchester County side of Bailey at the end of Nov 2022. The electric system is not connected but Dorchester County says it will be moved and connected. We think there have been more auto accidents during this time of relocation.

New Business:

- DOCC, a private agency, has proposed building 2 homeless shelters [1 male, 1 female] and a warming shelter on Miles-Jamison Rd adjacent to Summerville Place and near the traffic light at Beverly Dr. while we agree that this is needed, the location is not ideal due the lack of job opportunities and transportation to work locations, schools, church and shopping.
- Next issue is the accident on Nov 15, 2022 when a woman hit our Greenhurst Sign causing major damage to brickwork, wooden part of the sign and the scrubs on the right side of the area. At this time we do not have complete information but the secretary is following up to find the Insurance Company and the State Trooper who was on the accident scene, Trooper Helms.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

NEXT MEETING April 20, 2023 at 7pm.