

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES MAY 20, 2014

The Safety Committee meeting was held on May 20, 2014, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Dan Langshaw, Vice Chair Steve Muller, Gary Petrusky; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz; Dan Kasaris, Paul Marnecheck, John Nickell; Administration: Law Director Thomas Kelly, Safety Director Bruce Campbell, Fire Chief Robert Chegan, Police Chief John Elek, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, Finance Director Eric Dean; Other: Don Harris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Muller to **approve the April 15, 2014 minutes as received.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Oil and Gas appeal update

Mr. Kelly said that we expected a decision by now, but we have not yet heard anything. He stated that there was a request for copies of documents and we provided those. We are now just waiting for the decision. Mr. Kasaris asked what the next step would be. Mr. Kelly said that if there were to be any further steps, the only thing to do would be to appeal to the Common Pleas Court. Mr. Marnecheck asked if everything is at a standstill until this is decided. Mr. Kelly said yes, as a result of the preliminary work that we did, the Oil and Gas Commission issued a restraining order stopping the drilling of this particular well. This order will stay in place until the Oil and Gas Commission rules to the contrary. Mr. Kelly said that the records from 1968 and before are insufficient to demonstrate a formal dedication of those streets. From our point of view, it does not reduce to any degree our claim of rights in terms of ownership and maintenance. Mr. Langshaw asked if there was an update on Monroe Falls. Mr. Kelly said no, the Supreme Court is still sitting on this case and we have not been informed as to when to expect a decision, although there is speculation that it will be this summer. Mr. Kelly explained that we filed an amicus brief for this case in support of home rule. Mr. Langshaw said that we will review this next month.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Police Staffing update

Mr. Kasaris asked for an update on police staffing. Chief Elek said that the Patrolman's test was given last night and we will be hiring two from that list as soon as it is certified. He said when these individuals can start work will depend on their skill and training level. Mr. Kasaris asked if there are any anticipated retirements this year. Chief Elek said not this year that he is aware of. Mr. Kasaris asked how many patrolman would be on the road. Chief Elek said 31. Discussion on shift assignments occurred. Mr. Langshaw asked for a status update on the Detective Bureau. Chief Elek said we currently have 4 detectives.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Emergency response to May 12, 2014 storm

Mr. Nickell asked if the C.E.R.T. Team is activated for rain events like this. Mr. Campbell said that it was discussed that had the storm gone on for a longer extended period of time, we might have called some of them out for use in traffic control. Chief Elek said that we would call the reserve officers first for assistance. Chief Chegan said that we wouldn't call them when it would put them in danger. We would utilize them after it was safe, possibly the next day. They won't be called out in high risk situations. They could be utilized for things such as setting up shelters after storm once the hazards are no longer present. Mr. Nickell asked how the new dispatch center performed during this storm. Chief Chegan said that we called in a second clerk to the Police Station plus we had the full team of dispatchers in Strongsville. Mr. Campbell said that Strongsville called in all of their dispatchers and 3

clerks to duty that night. Mr. Nickell asked how many calls we had. Mr. Campbell said that the Strongsville Safety Director said that they received 80-100 911 calls. Mr. Nickell said then that we had more people to handle all of the calls than we did a month and a half ago. Mr. Langshaw thanked both Chiefs for the great response to this event.

2. **Safety Fair update**

Mr. Campbell said that the Safety Fair was a big success and had a very large turnout.

3. **C.E.R.T. Drill update**

Mr. Campbell said that this past Saturday, the C.E.R.T. Team had a mock inoculation drill with 68 residents participating as mock victims. He said there were two Cleveland Fire Fighters present as evaluators and two representatives from the Department of Health, a representative from the Office of Emergency Management, as well as our Police and Fire departments. He said that we received very good comments from the evaluators regarding our C.E.R.T. Team.

4. **Medication Drop Off Event update**

Mr. Campbell said that they conducted a medication drop off on National Drug Impact Day. We had 6 C.E.R.T. Team members assist the Police Department with this event. He said that the Partnership for a Healthy North Royalton also sponsored this event. He said that we collected between 50-60 pounds of medications. Mr. Marnecheck asked how they are disposed of. Mr. Campbell said that the DEA picks them up and disposes of them.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Muller **to adjourn the May 20, 2014 meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.