

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 19, 2005

The Safety Committee meeting was held on July 19, 2005, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Present: Committee Members: Chair Denise Bobulsky, Robert Stefanik, Tom Koch; Fire Chief Mike Fabish, Police Chief Paul Bican, Director of Office on Aging Debbie Duffy.

Moved by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Stefanik to approve the minutes of June 21, 2005. 3 yeas/0 nays.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. New fire station

Fire Chief Fabish said things are progressing with items that need completion. In answer to a question about paying contractors, the contractors are not paid until completion of the work. Response times are good. He is exploring striping of the roadway on York Road. Traffic has not been a problem. Concrete testing results came back that the concrete is as strong as it is supposed to be. Another test is being done about the material and why the top layer flaked. That report is not back yet.

2. Avalon fire works display

No action.

3. Highway Advisory Radio (HAR)

Chief Fabish said he spoke with the person who sells the radio system and was told that the only thing we could do to insure coverage in our town would be to have two transmitters working in simulcast. They are going to try to arrange to have two transmitters in order to test if it works this way. That may double the cost. Brecksville has used the reverse 911 system. It is a slower system but it can be isolated to a particular street or area. It is a bit more expensive and takes more time to dial everything. Looking at the most for the dollar, the radio gives the most, but for versatility the reverse 911 system is good also. However, if it doubles the cost to have two transmitters, it may be better to look at another system.

4. Traffic Control - York Road and Intersection Widening

Chief Bican said every intersection was approved by ODOT to have big street signs on all the mast arms of the signals. This is removed from the agenda.

5. Traffic lights signal system

Mrs. Bobulsky said that the Sprague and York light backs up east and west bound. Chief Bican will look into this. This is removed from the agenda.

6. Crossbow Court water line

Chief Fabish said testing is scheduled for this Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Senior transportation

Director of Office on Aging Debbie Duffy addressed the committee regarding the Senior Transportation Initiative. It is a group from a number of the southwest communities. The program is putting together the communities' vans, drivers and money from a centralized location in Strongsville. The goal is to increase transportation for seniors. A fee would be charged to riders who would call for service. Mrs. Duffy has reservations about this program because it would mean giving up the two vans we have to this program leaving no flexibility to our seniors to take them where they are taken now. She is concerned that we will not get the service that we deserve. RTA has pulled out with the Paratransit Service by cutting back. Most of the people in our community do not go to Southwest as this service mostly provides, they go to Parma.

She wanted to let the committee know she is exploring this along with other options for needed senior transportation. She will report periodically and said it is not necessary to keep this as an agenda item.

2. Parma Hospital diversion

Chief Fabish is discussing with Parma Hospital their diversion of our community squads. He will keep the committee updated with information.

3. Purchase of equipment

Chief Fabish said it is time to consider the purchase of a new truck. He will gather information and present it to the committee.

Mr. Koch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Stefanik. 3 yeas/0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.