

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2015

The Safety Committee meeting was held on June 16, 2015, at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:26 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Dan Langshaw, Gary Petrusky, Steve Muller; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz; John Nickell, Paul Marnecheck, Dan Kasaris; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Police Chief John Elek, Safety Director Bruce Campbell, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi; Other: Lou Krzepina.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Muller to **approve the May 19, 2015 minutes** as received. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Oil and Gas Appeal Update

No update.

2. Regional Deer Control

Mayor Stefanik said that a meeting was held on Friday with the Mayors of the communities involved and we will be putting together a press release within the next week. This was a nice joint effort between 6-7 communities. He said there is no update at this time, but we will be hearing more shortly. Mr. Kasaris asked if the communities have formulated a plan on what we are going to do with this problem. Mayor Stefanik said yes, we will be doing a regional plan that will be further explained in the press release. Mr. Langshaw asked the Mayor if they have been in touch with the City of Seven Hills and the Metroparks. Mayor Stefanik said yes. The Metroparks already has a program and they will continue with it.

3. HB 8

Mr. Langshaw said that this bill is pending in the Ohio Senate regarding drilling in natural parks and increases the opportunity to drill in residential areas. Mayor Stefanik said that he, Mr. Antoskiewicz and Mrs. Vozar met with Representative Mike Dovilla. He said that Mr. Dovilla basically admitted that they really didn't fully understand what they were voting on and that there were some unforeseen consequences in this legislation. Right now it is sitting in the Ohio Senate and there will not be any action until the end of the year. They will modify what the House passed and send it back. Right now it is dead in the water probably until after the election. Mayor Stefanik said that he had the ODNR come out and take a tour of the city and all the oil wells and they found 45 violations, 39 of them from Cutter Oil. All the drillers received compliance letters stating that they must correct those violations by the end of June and when the last date is up for the last compliance letter, the ODNR will come back up and inspect what they cited and provide us with a report at that time. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that he got the strong feeling from Mr. Dovilla that the 13 Representatives that represent the surrounding area feel that they can't get anything accomplished with this because they are in the minority on this issue even within their own party. We have pressed for a different set of rules for this part of the county vs. the rest of the state but nothing has been presented because these representatives feel that it is hopeless because they are in the minority. Mr. Antoskiewicz said this was what he took from the meeting and said that this is not what he wants to hear. He said he wants them to say that they understand our situation and will try to get something done, but he never got the impression that we will get any type of compromise for this part of town. Mayor Stefanik felt that Mr. Dovilla should be able to negotiate on something that the reps want down in southern Ohio, a little give and take, but that does not work well in Columbus for some reason. Mr. Langshaw asked if the committee wished to take this off the agenda and instead add ODNR Oil Well Inspections to the next agenda. The Committee agreed. Mr. Kasaris asked Mr. Kelly to find out what the maximum fines are that the ODNR can levy on a driller. Mr. Kelly said he would do this. Mr. Petrusky asked what the probability is that the ODNR will shut a well down if they don't resolve all their issues. Mr. Kelly said that it is hard to speculate on this. The inclination on the part of the ODNR has always been that drilling is very good

and not drilling is very bad. He feels that a well would have to be a serious hazard to the public before they would actually shut it down.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Feasibility for an illuminated yield sign on Edgerton Rd for those driving east from West 130th and driving onto Akins Rd.**

Mr. Campbell said that they looked at this intersection and currently there is a Yield when turning left sign posted there. He said they went back to look at the crash data for the past five years. There have only been two motor vehicle accidents in this area. Both were in ice and snow conditions. One was a loss of control due to ice with nothing to do with the intersection, and the other was a failure to yield. The data does not bear out the cost of this type of requested signage. The cost of an LED solar lit sign is \$1,500-\$2,000 per sign without installation. Mr. Campbell said that at this time he does not feel that it is logical based on the crash data to put the expense into it. Mr. Muller thanked Mr. Campbell and the Police Department for their research and said that it might be something that we need to look into again in the future just to ensure that the crashes don't increase. He agrees that at such a high cost, it does not seem like it would be something prudent to do at this time. Mr. Campbell said that we are constantly updating our signs with higher reflectivity signage to better serve the community. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that this discussion has been going on for a number of years and suggested that the higher reflective sign would be a good idea. He said that there is a problem with drivers speeding around that corner and ending up on someone's front lawn but they are able to drive away so there is no record of the event. Mr. Campbell said that he would make sure that this sign has the higher reflectivity. Mr. Langshaw asked if these higher reflectivity signs have been mandated to be installed by the state. Mayor Stefanik said that these signs are mandated by 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Muller **to adjourn the June 16, 2015 meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.