

COMMITTEE MINUTES

SAFETY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 23, 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 6:30 a.m. January 26, 2012 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Linda, 2nd by Marty, all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ Review overtime report and appropriation status report thru 1-31-12. Appropriation report shows in bold overage for that line item. We are where we should be at this time
- ❖ Special Event form and Ordinance- Ordinance was sent back to Safety from Council for revision. Chief's recommendations are written in, original language crossed out. Committee reviewed and discussed and agreed on revision. Forward to Council. Special Event Form was reviewed. Suggestion on language in 705.1 allowing Council to amend for a last minute event. Chief will check with Michele to see if that needs to be added or if Council can make a motion at the time of request.
- ❖ Public Drug Awareness Seminar at Crestwood High School went very well. Ptl. Justus did a great job in representing the Police Department. School Administration seems to be in denial of a drug problem. When K9 search is conducted only property is searched, building, lockers, vehicles, book bags, etc. Students are kept separate.
- ❖ Anti Virus program has been installed in all computers except the sever and the 2 laptops
- ❖ Deer Issue- No further contact from the Department of Natural Resources. Committee again discussed and agreed against permitting it. If further request are made Chief will talk with residents on Peck and Canada Roads. Chief will bring any further information back to Committee.
- ❖ Meeting on February 29th in Aurora with Police Chief reference dispatching. Chief Buchert and Asst. Fire Chief Roosa will be attending. This is a fact finding meeting, Aurora Chief was asked to reach out to the communities. A grant was provided for a study including, Aurora, S-Boro, Kent, Ravenna and PCSO to get statistics and discuss Central Dispatching in Portage County.
- ❖ Patrol Cars- Still gathering information costs and specs. Ford will not be available until mid March. Once available they will contact us to look at the vehicle. Everything will be done thru the State Bid process, Charles Chev. In Garrettsville has advised us they will match State Bid. Will bring back to Committee when information is available.
- ❖ Mike Jones- has completed training and is now on his own. His first shift was Sunday.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Thank You letter shared with Committee reference Ptl. Paul Maroni and Ptl. Ken Justus from a citizen expressing her appreciation.
- ❖ Narrowbanding- FCC is requiring all agencies to go to narrowbanding for all radio frequencies by January 01, 2013. Narrowbanding allows more channel capacity within the same radio spectrum and will support more users. We are currently in the first step which is getting the narrowbanding license. Ken Justus will be handling this process. Second Step will be to update all equipment by the radio company. Unknown what the costs will be.
- ❖ Chief addressed concerns with traffic detail pay within the department vs having to go outside the department. Do we want to set policy for rate and where the wages come from? Police Dept. has no problem assigning the patrol officer to the detail, however, if a call comes in the officer will need to respond and Service will have to handle the location. No decision made will leave it like it is for now.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: Special Event Form and Ordinance

ITEMS REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS REFERRED TO PARK COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS REFERRED TO SERVICE COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS TABLED: None

NEXT MEETING: March 29, 2012 @ 6:30a.m.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 a.m. Motion to adjourn by Linda, 2nd by Marty, all ayes.

Marty Hura, Chairperson

H.W. Buchert, Chief of Police