

Before the Island became a Village, it was a township.

**CONSTABLES** - One Constable was appointed in 1840: Joseph Willett, Theodore W. Morgan, Lucius Dean, Charles M. Verguson, Charles Carpenter, John Dean and John Estes.

This increased to two constables in 1850 and included: William Kelley, Jared Titus, Eldriedge Preston, Orson A. Chaffee, George Osborn, Oscar Dean, Milo Clemons. George C. Huntington, Jonathan S. Harris, George P. Bristol, John Stokes, John F. Martin, Charles Mitchell, Jared Dwelle., Michael Hughes, Henry Dishinger, Frederick Dishinger, Henry Elfers, Henry Trieschman, J. Difenbach, A. Zehringer.

**MARSHALS** - Here is a somewhat complete list of the Marshals from 1887 to 1895  
Wm. H. Harvey, Charles Seeholzer, Charles Martinb, W. S. Hamilton, Henry Elfers and William E. Mootz.

When the Island became a Village in 1887, it was allowed to pass its own legislation. Here are some of the more interesting entries in the minutes.

**July 3, 1890** - Mr. McGurn offered the following. Be it resolved that the Committee on Police be authorized to purchase badges for Marshall and Deputies and the same to be worn in a conspicuous position on person of said officer or officers. Seconded and carried.

Later: The Mayor reported that the Marshal's badges were wrongly lettered. Mayor instructed to write to the manufacturers.

**September 3, 1890** - The Committee on Police recommend the appointment of two Deputy Marshals immediately and would suggest the appointment of Hy. Elfers and Phillip Rosworm. [H. E. Dwelle and Phillip Rosswurm were actually appointed.]

**August 21, 1890 – Ordinance 21** – Authorizing the appointment of a reserve watch or policemen.

Section I – Be it ordained by the Incorporated Village of Kelleys Island that the Mayor is hereby authorized, when in his judgement it is necessary, to appoint a reserve watch of not more than 10 persons who may be called into active service b said Mayor or whenever he may deem the same necessary for the preservation of good order in said Village in case of emergency.

Section II – Said Mayor in case of his calling said reserve force into actual service, shall report the same to the Council at its next meeting, together with his reasons therefore and the length of time each has served.

Section III – When said reserve force is so called into actual service, the members thereof shall be under the control and direction of the Marshal of said village, and they shall not be entitled to receive any compensation except when in actual service, for which they shall receive the sum of \$2.00 per in full compensation for such services. Passed August 21, 1890

**May 19, 1892** - Report of Committee on Police & Public Health: The committee recommend the employing of a special police to go on duty at 7 pm and remain on duty until 12 pm each night during the summer and part of the fall or as long as required. We recommend also that an ordinance be passed closing all saloons in the corporation at 11 pm.

We recommend that the Deputy Marshal be authorized to purchase a police outfit of nipples, hand-cuffs, club, whistle and dark lantern. Also the purchase of a guide for Constables and Police.

The Deputy Marshall reports that the Station House is not properly supplied with the convenients for caring for prisoners; such as slop pail, wash basin, looking glass and towels, and that the windows be opened.

In 1900 references to the Island's Marshals disappeared and the term Police Officer begin to appear. It is not clear when the first official Police chief was appointed.

## POLICE CHIEFS WHO SERVED OUR ISLAND COMMUNITY

This list was prepared by Ted Blatt listing the police chiefs who have served this Village over the years.

(early 1900s)	Joe Willett John Murphy Charles Seeholzer Ed Ward Roland Brown John Moysey
(1914)	Joe Feyedelem Wm. Duignan
1919-1920	William Maag - <i>Constable</i>
(1930)	Herb Pringnitz - <i>Died 2/23/1952 "he ran the jail" was a 'one man police force' according to an article from the 1950s</i>
(1930)	Lloyd Marchky
(1930)	Frank Haig William Schlesselman
(1940-1945)	Fritz Martin
(1940-45 or 1939)	Norbert McKillips - <i>See note below, he may have served two different periods</i>
3-10-1952 to 6-4-1953	William Schlesselman - <i>Resigned June 1953</i>
6-4-1953 to 1-5-1984	Norbert McKillips - <i>Norbie died at age 56 and his obit says he was Police Chief for 32 years</i>
1984	Charles Moore - <i>Appointed acting chief on McKillips death</i>
(1960)	Charles Moore
<i>April 11 1991 Council meeting – search is on for new Police Chief, but Moore gives report to Council.</i>	
5-21-1991 – 7-15-2005	Ron Schnittker
Sept. 2005	Joe Artino - <i>Acting but not sworn in</i>
3-11-2006 to 4-8-2015	Ron Ehrbar - <i>Retired April 2015</i>
4-8-2015 to 5-1-2022	Shawn Craig - <i>Resigned May 2022</i>