

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

### SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 04, 2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chief Buchert, Mayor Clark, Giles Seith, Paula Tubalkain and Ben Prescott

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lt. Ken Justus, Linda Wilke, John Clark and Jen Sobczak

**CALL TO ORDER:** Giles Seith called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.  
March 02, 2016 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Paula, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Giles, all ayes.

**CITIZENS:** Nothing

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- ❖ **Reports-** Overtime, Appropriation Status, Vendors, and SRO handed out. We have fallen behind a little in Wages and Benefits with midnight shift added. We had 3 pay in March and we had a bit hit from unemployment. All reports on file.
- ❖ **Sergeant Position-** Initially we had 4 people, 1 withdrew, 1 failed, 2 moving forward. Next phase is the interview process. Those results will be given to the Mayor, brought back to Committee and then to Council.
- ❖ **Central Dispatch-** Chief met with Police and Fire Chief's again reference the Central Dispatch. Chief was advised that Windham Fire Dept. will not be joining the other entities which will cause a substantial increase for those remaining. New figures generated are provided in the packet. Chief has attended Hiram and Garrettsville Council meetings and first reading on initial contract passed. It was not presented at Windham PD and Windham FD. With this change in figures the contracts will have to be amended to address the new amounts and a clause should be added in the new contract reflecting that if any entity pulls that cost will have to be shared with all the other entities in contract. Also if another entity joins the cost will lower. If formed Grants could be researched as a large group. Village Solicitor has researched and advised that an entity cannot levy taxes by opinion of the Attorney General. ORC also states that we cannot form a Dispatch District, only safety forces and utilities. ORC does not exclude dispatch, but doesn't include it. MSFD has indicated they would not support any levy, as they have several on now. At this point we are still moving forward, next meeting with Chief's is May 25<sup>th</sup>. The problem is that the State is mandating and not providing funding for the communities, leaving everyone to figure this out on their own. Chief is recommending to take updated contract to Council for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Committee agreed
- ❖ **New Phone System-** Currently looking at new phone system along with MSFD to get best quote. Cloud based phone system with fiber optic lines, which will reduce phone bill costs or keep it about the same as we are paying now. The current system operates on circuit boards that fail and the series we have is no longer in manufacturing. Mike Zamecnik has researched this systems and advised it will work for us. Proposal cost to the Village approx. \$13,000.00 on a 60 month plan that includes everything under Warranty.

Old Business Con't:

- ❖ **Parking Commercial Vehicles** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading at Council. Up to Council how they would like to proceed.
- ❖ **Radio Console** – is back in place and operational, cost \$1,400.00

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ **Cops Fast Grant**- FYI: This is a 3 year grant that will provide percentage of new hire full time officer for 3 years. After 3 years the Village has to guarantee a position and provide for 3 years as full time. We are not in the position to provide this and cannot guarantee employment. Committee agreed not to move forward.
- ❖ **Pioneer Days** – CHS hosting Demos from now thru weekend. Open to Public
- ❖ **Potato Festival Events** – Hosting Fund Raisers for Potato Festival. Movies in the park 6/24 - 7/22 – 8/26/2016. Also Poker Run from the Village Tavern on 7-24-2016. They are in the process of getting required permits from State of Ohio. Any concerns will be addressed before allowing the next event.
- ❖ **Canada Rd** – Closing May 9<sup>th</sup> for 75 days
- ❖ **Comments** – Concerns and Comments about ongoing problem in the Village with drugs. PD is aware and is doing everything possible. Looking at legislation for renters, National Program adopted by a lot of municipalities. Will forward to Village Solicitor.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: Revised Dispatch Contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

ITEMS REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE: New Phone System

ITEMS REFERRED TO PARK COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS REFERRED TO SERVICE COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS TABLED: None

NEXT MEETING: June 01, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 7:05p.m. Motion to adjourn by Giles, 2nd by Ben, all ayes.

Giles Seith, Chairperson

H.W. Buchert, Chief of Police