

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Tuesday September 9, 2025**

**Call to Order** at 6pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call** Dave Sluka, Kevin Maloney, Steve Thorn

**Others Present** Denise Dilello, Mayor Tammy Meyer, Solicitor Bill Mason, Officer Miranda Brothers, Chief Joe Urso, Jan Thorn, Tom Aldrich, Cookie Vanek

**Minutes** Steve motioned to accept August minutes as amended, Kevin seconded, all ayes. Kevin

**Chief's Report**

- Personnel
  - 2 dispatchers on leave of absence, 1 dispatcher-in-training resigned.
  - Interviewed 11 SRO candidates, sent 4 SRO apps to school, one more tomorrow.
  - Interviewed 3 officers, one of whom is a potential candidate.
  - Interviewed 4 dispatchers, one will do a 2nd interview next week. Limited to 1 dispatcher in training at one time.
  - Currently have 1 FT and 4 PT dispatcher.
- Chief met with Trevor Elkins of Newburgh Heights, rep for speed cameras in this area (also deals with Hiram and Peninsula). Wide-ranging discussion followed on details about the speed cameras and vendor. Elkins will come in person to Safety next month to answer all our questions. Tom Aldrich shared his opinion that traffic cameras reinforce a negative speed trap reputation for Mantua, and simply parked cruisers would be just as effective.
- Halloween Trick or Treat will be Friday 31st - 6pm-8pm in the front parking lot.
- LCTC conference attended by Chief and Gilbert, good info.

**Old Business:**

- Crestwood complaint - no update.
- Discussion about our officer probationary period - 1 year vs 6 months. Bill will research the precedence of Lexipol vs Handbook, and council will take it up in the Handbook Workshop on Oct 6.

**New Business:**

- Dave asked questions questions raised about discretionary process when issuing citations for moving violations.
- Ohio Collaborative - no updates
- Note that the Mantua village voting location has changed to the Crestwood Middle School.

**Citizens:**

**Next meeting:** October 14 at 6:00 pm.

**Adjournment** Kevin motioned to adjourn at 6:40pm, Steve seconded, all ayes.