

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 15, 2005

The Safety Committee meeting was held on November 15, 2005, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Committee Members: Chair Denise Bobulsky, Robert Stefanik, Tom Koch; Lisa Uffman-Kirsch, Police Chief Paul Bican, Fire Chief Michael Fabish; Animal Control Officer George Stuart, Damon Greer of ODNR Division of Wildlife.

Moved by Mrs. Bobulsky, seconded by Mr. Stefanik to approve the minutes of October 18, 2005. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nuisance Deer Permit

Damon Greer from ODNR Division of Wildlife spoke to the committee about an unusual amount of requests for nuisance deer permits. There are an increasing number of complaints from North Royalton about the deer. He spoke with the Mayor about the problem and while they are a state agency, they do not have laws that supercede our city laws. He explained the involvement of ODNR in management and brought information regarding management. There was discussion about the situation with an abundance of deer in Ohio and the controversy surrounding management. The issuance of permits was covered and the fact that all permits clearly state on the permit that permission must be sought from the city. Mostly the people with the permits do not follow the rules of the permit regarding notification to the city. For this reason the ODNR representative thought it best to discuss the information with the city. Mr. Greer said if permits would be issued that he would like to see our Ordinances reflect that the permit be approved by a city representative. The permitting issued by ODNR is for bow hunting and safety issues in permitting were discussed. If the city has legislation regarding permitting Mr. Greer said ODNR can deny the permit. Chief Bican will follow up on this and advise the committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. New fire station

Chief Fabish said all construction issues are resolved. The contracts are being handled by our Law Director to determine what is to be paid.

2. Parma Hospital diversion

Chief Fabish has had several meetings with Parma Hospital and the Greater Cleveland Hospital Board. The hospital has agreed to take their medical control squads. This is removed from the agenda.

3. Purchase of equipment

Chief Fabish will have information for the next meeting.

4. Skate park

No action.

5. Gas wells on city property

Chief Fabish reviewed what was discussed at the last Utilities Committee meeting. There is drilling on another property in the city and the fact that the city was not notified of this was discussed. This is removed from the agenda.

6. Traffic light Akins & Ridge

Chief Bican said he is still working on this.

Mr. Stefanik moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Koch. 3 yeas/0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.