

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday February 11, 2025

Patrick called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Kevin Maloney, Steve Thorn, Patrick Frost

Others Present: Chief Urso, Mayor Tammy Meyer, Officer Miranda Brothers, Solicitor Bill Mason.

Minutes: Steve made a motion to approve as amended; Kevin seconded, all Ayes.

Department Report: Chief presented the Appropriations Status, Vendors and SRO reports. Committee asked the Chief to omit the detailed SRO report. Discussed reporting implications of SRO contract negotiations.

Citizens: nothing

Old Business:

- **EMA Visit:** Still scheduled for March 19th. Mayor will be sending out mails with a flyer coming.
- **PR Events:** Easter April 12th, Halloween October 31, Fill-A-Cruiser December 6. Easter event will be done in cooperation with the primary school events that occur on the same day.

New Business:

- **Employee Status:** New dispatcher Ashlyn Weaver started last week. Swore in the 2 new officers last week; will start training either next week or the following week. Discussed legality of having 2 sisters working dispatch; Solicitor will provide a ruling on Handbook interpretation by Council. Another PT dispatch applicant was received and will be followed up.
- **Distracted Driving Ordinance:** Solicitor confirmed that as a statutory government, we cannot override an ORC statute. Thus, our ordinance needs to mirror the ORC. However, we should keep our ordinance on the books, so that we retain fines for charges issued under our ordinance. Solicitor will provide an ordinance update by the next Council meeting.
- **Body Cam Law:** ORC says we can charge a fee to release body cam footage in a records request. Solicitor will provide an ordinance by the next Council meeting to itemize this fee.
- **Discuss Section 121.03:** Discussed removing the Hiram representative at this meeting. Discussed the need to have a MSFD representative at this meeting; Steve will bring it up at the next Fire Board meeting.
- **Ohio Collaborative Update:** Chief submitted audit documents for Group 1. Waiting for a response.
- **Statistics overview:** Mayor presented several reports on performance statistics. Discussion followed on a number of them, possible reasons behind the numbers. Discussed dispatch costs and whether we should consider other options.

Patrick motioned to adjourn at 7:23 pm, Steve seconded, all Ayes.