

COMMITTEE MINUTES

SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 07, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chief Urso, Mayor Clark, Ben Prescott, Marty Hura and Bob Gaglione

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Sluka

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chief Urso called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.
July 03 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 : None

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ **Park Camera's** – Old PD camera's available for repurpose. Mayor indicated Park Committee is interested.
- ❖ **Water Plant Camera's** – Needs IT work – we currently cannot monitor them at PD
- ❖ **Dispatch Contracts** – Discussion with Chief Roosa ongoing- will probably have something next month, probably some final numbers
- ❖ **Regan Street** – They have been looked at and will be addressed. Some others may need to come down also
- ❖ **MARCS Radios** – Lt. Justus has made contact with Geauga Co and will be getting our MARCS radios programed. Garrettsville will be installing their MARCS radio in dispatch on August 19th @ 10:00am. Eventually our PD and FD will all have MARCS radios in
- ❖ **New Patrol Car** – New Tahoe is at Tim Lally's Chev- Lt and I picked it up and had the push bar on it and now is back at Lally's. Schedule to start on accessories today.
- ❖ **Back Lot** – Chief asked about fixing the back driveway – Mayor indicated to talk to Village Administrator about that and she would also get a number for Todd Lamb for quote.
- ❖ **WatchGuard** – Working with TAC reference upgrade that is required in 2020
- ❖ **Dispatch** – Interviewed and hired 2 part time dispatchers, both have started training
- ❖ **SRO Officer** – Meeting with Superintendent discussing SRO – 1 candidate is going to start the Police Academy in a couple of weeks, will not finish until January.
- ❖ **Officer's** – Lt. Justus has submitted a letter of intent to retire November 01, 2019 and one officer has resigned.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ **K9 Vader** - Committee and Council had discussed the retirement of K9 Vader, however, he had to be put to sleep due to his health and well being before his retirement date. Mayor discussed a Proclamation for K9 Vader.
- ❖ **P/T Officer's** – In the process of interviewing 2 Officers – after talking with both more in depth they both are interviewing with the Portage County Sheriff Dept. On County level dual commission is not allowed.

NEW BUSINESS CONT:

- ❖ **P/T Officer's Cont.**– Mayor asked about recruiting academy students while still in training. Chief explained they are not commissioned officers until they pass the academy and would be the same as a civilian ride along. Chief has informed Academy Instructors to send people our way.
- ❖ **Full Time** – Chief provided Committee with figures for full time employment. SRO full burden rate \$47,352.51 for 12 months – 180 days of school with 3% increase each year-school percentage would reimburse \$35,222.40 -difference of neg \$12,130.11. Roughly costing \$1,000 a month for a full time SRO position only. With the loss of 5 officers in the last year and half we still need to address a Full Time Officer Position also. At this time, we are coming in under appropriation, however, budget should not be cut back because of being conservative. PD is also contributing to General Fund by dispatching for Garrettsville and Fire Dept. and bringing in additional money. Committee suggested that Finance sit down with Village Clerk and look at everything, then Chief sit with Finance with your budget for next year and see what can be adjusted to help out.
- ❖ **No Parking Sign** – Resident approached Chief reference the No Parking Signs, south side, 4514 W. Prospect Street. Chief and Committee discussed and motion was made by Ben, 2nd by Bob to remove the No Parking signs in the area of 4514 W. Prospect Street, south side, all ayes. Will move to Council
- ❖ **Comments/Concerns:** Chief discussed all the different scams going on and to be aware and ODNR have the parking lot in on Peck Road at the Marsh. Chief discussed possibility of traffic light at Prospect and Main with Village Administrator.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: No Parking Signage on W. Prospect Street

ITEMS REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE: Budget/FT Officer

ITEMS REFERRED TO PARK COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS REFERRED TO SERVICE COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS TABLED: None

NEXT MEETING: September 04, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 6:33p.m. Motion to adjourn by Ben, 2nd by Bob, all ayes.