

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2018**

The Safety Committee meeting was held on January 16, 2018, at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Dan Langshaw, Vice Chair Cheryl Hannan, Gary Petrusky; **Council:** Larry Antoskiewicz, John Nickell, Paul Marnecheck, Dan Kasaris; **Administration:** Mayor Robert Stefanik, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Fire Chief Robert Chegan, Police Chief Ken Bilinovich, Safety Director Bruce Campbell; **Other:** Pat Powers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Hannan, seconded by Mr. Petrusky to **approve the November 21, 2017 Safety Committee minutes**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Oil Wells

Remove from agenda until spring.

2. Deer Hunting

Chief Bilinovich said that we harvested 170 deer in 2017, and 5 so far in 2018. He said that the 2017 numbers are up 15-20 from last year. Mrs. Hannan asked if we know how many deer have died due to the disease. Chief Bilinovich said that Animal Control has reported that they collected over 500 deer carcasses in 2017. He said that this includes death due to car crash, disease, etc. He said that many more deer are killed by cars and disease than through hunting. Mr. Kasaris asked if we have the car/deer crash statistics for 2017. Chief Bilinovich said that he will provide Council with this information. Mr. Marnecheck asked if there has been an increase in permit requests. Chief Bilinovich said that in 2017 there were 91 permits issued vs. 81 for 2016. He said that the deer hunting season runs through February 4, 2018. Mr. Kasaris asked if we have experienced any issues with this program. He said that he has only received 1 complaint from a resident and it dealt with a trespassing issue. Chief Bilinovich said that the only complaint he received was the same one Mr. Kasaris just referred to. He said that the program is set up so that the Police Department inspects the deer stands to ensure that they meet with all of the requirements. Mr. Petrusky said that he received a call from a resident about a deer who was running around in the Royal Valley area with an arrow in it. Chief Bilinovich said that this deer was found deceased and was picked up by Animal Control last week. Mr. Langshaw said that Council had allowed the Chief to use more discretion this year regarding the acreage minimum and asked if there were any instances where this was utilized. Chief Bilinovich said that the lowest acreage amount he allowed under the 5 acre minimum was 4.8 acres. He said that he was not willing to approve anything under 4.5 acres.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Petrusky to **adjourn the January 16, 2018 meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.