

COMMITTEE MINUTES

SAFETY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 31, 2013

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt Roosa

OTHERS PRESENT: Ben Prescott and Linda Wilke

CALL TO ORDER: Chief Buchert called the meeting to order at 6:35 a.m. November 29, 2012 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Giles, 2nd by Marty, all ayes. Motion to elect Committee Chairperson, Committee discussed and Linda made motion for Giles Seith, Marty 2nd, all ayes. Giles Seith accepted and will be Committee Chairperson.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ Reports- Overtime, Appropriation Status, Overtime is down 8 hours from last year with a savings of \$338.08. No overtime this year to date. Appropriation Status report in line, where we thought it would be. All reports on file.
- ❖ Patrol Cars- Quotes for the new cars and needed equipment proceeding forward. The State of Ohio has awarded the new contracts. Hope to have something at next Committee meeting to be able to forward to Council.
- ❖ K9- Program is on track, training weekly. Currently the dog has a non work related injury- and treated for a small cut over his eye. Looking to set up a training with K9 group (approx. 20 dogs) at the schools.
- ❖ Lieutenant Position- Lt. Justus is in position and shaking things up.
- ❖ SRO Officer- School has taken Ptl. Urso to 8 hours a day, which is within the contract. This has caused some overtime at the PD which was taken in Comp. Time.
- ❖ Owner of cats on Woodford Street contacted the PD and has received the letter that was sent to her. She is working with Geauga County agency in picking up the cats and relocating them.
- ❖ Auxiliary Police: We have hired the first Officer for Auxiliary Position. He has started the training which will probably take about 3 months. We are also looking at a second officer.
- ❖ Mayor Clark inquired from old business if the port-a-pottie has been replaced back down at the park. Suppose to be one by the Lyons Building. Chief will check.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Service Committee asked us to review the Employee Handbook reference hours worked on Holidays. Anthony has asked that 4 Holidays be counted as days worked. Thanksgiving, Day after, Christmas and New Year. This would allow overtime to be given if they are called out. Currently the Police Department gives another day off if the employee has to work on any holiday. Would this entitle the employee to double time and a half? Committee discussed and decided further clarification is needed.

NEW BUSINESS CONT:

- ❖ We also have been asked to look at taking a Service Dept. employee to full time and the impact that would have on this department. The PD has an employee that would like the same consideration. This would cost the Village approx. \$4000.00 and that does NOT include medical benefits. Chief has no intention to move forward on this and feels it is more important to give raises and 24/7 protection with that money. If we can afford a full time position we can afford to give raises. Also if Service Department is appropriated additional funding for this, Chief asked that the Police Department be appropriated the same amount of additional funds.
- ❖ We were asked at Council by a business owner to look into an ordinance reference Loitering, which would be a Village Code. Chief handed out 4 sample ordinances. Currently we have legislation on the books for Trespass, which is a state code. In most cases this has been enough and in the case of any business having problems this would work. Although in other areas of the Village such as the park Loitering would give the Police Department additional tools. Committee discussed and agreed if the problem becomes more widespread we will revisit. For now Committee agreed to leave the legislation as it is.
- ❖ We are currently looking into changing our uniforms to help with the cost. We have eliminated the stripe on the officer's pants. To change to Blue the initial cost would be too much. We are looking at going to a black shirt and a hat that is currently \$90.00 to a 8 point hat which is approximately \$30.00. Committee has no problem and advised Chief to move forward.
- ❖ Chief was asked by Ptl. Rodney Terry if he could purchase a portable radio for duty out of his clothing allowance. Chief has no problem with this purchase. Committee discussed and agreed with the exception that if Ptl. Terry leaves the department the radio will have to be deprogrammed.
- ❖ Committee was asked if they would like to change the meeting day to the first part of the month, as the other Committees are, perhaps the First Thursday. Committee discussed and agreed. Linda Schilling made motion to change the meeting to the First Thursday of each month at the same time. Marty 2nd. All Ayes. Committee also agreed to bypass the February meeting.
- ❖ Comments or New Business: Giles inquired about responding to Primary and Intermediate Schools if a problem arises. Chief assured him that we have in the past and will continue to respond in an emergency situation. Chief also advised the SRO also frequents the school along with the High School and Middle School.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: None

ITEMS REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS REFERRED TO PARK COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS REFERRED TO SERVICE COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS TABLED: None

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NEXT MEETING: MARCH 07, 2013 @ 6:30a.m.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 a.m. Motion to adjourn by Linda, 2nd by Giles, all ayes.

Giles Seith, Chairperson

H.W. Buchert, Chief of Police