

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2016**

The Safety Committee meeting was held on January 19, 2016, at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Gary Petrusky, Vice Chair Dan Langshaw, Steve Muller; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz, John Nickell, Paul Marnecheck, Dan Kasaris; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Police Chief John Elek, Fire Chief Robert Chegan, Safety Director Bruce Campbell, Recreation Director Jason Swim; Other: Lou Krzepina, Paul Richards, Dan Richards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 7, 2015 were accepted as presented and placed on file in the Council Office.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Oil and Gas Appeal Update

Mayor Stefanik said that we are still waiting to hear from the Franklin County Court.

2. ODNR Oil Well Inspections

Mayor Stefanik said that we have completed the last of the landscaping on State Road in front of the well head. He said that they did not replace all of the trees; they are going to try and salvage some of the trees in front. If they don't survive the winter, then they will replace them. He said that this should be the end of it; everything else that was under these inspections has been taken care of.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Smoke Damper Legislation

Mr. Kelly said that this legislation is intended to bring us current with the efforts on the part of other municipal corporations as well as counties to provide for the inspection and repair, if necessary, of internal smoke dampers in public buildings only. In this instance, city owned buildings only. This legislation has been adopted in Columbus, by the Cuyahoga County Council, Broadview Hts., and a number of other communities. We are presenting this to Council with the idea in mind that we need to stay current with the code and meet our obligations to rise to the standards when they change. Mr. Nickell asked for an explanation of what a smoke damper is. Chief Chegan said that there are two definitions contained in the legislation – one being for a smoke damper and the other for a fire damper. There are certain buildings under code that have to be separated by either a fire wall (block wall) or a smoke wall (dry wall). He said the dampers are installed in air ducts and air transfer openings and are designed to close automatically upon the detection of heat and to resist the passage of fire and smoke. He said that since they are contained internally in the ducts, dust and debris can build up over time and stop the features from working properly. Mr. Petrusky asked why we are requiring this for municipal buildings only; why don't we make this ordinance effective for all public buildings. Mr. Chegan said that health care facilities such as surgery centers, emergency rooms, etc. follow joint commission standards and they follow the Life Safety Code 101 which is specific to these establishments. He said dormitories, schools, etc. follow this code specifically. A lot of other buildings do not have this in the fire code. He said that he forwarded this information to the Northeast Ohio Fire Prevention Association to see if we can't make sure that this is put into the fire code so that municipalities like us don't have to do this to protect our own buildings. Discussion was held regarding the age and types of buildings that have the damper installations.

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Muller to **recommend this legislation to Council for approval**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Muller to **adjourn the January 19, 2016 meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.**