

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2018**

The Safety Committee meeting was held on March 20, 2018, at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Dan Langshaw, Vice Chair Cheryl Hannan; **Council:** Larry Antoskiewicz, John Nickell, Paul Marnecheck, Dan Kasaris; **Administration:** Mayor Robert Stefanik, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Finance Director Eric Dean, Fire Chief Robert Chegan, Police Chief Ken Bilinovich, Safety Director Bruce Campbell; **Other:** Lou Krzepina, Alyssa Kasaris, Paul Lord, Jacob Schindler, Zach Morgan, C. Still

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mrs. Hannan to **approve the February 20, 2018 Safety Committee minutes**. Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. (Petrusky absent) **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Ordinance – Kelley and Ferraro Agreement (opioid crisis)

Mayor Stefanik said that the Mayors and Managers have been discussing this class action law suit against the drug manufacturers for the opioid epidemic. The city has decided to go with Kelley and Ferraro firm due to their history in class action suits. Most likely, all of the suits will be condensed into one class action law suit. The cities will receive some type of cash settlement but more importantly we are hoping they will address the problem at hand which is holding the pharmaceutical companies accountable for pushing these drugs on the doctors and patients.

Mr. Kasaris asked if Kelley and Ferraro were involved in the class action suit representing other cities. Mayor Stefanik said yes they are representing other cities at this time.

Mrs. Hannan said if the money is collected it can be used to help address and treat. Mayor Stefanik said that it is costing the Police Department time and money and the money would help. We have to address the problem and it is affecting our neighbors and people we know.

Chief Bilinovich said things have slowed down recently but 2016 was a bad year. A lot of the crimes are due to the drug abuse.

Mr. Langshaw said this is matter of principal that things need to change and stop expending resources and thinks this a good step forward.

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mrs. Hannan to **recommend Ordinance 18-34 to Council**. Roll Call: Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **(Petrusky absent) Motion carried.**

Mr. Kasaris asked Mr. Kelly if this has been filed yet. Mr. Kelly said that it will be filed very soon and all of the cases have been consolidated with Judge Dan Polster and he has them from all over the country. They will be moving rapidly and will be filed shortly.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mrs. Hannan to **adjourn the March 20, 2018 meeting**. Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. (Petrusky absent) **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.