

COMMITTEE MINUTES

SAFETY COMMITTEE

APRIL 26, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chief Buchert, Marty Hura, Giles Seith, Paul Janson, Alternate and Mayor Linda Clark

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt Roosa, Linda Schilling

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Wilke

CALL TO ORDER: Chief Buchert called the meeting to order at 6:35 a.m. February 23 2012 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Giles, 2nd by Marty, all ayes. Motion made by Giles to excuse Linda Schilling, 2nd by Paul.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ Review overtime report and appropriation status reports. Overtime is down 40 hours from last year with a savings of approx. 800.00. Appropriation Status shows we are within most line items. New Vendor Report handed out showing all Vendors used and the amount spent.
- ❖ Chief Buchert and Asst. Fire Chief Roosa attended meeting at Aurora PD in February reference dispatching. Many issues discussed and Chief Buchert prepared and past out a cost analysis on moving dispatch. Discussion with Committee pros and cons and all agreed that at this time stay where we are at. We are currently funding ourselves and the savings on moving would be minimal.
- ❖ Patrol Cars- Ford dealer in Kent is suppose to be getting one in and will contact us to look at it. Ford has a design especially for Police use. Consumer report evaluated Ford and Chevy Impala and Ford was rated higher than Chevy. The cost difference is approx. \$500.00. Chief advised Village Clerk would like to pay cash and not finance. Chief discussed with Committee options of Leasing and financing. Leasing rates are 5.5% and 3.5% to finance. If financed it would not affect the General Fund. Vehicle totally equipped excluding the extended warranty would be approx. \$35,000 - \$40,000. We are looking at purchasing 2 vehicles and going to a 3 car fleet. Having the 3rd car will keep wear and tear down. Committee agrees to finance, being the most economic at this time.
- ❖ Lexipol- Reimbursement check for \$2300.00 has been received and given to Clerk for return to Police Capitol. The program is useful it gives sample policy then you can tweak it to fit your needs. However, the issue is Chief having the time available to work on and get policies approved.
- ❖ ODNR- Mayor Clark Emailed and advised we are not interested in deer control. No response

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Oak Street Parking- Chief has been asked to bring forward the recommendation to limit parking for special events on Oak Street due to the ditch line causing narrowing of the road. Committee discussed and agreed.

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NEW BUSINESS CON'T:

- ❖ K9- The police department is currently looking into the cost to bring a K9 Unit back. Research is being done on cost, equipment, breeder, etc. This would be done with donations at little or no cost to the Village. We have received some commitment for donations if we decide to proceed. Ptl. Justus would be the K9 handler. Pros and Cons discussed with Committee on availability and usage. We have used other departments K9 approx. 20 times and have resulted in several arrests. We are currently waiting on a local breeder who comes highly recommended and has dogs all over northeast Ohio to put something in writing. Committee agreed to move forward with the research process and bring back to Committee with further information.
- ❖ Capitol Improvement Plan- Chief was asked to provide a Capitol Improvement Plan for the Police Department over a 5-10 year period. Plan was created and handed out with some of the costs being between Police Department and Building needs. Chief discussed with Committee to have a plan you have to have funding and recommended that funding that is not spent at the end of the year 50% go into a Capitol Improvement Program to start looking forward to the interest of the Village of Mantua's future needs. Committee agreed and recommended forwarding to Finance Committee.
- ❖ 2013 Budget- Chief handed out 2013 Budget Proposal. Pages 1 & 2 are what we actually spend, Page 3 is equipment cost and the remainder is a Wish List.
- ❖ Geocaching- The Village has been contacted reference participating in Geocaching, an outdoor activity for people all over the world to explore and learn about the area. This would require putting a small container in Buchert Park and would like permission to do so. Contact person is George Markusic. Committee discussed and agreed to allow, however, since there is no Safety Issue Marty will refer to Parks. Mayor will contact Mr. Markusic and advise.
- ❖ MSFD Drug Drop Off- On April 28, 2012 from 9:30am-2:30pm the public will be able to take unused prescription drugs to MSFD and drop them off. No questions asked. This event is in conjunction with MPD, MSFD, University Hospital and DEA. We will have an officer present because the Fire Department under Code does not have the authority to take the drugs in and PCSO had no one available.
- ❖ Public Drug Awareness Follow up at Crestwood High School on May 17 @ 7pm. Ptl. Justus will be attending. Putting together a plan for next school year to be more pro active.
- ❖ Lions Club would like to have a membership drive at the Park on June 16, 2012. They have requested an officer for fingerprinting with kids. However, this is in conflict with the Soap Box Derby. I have not been contacted with another date yet.
- ❖ Soap Box Derby- Set for June 16, 2012 and has requested 1 officer. The date has already been approved by Council. In the past we have provided security with no cost to the event. Discussion on charging for the event per Special Event packet. Committee agreed to refer to Council to make a motion to amend section for paid security.
- ❖ Crestwood High School- Starting May 08, 2012 thru June 05, 2012 there will be a Police Officer at the school from 730am- 245pm plain clothes, walking the building inside and out. Attempting to make an impact. Currently we are at CHS and CMS in the mornings.

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- ❖ Ordinance for School- Currently in ORC it is not illegal to go into a school. However the Village can make it illegal thru Ordinance. Examples passed out for review and discussion. With something in place it gives us the authority to protect our kids locally. Discussion with Board of Education felt it is a good idea. Currently State of Ohio only has a Trespass Charge in place. Committee agrees and will review information and discuss at next meeting.
- ❖ Permits- I has been brought to Chief the idea of contractors for mowing, snow plowing, etc. be required to obtain a permit thru the Village. Pros and Con's were discussed.
- ❖ Chief Buchert discussed with Committee a Lieutenant Position for the Police Department
- ❖ Worker's Compensation - Currently we have two claims one for Judy Lisk, injury to back and the second for Ken Justus, injury from arrest. This is the third claim this year for employees.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: Motion to Amend Special Event Packet

ITEMS REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE: Capital Improvement Program

ITEMS REFERRED TO PARK COMMITTEE: Geocaching Container in Buchert Park

ITEMS REFERRED TO SERVICE COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS TABLED: None

NEXT MEETING: MAY 31, 2012 @ 6:30a.m.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m. Motion to adjourn by Marty, 2nd by Giles, all ayes.