

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2017**

The Safety Committee meeting was held on March 21, 2017, at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Gary Petrusky, Cheryl Hannan; **Council:** Larry Antoskiewicz, John Nickell, Paul Marnecheck, Dan Kasaris; **Administration:** Mayor Robert Stefanik, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Police Lt. James Cutler, Fire Chief Robert Chegan, Safety Director Bruce Campbell, Finance Director Eric Dean; **Other:** Lou Krzepina.

Moved by Mrs. Hannan, seconded by Mr. Petrusky to **excuse Mr. Langshaw**. Roll Call: Yeas: 2. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Hannan, seconded by Mr. Petrusky to **approve the February 21, 2017 Safety Committee minutes**. Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Deer hunting

Mayor Stefanik said that there was a meeting with all of the communities that participated in the program. He said that no one hunted in Parma Hts. A few of the other cities are going to change some of the acreage requirements. Seven Hills has already changed theirs. He said that we are looking at keeping ours the same. There is a possibility that we might go a little lower in some of the subdivisions. Mayor Stefanik said that the only hunting that can occur now is if you get a nuisance permit from the ODNR. He said that the cities were satisfied with how the program went. Mayor Stefanik said that the final number culled in North Royalton was 187. He said that the ODNR was happy with the program as well. Mr. Kasaris asked how we would do it so there is less acreage required in a subdivision. Mayor Stefanik said that this would most likely be done on a case by case basis. Right now he is unsure if we are going to go this route. It will be up to the Police Department to see what they suggest. Mr. Petrusky asked if we are going to give out more permits next year. Mayor Stefanik said that that will be up to the Police Department as well. Lt. Cutler said it was cut off at 65 permits last year because the season had already started. He said that they anticipate allowing more permits during the next round. He said that one person has already applied and that one nuisance permit has been issued as well. Mrs. Hannan asked how many developments are big enough for this program. Mayor Stefanik said that they can put together their common area and some of the homeowners yards, as long as they come up with 5 acres. Mr. Marnecheck asked if they must reapply each year. Lt. Cutler said yes. Mr. Petrusky asked if they also need to get a new certification each year. Lt. Cutler said yes. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that Seven Hills went to 2.25 acres. Mayor Stefanik asked if a difference can be seen in Ward 1. Mr. Nickell said that there was not any hunting done where he lives, most of the hunting was done on Tilby and other areas. He said that his area is more congested so the 5 acre limit would be hard to achieve. He said that he would be in favor of looking at lowering the acreage, but felt that the 2.25 was too low; maybe 3 or 4 acres. Mr. Antoskiewicz agreed that it was low, but said that there were apparently no issues with it in Seven Hills. Mrs. Hannan asked if there were any personal injuries. Mayor Stefanik said no. It went well in all the cities. He said that the Police Department did a good job of getting the right people out there and setting up the deer stands in the right places. This made a huge amount of difference.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Kasaris asked for the time line in appointing the new Police Chief. Mr. Campbell said that today was the last day for the question review period, so the results should be forth coming within the next week or so. A Civil Service meeting has been scheduled for April 3, 2017 so if we have the results by then we can determine the list of names. Once we have the top two candidates, they will be submitted to the Mayor for interviews and selection. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked how many people took the test. Mr. Campbell said 5. Mr. Kasaris asked if

the rank of Sergeant and up can apply. Mr. Campbell said yes; three Sergeants and two Lieutenants took the test. Mr. Kasaris said then we should have a new chief by mid-April. Mr. Campbell said yes.

Mr. Campbell said that working with NOACA, a traffic warrant analysis will be done at Ridge Road and Akins Road starting tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Hannan, seconded by Mr. Petrusky **to adjourn the March 21, 2017 meeting.** Yeas: 2.
Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.