

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

The Safety Committee meeting was held on November 17, 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, Fire Chief Robert Chegana, Safety Director Bruce Campbell; Other: Lou Krzepina.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Muller to **approve the October 20, 2015 minutes** as received.  
Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Oil and Gas Appeal Update**

Mayor Stefanik said that we are currently working on the appeal. The Law Department is working on the brief and we will be asking for an extension on submission. He said that we should have more information by January.

**2. Regional Deer Control – Resolution 15-101**

Mayor Stefanik said that all of the cities involved in this nuisance abatement initiative held their public meetings last night. He said that each meeting in each city was overwhelmingly in favor of the deer culling. He said the next step is to get all the cities to pass the legislation and get it on the March ballot. He said that the 6 cities involved will be meeting in January and discuss how we are going to proceed with getting the information about the election to the public. Mr. Kasaris asked how we will handle residents who abut city property that ask to include the city property in the total acreage. Mayor Stefanik said that he does not think that we will be combining acreage with anyone because we have enough property ourselves if we decide we are going to do it. Mr. Kasaris asked if this is something we will do. The Mayor said that if it passes, we all have to sit down and talk about it. Mr. Langshaw asked if there will be a requirement that signs be posted while the hunting is ongoing. Mayor Stefanik said probably not. They are going to do a good job of notifying the residents in the areas involved. Mr. Langshaw asked if it would be a letter or an in person notification. Chief Elek said that there is a section in the regulations that says we will send letters to the residents in the area and he does believe that there is something in there requiring the hunters to post signs. Mayor Stefanik said that we have basically copied what Independence and Brecksville have been doing for years. Mr. Kasaris asked when a state administrative agency passes rules and regulations, does the Ohio Legislature act to ratify or allow those to go into effect. Mr. Kelly said yes, the Ohio Administrative Code carries out in specifics the generalities that are approved by the legislature and the legislature has to bless the administrators. Mr. Kasaris said that assuming this passes, we are going to have an administrative process here. Once the Chief writes the rules, do those rules then come to City Council for adoption. He said that he doesn't want somebody to challenge the Chief's rules by saying that a legislative body has to approve them. Mr. Kelly said that he hadn't thought about that. He said that we had gone about this with the idea that the legislation would give the chief the authority to simply fix those rules in place. We also want him to have the flexibility to change them if something comes to his attention that needs to be changed. To that extend, he is unsure if he would want to have the rules laid in stone by legislation and thereby restrict the Chief by having to come back to Council to make the change. Mr. Kasaris said that in order for these rules to have the effect of law, do the rules need to be passed by Council. Mayor Stefanik said that this is a nuisance permit and we administer our own nuisance permits. Mr. Kelly said that we can do this administratively and this is the way we planned to do it. He said that Mr. Kasaris' point is not without merit. He said that he would like to think about it and come to a reasonable approach and conclusion. Mr. Kasaris asked Mr. Kelly if he had a chance to answer his email regarding referendum. Mr. Kelly said that the answer is yes, a referendum is always a possibility. Mr. Langshaw asked if there will be any restrictions on what can be done with the deer carcass. Mayor Stefanik said it will be up to whatever the hunter wants to do with it. Mr. Langshaw provided a handout

regarding how a hunter can donate the carcass to a food bank. A copy is attached to these minutes. Mayor Stefanik said that would be entirely up to the hunter; we are not going to dictate what they have to do with the carcass. He said we are going to be busy enough just trying to get this off the ground. He said that the cities will be meeting quarterly after the program begins to see if any changes are needed to make it better. Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Petrusky **to recommend approval Ordinance 15-101 to Council**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried**. Council decided to take action on this legislation at the Council Meeting later this evening.

3. **ODNR Oil Well Inspections**

Mayor Stefanik said that there is nothing new to report. There is still some cosmetic work that needs to be done. It was agreed to leave this on the agenda until spring when the work should be completed.

4. **Purchase of 2 Fire Trucks for Fire Department**

Chief Chegan said that the purchase of the rescue pumper is on Council's agenda for this evening. He said that the ladder truck will be on the next agenda due to the fact that we could not get the financial packet completed in time for tonight. Mr. Langshaw asked if there is money budgeted in 2016 to purchase the additional truck. Mr. Dean said actually we are looking at doing this in 2015. He said that the amendment for the budget is on the agenda tonight as well. He said that it takes a long time for these vehicles to be delivered so the sooner we purchase them the sooner we will get them. Chief Chegan said that we are looking at about a 12 month delivery window. He said that is why we wanted to start the process as soon as possible. Mr. Kasaris asked if the money being used to pay for the fire trucks comes from the capital reserve fund. Chief Chegan said this is correct and this is why we are able to finance the first truck up front and by doing so we received a substantial discount. He said we have been planning for this for years, that is why we are able to do this. Mr. Kasaris said that the proceeds that are in the fund are generated through squad call payments from insurance companies. Mr. Nickell asked what we are doing with the truck that is being replaced. Chief Chegan said that we are trading both of them in. He said we only have 3 trucks and cities of our size usually have 4 or even 5. He said all of our trucks do different things and with 22 square miles and all the things that North Royalton has to offer, we have to be able to take care of any emergency that comes our way. That is why these trucks are made this way and we have done very well. He said moving forward we are hoping to get another 20 years out of these trucks. He said that we do a very good job of preventative maintenance in house to keep these trucks working and up to codes and standards for the trucks.

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Petrusky **to recommend approval Ordinance 15-106 to Council**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried**.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Petrusky **to adjourn the November 17, 2015 meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried**.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.**