

COMMITTEE MINUTES

SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 01, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chief Urso, Ben Prescott, Dave Sluka and Mayor Clark

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marty Hura

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristen Olvera

CALL TO ORDER: Chief Urso called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

May 02, 2018 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Dave, 2nd by Ben, all ayes.
Motion to excuse Marty absence by Ben, 2nd Dave all ayes.

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

CITIZENS : None

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ **ATT/Phones** – Everything ported over, up and running, next phase is 911- equipment is placed in PD and in Kent but no install as of this time. Should be no interruption for us with the install but they are suppose to let us know before it is done. This will complete the 3rd phase. Mayor Clark asked about the recording of her and Village Clerk phones. Chief advised they are still working on that and may require an additional circuit outside the recorder.
- ❖ **Evidence Computer** – New Computer is installed and working fine.
- ❖ **Honor Guard** – Meeting was cancelled due to a death in the family. Hoping to have a meeting in August. Will be looking at consistent uniform for the guys and will let us know.
- ❖ **ODNR** – At ODNR legal team- rec'd an email and shared it with Village Solicitor. ODNR takes the ball now, they will not publish a map or anything on website until everything is good. Once complete they will put out for public.
- ❖ **Hallway Window** – Quote of \$1800 dollars to install and relocate the water fountain drains, on hold right now.
- ❖ **Distracted Driving** – Village Solicitor and Lt. Justus have worked on this. In your packet is a draft that was ORC – the changes, lines drawn thru, would make it a Village of Mantua Ordinance. Currently it is a secondary offense thru the state, Village Ordinance would make it a primary offense and we could stop the subject. Chief ask for Committee to make a recommendation to forward this to Council. Dave make motion, 2nd by Ben, all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS :

- ❖ **New P/T Dispatcher** – BreAnna Benner was hired and introduced at last Council- she is currently in training and doing very well
- ❖ **Auxiliary Officer** –Hired Eric Dunn and Amanda Dozanti. training needs to be caught up, one needs one class the other needs 2017 training.
- ❖ **MARCS Radio's** – Big push for everyone to go to MARCS- we chose to fix and replace our radios which gave us 4 spares and a radio for every officer. I had a meeting with Hiram PD, G-Ville PD and MARCS Engineer- 2 towers in Portage County one at Peck Rd and Turnpike and the other at NEOMED. Cost of a new tower approx.. 1.25 Million dollars. The radios the turnpike gave away were Generation 1 radios and within a couple years will not be functionable with everything going to digital, that's why they gave them away. Hiram was looking to go to MARCS and their grant feel thru, G-Ville is looking to move forward to MARCS and will put a radio in dispatch.
- ❖ **Prospect Street** – Had a concern with the curb, picture shown, Break Away Excursions would like to take the curb area and landscape it. It is not protecting the pole, your going to hit the pole before tires hit the curb. Curb is white not yellow so people are still parking in front of. Not sure if the curb has a purpose to divert water. Chief suggested talking to Rich Ifelece at Council. Committee discussed and agreed to table for now.
- ❖ **Main Street** – Parking spot in front of New Coffee Shop, 10675 Main Street. Concern for adding Handicap parking spot. Chief checked the area and suggested West Prospect Street, however on the hill and if vehicle is parked there very difficult to see to turn. Also suggested spot furthest south on Main Street west side, utilized less. Parking Ordinance already in effect is for 30 minutes in all 3 spots. They are asking for one handicap spot and 2 short term parking spots for take outs. For people staying long term they would have to park in another parking area on Main St or Prospect St. Handicap spot cannot be limited in time. Committee discussed and motion made by Ben to" add One Handicap parking spot on Main Street, west side, in the southern most spot", Dave 2nd motion, all ayes. The other 2 spots will remain the same with 30 minute time limit and new signage will be posted.
- ❖ **Maple Street** – 10689 Maple Street, owner on record, was sent a certified letter and notice posted on door for 10 day compliance per Village Solicitor reference lawn care. Mayor getting estimates to be taken care of and taxes will assessed if they don't comply. August 4th will be the 10th day.
- ❖ **Speed Trailer** – Lt. Justus did studies due to some businesses concerned with speeding on Main Street. In June we concentrated on Main Street traffic and we made 102 traffic stops alone. Some businesses have committed to donating to purchase a Speed Trailer for the Village, which should be little or no cost to the Village. The trailer can be moved around to different locations and runs off a car battery and a solar panel to recharge the battery. We would be responsible for maintaining it, which requires very low maintenance. The cost estimate is between \$4000.00 - \$5000.00 dollars for a new one. Lt. Justus is working to get total donations and is checking with DMRC also. The Speed Trailer would be a benefit and a good awareness for travelers. ** Mayor added that AMETS did a traffic study for us on July 12th for 24 hours on SR 44 and Orchard St. On SR 44 alone, 9688 vehicles passed thru the Village.** Committee agrees.
- ❖ **COMMENTS:** Chief Urso our SRO Officer is at SRO training in London Ohio, school is paying for the training. Chief advised with cut back at Sherriff Office and no DARE in Primary and Intermediate school, we will NOT draw boundaries when it comes to kids safety. We will all work together regardless of jurisdiction.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: Distracted Driving Ordinance //Handicap Spot Main Street

ITEMS REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS REFERRED TO PARK COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS REFERRED TO SERVICE COMMITTEE: None

ITEMS TABLED: Prospect St. curb

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 05, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m. Motion to adjourn by Ben, 2nd by Dave, all ayes.

Dave Sluka, Chairperson

Joseph Urso, Chief of Police