

COMMITTEE MINUTES

SAFETY COMMITTEE

November 01, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chief Buchert, Giles Seith, Ben Prescott, Paula Tubalkain

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sgt. Joe Urso, Linda Wilke, Jodi Fiala and Kim Sumwalt

CALL TO ORDER: Giles called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. October 04, 2017 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Ben, 2nd by Paula, all ayes.

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

CITIZENS: Owner of Jake's in audience, interested in discussion for parking on Prospect Street

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ **9-1-1 Update** – Additional equipment had to be ordered, ATT and another vendor working together. Once they receive the equipment they will contact us.
- ❖ **SRO** – Ptl. Devin Brown interviewed with the School for the SRO position. He has a full time job and hours would be limited. Superintendent understands and will be addressing the issue. School was also advised if they want full time, they would be responsible for the costs for that individual.
- ❖ **Phones** – New Phone System scheduled for install November 09 @ 10:00. This includes the phones, recorder system and network IT persons, all on board at this time.
- ❖ **Computer/Chairs** – Evidence room new computer and dispatch chairs are on hold at this time. Capital only has \$1400 and computer is \$1500. Clerk would have to re-appropriate to cover this. Independence Business Supply has offered chairs for half of the original cost. We are going to demo the chairs and may move on this offer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ **Parking** – During last Council parking on East Prospect, in front of businesses, was discussed referencing over length vehicles that protrude into the lanes of travel. Enclosed in packet are photos of the area showing a white line straight down the roadway, if vehicle extends over the white line, it is a safety issue causing concern. Road narrows from Main St. toward First Street which results in less maneuverability toward the east end. Also with the semitrucks using the roadway it becomes bottle necked. Over length vehicles make it difficult for other parked vehicles to see around to back out safely. Snow plowing becomes and issued with over length vehicles parked also. Committee discussed several suggestions and concerns. Chief suggested parking other places and employees not parking on Prospect Street to allow more parking for customers.

NEW BUSINESS CON'T:

- ❖ **Parking** – Over length vehicles could included vehicles with canoes on the top hanging out over the end of the car, vehicles with bicycles attached to the back of the car, etc. There have been a few accidents in that area, but have been minor so far. We have already taken away delivery on the north side of the street to help with the traffic flow. Chief advised Committee this is a Safety Issue and he has brought it to their attention. If Committee fails to act this becomes their responsibility for any incident that might occur. This situation definitely needs to be looked at and Committee aware of the situation. Hopefully, look at alternatives and come up with some kind of solution that is helpful for everyone. This cannot be solved immediately, but is something that needs to be addressed.
- ❖ **Part Time Officer** – New resident in the Village who works for the State Fire Marshall and also has Police Powers. He is interested in becoming a Officer with the Mantua Police Department. Chief would like to bring him on as a Part Time Officer instead of Auxiliary due to his qualifications and experience, he would definitely be an asset. He also has a K9 for accelerant use. Committee discussed and Ben made Motion to move Jeffry Koehn to Council for Part Time Police Officer, Giles 2nd Motion, all ayes.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: Hiring of 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: December 06, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 6:47p.m. Motion to adjourn by Ben, 2nd by Paula, all ayes.

Joe Urso, Chief of Police