

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

### SAFETY COMMITTEE JANUARY 26, 2012

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chief Buchert, Marty Hura, Giles Seith, Linda Schilling and Mayor Linda Clark

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Matt Roosa

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Linda Wilke

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chief Buchert called the meeting to order at 6:40 a.m. October 20, 2011 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty, all ayes. Election of Chairperson- Linda made motion to nominate Marty Hura, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Giles, all ayes. Chairperson for Safety Committee for 2012 will be Marty Hura.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- ❖ Review overtime report and appropriation status report, everything is very tight- should be OK. No Overtime since October.
- ❖ Department Activity- 2011 was our busiest year on record. The yearly report will be ready for the February Council Meeting.
- ❖ No date for surgery yet.
- ❖ Alarm Box- October meeting we discussed phasing out the alarm box, since then we have had two requests to connect into our box, F&S and Barky Mart. We have notified Ashton Sound that we are considering phasing out. Discussion with committee do we want to continue. Cost will be 5-10 thousand dollars to update. Fire Dept. does not want to be responsible for the equipment within 5 years. Hiram does not pay toward it now. We currently pay for two phone lines monthly for the alarm box. Committee discussed and all agreed to start phasing out within a 5 year period.
- ❖ Cross walk sign at Main Street changes quickly. We contacted Signal Service for a quote to change the settings. Cost would be \$250.00 for them to come out. Committee discussed and agreed NOT to call them out for just that.
- ❖ New Monitors for the Police Department are in and will be installed.
- ❖ Park cameras are working and vandalism is down. Chief addressed the misconception that the cameras follow motion. The cameras only record what they are positioned at.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- ❖ Portage County Sheriff's Office approached Chief about the possibility of putting a North Post at our department. Using an area within the department and having a deputy here. They have spoke to Hiram also and Hiram declined. Committee discussed, only advantage would be better networking with the county. Space at MPD is limited and Committee agreed to pass at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS CON'T:**

- ❖ New Hire- Jeremy Seabolt was hired as an auxiliary officer 1-18-2012. He currently is an officer for Hiram Police Department also. Committee asked about 24/7 coverage. Chief advised appropriation given will not allow for 24/7. Shifts are being rotated to cover as much as possible.
- ❖ An officer asked to use his clothing allowance for a light bar for his vehicle. This would be used for special events, traffic details, etc. Chief and Clerk have no problem with this. This would be an advantage for the Village at no cost. Committee agreed and should be forwarded to Council.
- ❖ Request for a Handicap Parking spot on Franklin Street between First Street and Main Street on the North side of the road was brought forward to Committee. Committee discussed and agreed they do not see the need for this at this time.
- ❖ Garage Doors- Contacted several garage door companies for quotes on sensors for doors. The doors are too old. Quotes for a new system with 2 new commercial grade doors with eye sensors is \$1800-\$2100. Committee approved if the money is available. Chief advised Committee he is going to hold off for now.
- ❖ Donations- with the passing of Geraldine Stamm donations in her memory were sent to the Mantua Police Department from Wiona Jean Thomas \$100.00 and Stamm Contracting and family for \$75.00. Donations were given to Clerk's office. Council will need to accept.
- ❖ Public Awareness Meeting-Crestwood High School is hosting a meeting for the public in drug awareness February 16, 2012 @ 7pm. Ptl. Ken Justus will be representing the Police Department, Portage County Drug Task Force will also be there.
- ❖ Anti Virus- Kaspersky Lab Anti Virus was ordered for the entire building computers including the 2 laptops for a 3 year contract, \$750.00. Mike, Info Spec, will be installing it when it comes in and a General Order issued that nothing is to be downloaded without Chief Buchert or Linda Wilke written permission.
- ❖ Radio Console- Bad radio card in the console, it is temporarily fixed at this time. We have 3 options 1)replace with a new card, \$2100.00 2)Rebuild ours-\$1500.00 or 3) Repair ours and supply us with a loaner \$700.00. Committee discussed and agreed to rebuild ours when needed.
- ❖ Mayor Clark was contacted by Scott Peters, Dept. of Natural Resources reference hunting deer on Village Property in the marsh land with bow only. Copy of Email sent was passed out to Committee. No excessive deer reports, no car deer accidents in Village. We currently have Ordinance against hunting in the Village. Concerns with controlling who is doing the hunting. Committee discussed and agreed not in favor of this at this time.
- ❖ Chief Buchert and MSFD were contacted by Aurora Police and Ravenna Police reference contracting dispatch services with them. Aurora is interested. County would like to move toward a 2 PSAP county instead of the current 6 PSAP locations. Discussion of Mantua taking on more would require additional personnel. There could be some savings in contracting out, but the cost of the public service that would be lost for the residents needs to be considered. Committee discussed and agreed they are not in favor and not interested.
- ❖ Patrol Car information sheet handed out- Chief recommends either the Ford or Chevy. Ford is all wheel drive, Chevy Front wheel drive. We do need to look at the purchase of 1 patrol car this year and 1 next year. Keeping 3 cars in the fleet would cut down on mileage and incase of one breaking down we have a spare.

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**NEW BUSINESS CON'T:**

The prices only reflect the vehicles. Chief recommends we finance at approx. 3.5% for 4-5 years. Payments would not affect the General Fund. Chief is concerned with paying cash because that would deplete the fund. Committee discussed and agreed to bring this back to safety next month.

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:** Light Bar from Clothing Allowance- Accept Donations

**ITEMS REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE:** None

**ITEMS REFERRED TO PARK COMMITTEE:** None

**ITEMS REFERRED TO SERVICE COMMITTEE:** None

**ITEMS TABLED:** New Cruiser Purchase

**NEXT MEETING:** February 23, 2012 @ 6:30a.m.

**ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m. Motion to adjourn by Linda, 2nd by Marty, all ayes.

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Marty Hura, Chairperson

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H.W. Buchert, Chief of Police