



Neighborhood Watch

Annual Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2015 — 7:00 p.m.

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Call to Order: Irwin at 7:02 pm

- Recited our mission statement and asked attendees if anyone was interested in the Board openings (no one responded)
- Irwin gave the Annual Report
- Introduce the Board Members to the attendees
- Held the vote to confirm Board members - unanimous
- Presented award to Mary and gave a little of her history with CNW
- Introduction of Speaker: Assistant Chief John Gordon
 - Talked over 40 minutes
 - Noted that the Police have a back log of calls most of the time due to staffing
 - Talked a lot about Neighborhood Watch and its' importance and stated "We need You"
 - Presently there is a bad climate toward police and having to run two man cars
 - They are losing officers due to the current work load.
- Introduction of Speaker: Councilman Michael Trapp
 - Talked for a good 20 minutes
 - Talked about the City Council and the Budget
 - Agreed that the police are under staffed and where do we get the funds for safety
 - Noted that the average age in Columbia is 28 and the young age groups are more likely to commit a crime.
- Irwin entertained any comments or questions from the floor. - there were none

- Door prize were drawn at the end of the meeting - Due to the length of the meeting about a third of the attendees left early. As a result all of the remaining attendees received a door prize through the drawing of raffle tickets.
- Irwin closed the meeting around 8:40 pm

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Board member attendance and terms

Name	Present	Absent	1st 3 Year Term	2nd 3 Year Term	Term Ends
Irwin Schneider, President	X		X		2016
Bill Pauls VP	X		x		2016
Jeff Hempstead - Secretary	X		x		2015
Sandy Perley, Treasurer	X		x		2017
Deanna Leimbach		X	x		2017
Ron Barthels	X		x		2016
Andrzej Bernacik	X		x		2015
Amy Bishop-Police advisor	X				
vacant			x		2018
Elaine Heckenkamp	X		x		2015
Sam Losapio Ex Facto Member		X			
Mary Wozny Ex Facto Member	X				