

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 21, 2005

The Safety Committee meeting was held on June 21, 2005, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Present: Committee Members: Chair Denise Bobulsky, Robert Stefanik, Vince Gentile, Tom Koch; Lisa Uffman-Kirsch, Fire Chief Mike Fabish.

Moved by Mr. Stefanik, seconded by Mr. Koch to approve the minutes of May 17, 2005. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **New fire station**

Fire Chief Fabish said the station opened June 11, 2005. Response times have improved. Neighbors in the area have stopped in to welcome the firefighters. The Chief met with the general contractor and the construction manager to work on resolving some matters left and expects that these will be resolved soon. Concrete testing was done and all results should be returned soon.

2. **Avalon fire works display**

No action.

3. **Open Burning Fire Code Chapter 1620 Proposed Ordinance 05-73**

The Fire Chief reviewed the code, recreation and cooking fires and what is desired to be permitted. There was additional discussion regarding restrictions and enforcement. It was decided that the current restrictions should remain. The state is supposed to adopt changes this Fall and we can determine if we want to make changes after this time.

Mrs. Bobulsky moved that the committee withdraw their sponsorship for Ordinance 05-73. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

4. **Highway Advisory Radio (HAR)**

Chief Fabish said he is still waiting for more information.

5. **Traffic Control - York Road and Intersection Widening**

Mr. Stefanik said he talked with Mr. Merdes about getting additional signage for street names for example at Ridge and Royalton Roads the street name sign for Ridge is missing. Something will be done to put up temporary street name signs so those visiting our community can better locate our streets.

6. **Traffic lights signal system**

The State and Route 82 intersection is seeing a great deal of traffic backup during busy times. It was thought that perhaps some manual operation during the busy times might be warranted until the construction is concluded. It was not certain if our Police Department Traffic Unit needed to handle this or if it could be done by someone else, perhaps from the construction company.

7. **Ordinance 05-40 approved 4-5-05 registration of snow plow operators**

Mr. Stefanik thought that there were not many who have bought a truck and a plow and would just plow one or two drives for free. While they may be plowing gratis to a couple of homes, they would be charging many others for their service. Changing the legislation would allow all drivers to use this as an easy way out where they could simply say they were plowing it for nothing and they should not have to register. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch said that she knows there are other drivers who do plow for no charge. Mr. Stefanik is not in favor of changing the ordinance. He feels all who plow snow should be registered unless it is your own yard. The initial purpose was to put the rules and regulations in the hands of the plow truck drivers. Mr. Koch felt that all should be made aware of the rules including the homeowner.

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch said she is planning on having legislation introduced with amendments to this. She feels it is too restrictive and increases the fear of people who want to help the neighbors.

It was also discussed that there is a requirement that a driver have flashing lights and this requirement was put in for safety considerations and that all plow trucks should be equipped with them.

This is removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Crossbow Court water line

Chief Fabish said a resident on Crossbow Court in Sherwood Development called regarding a water complaint. There is a dead end main in this location and the resident has been getting an oily residue in the water to the home. Cleveland Water suggested that it was the Fire Department that was greasing the hydrants causing grease to go into the water system. Chief Fabish said that the Fire Department has not greased hydrants for years. The resident had a water test taken that shows oil and grease in the house water. Chief Fabish suggested taking samples of the water from all four houses on the cul-de-sac at the same time. If it is a problem of the water in the main all the four houses should have the same problem, otherwise it would be from the tap going into the house. Chief Fabish is going to arrange for the test and proceed accordingly.

Mr. Koch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Stefanik. 3 yeas/0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.