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Safety Committee Meeting Minutes January 13, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Call to order 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Marty Fergus, Dave Sluka, Steve Thorn

Others Present: Mayor Tammy Meyer, Chief Clemens, Solicitor Bill Mason, Fiscal Officer Maryann Fabian, Chris Novotny

Citizens Present: Wes Hawkins, Jen Sobczak, Riley Meyer (signed in late)

Election of Chair:

- ❖ Steve nominated Dave. Marty second the nomination. Dave accepted the nomination. All ayes.

Approval of Minutes of October 14th Safety Committee Meeting Minutes:

- ❖ Dave asked for a motion to approve the Safety October meeting minutes. Steve made the motion and Marty second. All ayes.

Approval of Minutes of December 9th Safety Committee Meeting Minutes:

- ❖ Dave asked for a motion to approve the Safety December meeting minutes. Steve made the motion and Marty second. All ayes.

The Police Chief reported that two dispatchers have been sworn in and have begun training. Both have prior experience and are rotating through different shifts as part-time employees. Additionally, three officers have been sworn in, two of whom are part-time. Their training has started, and all three are from Hiram. Officers Villanueva and Coonce have also begun training, with Officer Coonce scheduled to attend a refresher course in early April in Elyria. The former K-9 vehicle will be repurposed as the SRO vehicle, and the K-9 decals will be removed. Uniform costs were discussed, with an initial allotment of \$300 for part-time employees. However, a pair of boots alone costs approximately \$200, indicating that the uniform allotment may need adjustment. The committee discussed concerns regarding part-time employees leaving shortly after being hired and how uniform expenses should be allocated in those situations. It was suggested to determine the minimum required uniform items and consider whether the Village should provide specific number amount of items rather than a set dollar amount. Wes suggested that instead of assigning a fixed dollar amount, the employee could directly purchase required items, such as three shirts from a designated vendor. Riley inquired about the required length of employment before an employee must repay uniform costs. The policy is six months; however, it was noted that recovering funds can be challenging depending on the employee's final paycheck. Interviews are ongoing for additional dispatchers and officers. The committee also discussed the SRO hire.

Adjournment 6:28 p.m.

- ❖ Dave asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marty made the motion. Steve second. All ayes.