

**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS**  
**SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**July 13, 2020**

Members present:     Rockey, Rogoff, Wyville  
Also present:         Jamieson, Dacek

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Andrew Rockey.

**DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOGS**

Because there have been recent attacks by dogs against other dogs and against residents, there was discussion regarding updating Section 505.01 of the Codified Ordinances to create definitions for dangerous and vicious dogs and to regulate the keeping of such dogs within the village.

Charles Bosley, 287 Miles Road, and Matt, Orchard Street resident, both spoke about three vicious dogs on Orchard Street.

Sean Riley, 277 Orchard Street, said he is a police officer in Cleveland Heights and there is plenty of language in the Cleveland Heights ordinances to deal with this.

Deenah Bryamjee, 277 Orchard Street, mentioned that her 14 year old Basset Hound has been attacked by another dog. She said the problem is that for certain owners of these attacking dogs, civil action is not a deterrent. They have the money and they will continue to pay.

Debbie Lucas said her dog was attacked by the dogs on Orchard Street and she is afraid that they will attack a child or a person next.

Kristen Skoch, 278 Orchard Street, said she lives across the street from the dogs on Orchard Street. She said she has a dog and every time she walks by the house, with the vicious dogs, she has to look to see if they are there. She said she has had to ask the owner of the vicious dogs to get her dogs off of her front porch. She is worried for the children in the neighborhood.

Donna, Falls Road resident, said there has been a total of six vicious attacks from a dog on Coy Lane.

Clifford Andrews, 525 Coy Lane, said his dog was attacked last week on Coy Lane. And, as Donna mentioned, the same dog has been responsible for several other attacks.

Jean Connolly, 549 Coy Lane, said her dog was attacked in 2016 but she did not report it to the police because she was told by the owner that they had euthanized the dog, which they did not.

In the last two months it has attacked four dogs.

Throughout the meeting, Mrs. Holmes read comments and questions from Zoom Chat.

Mr. Rockey said the recommendations that we are going to make to Council are to update 505.01 to meet the Ohio Revised Code, write an ordinance that gives the police chief, or a designated officer, the ability to designate a dog as a nuisance, dangerous, or vicious giving the police chief the ability the detain, cease, or impound a dog until the case has been heard by the court. The ordinance will also give the police chief, or a designated officer, a way to declare a dog a potential nuisance.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Andrew Rockey, Chairman  
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