

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 16, 2017**

The Safety Committee meeting was held on May 16, 2017, at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Gary Petrusky, Vice Chair Dan Langshaw, 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, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Police Chief Ken Bilinovich, Safety Director Bruce Campbell; **Other:** Lou Krzepina, Gloria Kacik.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mrs. Hannan to **approve the April 18, 2017 Safety Committee minutes**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Deer Hunting

Chief Bilinovich said that there is only one permit that is still in effect and two people have picked up applications for future permits. He said that the hunting season will start in September and run through February. **Remove from agenda.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Oil Wells

Mr. Langshaw asked for an update on the Cutter Oil well leak, and asked what the ODNR is doing to inspect the wells we have currently. Mayor Stefanik said that Cutter Oil finished the cleanup at the well that actually seeped into the retention basin. The EPA approved the cleanup and we are waiting on a written report from the ODNR as to why it happened and what is being done to prevent it from happening again. He said that we also requested that they go out and inspect every well in the city. He said that we will be getting reports on these inspections and should have them in time for the next Safety Committee meeting. Mayor Stefanik said that we are charging Cutter Oil for all of our expenses related to this spill. Mrs. Hannan asked how many wells we have. Chief Chegan said that if you go to ODNR's website they have an interactive map that shows active wells, inactive wells, wells that have been capped, etc. He said that his department has put together a map including all of the older wells in the southern section of the city. He said that he estimates that we have between 60-80 wells, but these include those that have been capped. Mr. Petrusky asked that the Chief share this map with the committee. Mr. Kasaris asked if there was a state statute that allows us to bill the oil company for our expenses. Mr. Kelly said he believes there is a statute but he would have to look it up. He said the oil company is responsible for the cleanup and in fact if they don't attend to the issue then the EPA will come in and enforce it. Mr. Kelly said that Mr. Cutter expressed great gratitude for our efforts which saved him tens of thousands of dollars by cleaning it up as quickly as we did. Mr. Kasaris asked Mr. Kelly to locate the statute and provide copies to the committee. Chief Chegan said that he has this information. ORC 3745.13 pertains to the costs of dealing with an unauthorized spill, release or discharge. This is what gave us the authority to bill Cutter Oil. He said that we were able to handle this with the hazmat supplies we had on hand and did not have to call out the hazmat team for this incident.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Petrusky welcomed newly appointed Police Chief Ken Bilinovich.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mrs. Hannan to **adjourn the May 16, 2017 meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.