

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

### SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 06, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chief Urso, Marty Hura, Heather Paisley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nina Schroeder (Ben's Replacement), Motion to excuse Nina by Marty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heather all ayes

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Clark , John Clark, Steve Thorn

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chief Urso called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. July 07, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Heather, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty all ayes.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Appropriation Status, Vendors, and SRO provided.

**CITIZENS:** John Clark asked about the status of the pole by Middlefield Bank. Chief advised it is in motion, he emailed the representative that requested a copy of the Police report. They are passing it on to the leader to try to get a time frame for its removal. Steve Thorn asked about the Distracted Driving Ordinance- Chief explained it does cover animals in lap and any other distraction. This ordinance was re-modified in 2021. The Village did a survey and the majority distraction was on cell phones.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- ❖ **Siren on Reservoir Drive** – No further information or changes.
- ❖ **Donation** – Accepted at Council
- ❖ **Sergeant's Position** – Both are in their position working along with training.
- ❖ **Car Video System** – Install is Complete up and running – working out a few bugs
- ❖ **LED Traffic Sign** – We have received the sign waiting on the rep from Cleveland to come down and give us a crash course in how to operate and program with accurate data. This one is solar with a sealed solar panel unit.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- ❖ **Covid Update** – Virus has hit the Mantua Police Department 1 Officer and 1 Dispatcher tested positive. With already limited staff we were able to cover all shifts. Both have quarantined and are back.
- ❖ **Employee Status Update** – We have discussed for a couple years adding a full time Officer, I think it is time to move forward. No matter what happens with the up coming levy we need stability in the Village, we seem to be a training ground. The last I knew we had two officers that would be interested I will follow up. I will probably be asking at Council for an interview committee. If we have viable candidates within, we always offer them first, if not we will advertise outside. I will give an update a Council.

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**NEW BUSINESS CON'T:**

- ❖ **PD Front Steps** –Maryann-VA got quotes for replacing the steps. She also received a quote, just narrative no picture, to repair the front steps \$3,850.00. This would keep our current steps and work with it to update and repair instead of taking the steps out totally and starting with new. Committee discussed and agreed this is a good option and down the road could consider a ramp or further options. Chief explained we are currently handicap accessible now thru the door from the north entrance of the building and hallway.
- ❖ **Trick or Treat** – Sunday, October 31, 2021 5pm-7pm- Chief will post on our Facebook Page
- ❖ **P/T Dispatcher** – Hired one person and after a few shifts of training she was contacted for a full-time job that she had applied for before coming to Mantua PD. She will be making a decision so we may be down one again.

**COMMENTS/CONCERNS:** Heather asked about a meet and greet with the Officers before the Levy, Chief is not opposed to doing that, however, getting everyone together at the same time is difficult due to everyone but a few working full time jobs elsewhere. Mayor Clark suggested an article for the newspaper editor and social media for pros and cons for the public to read and decide if they want 24/7 protection. Chief agreed and is willing to write an article and added that he will need help with the facts and the history from the layoffs prior to him being here. Possibility of Council President helping. Chief commented on parks being used every day and Service Department doing a good job in the Village. Heather asked about the Curfew Ordinance, Chief will look at that for next month. Heather passed out information on the Weather-Ready Nation Ambassadors organization for Chief to look over. Chief advised we currently get Alerts and updated information thru LEADS and EMA for bad weather. This is accurate and updated continuously and is scaled for local areas, as well as outlying areas.

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:** None

**ITEMS REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE:** None

**ITEMS REFERRED TO PARK COMMITTEE:** None

**ITEMS REFERRED TO SERVICE COMMITTEE:** None

**ITEMS TABLED:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** November 03, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 6:20p.m. Motion to adjourn by Heather, 2nd by Marty, all ayes.