

COMMITTEE MINUTES

SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 06, 2019

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Lt. Justus, Ptl. Josh Mion

CALL TO ORDER: Chief Urso called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

February 06 2019 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Ben, 2nd by Marty all ayes.

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

CITIZENS : Brian Baird, Owen Baird with Boy Scouts of America working on Merit Badge

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ **Dispatch** – We still have one dispatcher on leave, Judy Lisk.
- ❖ **Vests-** (6) of the new vests have arrived for the officers- once we are reimbursed the 50% from Dept. of Justice we will reinvest that money.
- ❖ **Peddler Ordinance** – Discussed at Council fee Collection, no issue – paper trail and good documentation and processing.
- ❖ **Camera's** – Should be installed within the next few weeks, vendor came out and looked at the structure should be no issues.
- ❖ **Old K9 Car** – Has been assigned to the Service Dept. they have removed the markings and the Lt. will be working with them on the light bar to make it useful for them. Motion was made at last meeting to transfer and repurpose the vehicle.
- ❖ **MARCS** – Received a couple quotes and following up with those. Lt. Justus spoke with Ohio MARCS and they have agreed to donate 8 portable radios at approx. \$1500.00 each. We did apply for a grant for more radios and we were denied. We will be checking further into that
- ❖ **New Patrol Car** – Lt. Justus provided packets with bid sheets and comparisons of what is out there and what is available, Ford and Chevy. Ford has redesigned the vehicle we currently have and the downfall is none of the equipment from the old car will fit the new vehicle, also Ford cannot give a production date, they are guessing the end of the year. Starting checking with Chevy dealers for Tahoe. Our current Tahoe seems to be holding up well, spoke with Garrettsville Chief who runs all Tahoe's no complaints. We have State Bid packages with Gainley Chev and Tim Lally who wanted State Bid offering \$200.00 under State Bid. Price for Lally is \$35,946.30 with the \$200.00 off. Committee discussed and reviewed info provided. Equipment in the Impala is old and cannot use very much for the new vehicle. Our plan is to keep the new vehicle for 8-10 years, departments are getting longer longevity from the Tahoe's then they are out of the unibody Fords. Research is showing Tahoe's are holding up better longer for daily wear. I received 4 true quotes for equipment, Tim Lally has hired their own people for installation of the equipment and they warranty the install for the same time as your vehicle, also they purchased 3 spare loaded Tahoe's for loaners, if your vehicle would be in for service for any length of time they will provide you a loaner for free, which is a good perk.

OLD BUSINESS CON'T:

- ❖ **New Patrol Car** – Tim Lally seems to be the best because they can do the vehicle and install work all at once, delivered from the factory to the dealership, when we pick it up it is complete and ready to go to the lettering shop. Quotes and breakdowns from all vendors is provided for Committee. Not included in the equipment quote is the Video system which is necessary in todays age. It is very dangerous to work in the Police world without a dash cam. We are looking at approximately \$5,000 for the video system. Approximate total would be \$50,000, we spent \$44,000 on the current vehicles purchased in fall of 2013 that are a paid off now. We would like to purchase one this year and finance vehicle and use Police Capital for equipment and possibly the fall of next year being a model of 2021, this would be a two year difference in vehicles for rotation. Last day to order a vehicle for this year is March 21st – Council meeting is March 19th Committee reviewed and discussed all information provided. We would need legislation for Council from this Committee and will check with Village Clerk on financing. Motion made by Ben to move forward to Council with purchase of vehicle, 2nd by Dave, all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS :

- ❖ **Dispatch** – Dan Coffman resigned as part time dispatcher, this Saturday is his last day
- ❖ **Officer** – Steven Gregg, part time officer, is taking an unpaid leave of absence. He is moving to South Carolina for a full time officer position his last shift will be March 23rd.
- ❖ **Part Time Officer** – Ptl. Josh Mion has been with us since February 2018, would like to move him from Auxiliary to Part Time Officer. Will take to Council
- ❖ **Speed Limit** – We have had another inquiry about lowering the speed limit to 25 MPH. As we all know MPD and Mantua Village does not set the speed limit. We will try to have more enforcement in the area
- ❖ **Comments/Concerns** – Mayor Clark asked about the speed trailer that we had discussed. Lt. Justus advised businesses have pledged monies, however they would prefer not to run money for equipment thru DMRC. We are checking other options and on hold right now.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: New Patrol Car / Part Time Officer

ITEMS REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS REFERRED TO PARK COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS REFERRED TO SERVICE COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS TABLED: None

NEXT MEETING: April 03, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 6:39p.m. Motion to adjourn by Chief, 2nd by Ben, all ayes.

Dave Sluka, Chairperson

Joseph Urso, Chief of Police