

COMMITTEE MINUTES

SAFETY COMMITTEE
January 03, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chief Urso, Ben Prescott, Marty Hura, Dave Sluka

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Clark

OTHERS PRESENT: Lt. Ken Justus, Linda Wilke, Kaitlin Osborn and Paula Tubalkain

CALL TO ORDER: Ben called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.
November 01, 2017 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Ben, 2nd by Dave, Ben aye, Marty and Dave abstained (New Committee Members for 2018)

ELECT NEW CHAIRPERSON: Ben nominated Marty Hura, Marty declined position. Ben nominated Dave Sulka, Dave accepted position, Marty 2nd election of Chairperson, all ayes.

CHIEF's REPORT: Appropriation Status, Vendors, and SRO handed out. All reports on file.

CITIZENS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ **Parking** – Reviewed and discussed, advised new members of Parking Issue on Prospect St.- east, with over length vehicles. Looking for solution to help resolve issue. At this time there is no violation and nothing to enforce. Marty made suggestion of putting an article in Mantua Matters asking the citizens to be more aware and possibly parking on First Street or Main Street with over length vehicles.
- ❖ **SRO** – Ptl. Devin Brown interviewed with the School for the SRO position. He has declined the position due to other obligations, he will remain a Part Time Officer with the Village of Mantua. Kaitlin Osborn, former dispatcher with MPD and Auxiliary Officer interview and accepted the SRO position. All required training is complete for 2017. She started in the schools on January 02, 2018. Chief will address Council to move her to Part Time Status with retroactive pay.
- ❖ **Phones** – New Phone System bridge for PD and FD is complete. New members informed on the complications for the past year. We are currently using old and new phones, tentative date to switch to one phone is set for January 12, 2018 at 5pm.
- ❖ **Computer/Chairs** – We will be ordering evidence room new computer and dispatch chairs that we discussed in Nov. 2017. Dispatch has demo several different chairs with three different companies and will be moving forward with a purchase.
- ❖ **ODNR** – Chief discussed with Committee the pro's and con's of Bow Hunting and Trapping in the north east part of the marsh area. Safety concerns with the path and trail. If an incident occurs who is responsible for the report. Concern for the Eagles Nest and what are the benefits for the Village. They are invited to next Safety meeting.

NEW BUSINESS :

- ❖ **Hallway Floor** – A contractor was in and checked the floor and will give us a quote on the repair. This will be the second quote and will move forward on the repair soon.
- ❖ **Second Street** – Concerned citizen at Council with changing 2nd Street to One Way-Southbound only- from High St. to Prospect St. and the speeders on that street. Chief will be conducting a study before next Council and provide data.
- ❖ **Radios** – The Police Department is in need of additional portable radios, none were purchased in 2017. Lt. Justus explained that we can purchase refurbished radios and a charger bank of 6 for under \$2000.00. It is within budget, Chief just wanted Committee to be aware. Lt. Justus also discussed with Committee eventually MARCS radio system will be statewide and we will be forced to purchase it, hopefully by then there will be grants available.
- ❖ **Distracted Driving** – Lt. Justus discussed with Committee the current Codified Ordinance for the Village is the same as OSP – secondary offense for Texting while driving and it has to be proven. The amount of cell phone usage is getting worse and worse- drivers are unaware of surrounding. Lt. conducted a survey in the Marked Patrol Car for 13 minutes across from Circle K from 10:57am – 11:10am, total of 90 vehicles were observed and approximately 10% were visibly using their cell device. Concern with Pedestrian traffic and kids getting seriously hurt. We would like to consider changing the current ordinance to be more severe than what OSP has now. Walter Drain currently does the Codified Ordinances for several municipalities and they are developing their own distracted driving law. Committee discussed and agrees this is a Safety Concern and advised Chief Urso and Lt. Justus to discuss with Village Solicitor in replacing or adding to the current ordinance.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: Ptl. Kaitlin Orsborn from Auxiliary to Part Time Officer (SRO), retroactive to January 01, 2018

ITEMS REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE: Paula and Ben will inform Finance of move for Ptl. Osborn from Auxiliary to Part Time Officer

ITEMS REFERRED TO PARK COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS REFERRED TO SERVICE COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS TABLED: None

NEXT MEETING: February 07, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 7:23p.m. Motion to adjourn by Ben, 2nd by Marty, all ayes.