

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 19, 2007

The Safety Committee meeting was held on May 15, 2007 at North Royalton City Hall 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chairwoman Lisa Uffman-Kirsch, Robert Stefanik, Denise Bobulsky; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz; Administration: Police Chief Paul Bican, Fire Chief Michael Fabish Other Attendees: Gary Petrusky, Nick Cinquepalmi, Nick Zimmer, Jon Atkinson, Robert Tuttle, Dan Timmers.

Moved by Mrs. Bobulsky, to approve the minutes from May 15, 2007, seconded by Mr. Stefanik.
3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Police Department Report

No report.

2. Fire Department Report

Chief Fabish said that he is still trying to work with the county to obtain the matching grant for the radios from the emergency management grant. Additional radios were received recently.

3. Chapter 1620 Open Burning Code amendments

Chief Fabish recommended eliminating “during projects involving more than one property owner.” The committee also agreed to this.

Moved by Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch to recommend approval to Council the revisions to Chapter 1620 Open Burning of the last version presented to committee with the change to 1620.01(a)(5) “land clearing waste” definition after the term ... “stream banks” to strike out “during projects involving more than one property owner” ..., seconded by Mrs. Bobulsky. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

4. Safe Routes to Schools Project

No report.

5. Nuisance Fire Code

Chief Fabish has not received anything from the Law Director. The Chief felt that it was discussed previously that it would be difficult to enforce.

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch found codes from other cities that might be useful to insert in our codes instead of creating a new chapter. She will provide copies to the Fire Chief and Law Director for discussion.

6. Safety levies

There were two memos sent from the Finance Director one dated February 22, 2007, and the other April 30, 2007, regarding the safety levies. The February memo discussed the options and the April memo discussed the effect this would have on \$100,000 homes.

Chief Fabish said they could not operate without the levies. He has not gone over anything with the Mayor or Finance Director as the best option to present. Renewal or to combine the fire and EMS levy are things he is considering. He will need another squad next year. There are administrative changes that are needed.

Chief Bican said that he would like to discuss this with the Mayor and Finance Director. They are currently operating with a shortage of manpower. There are physical needs to be updated in the facility for example the radio system is 20 years old. The levy would need to be substantial enough to handle some of these problems. He is not certain what the Finance Director had in mind when the memos were presented.

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch said since the Chiefs need to discuss this administratively it will remain on the agenda until it is ready for discussion with Council.

7. Traffic back-up Route 82 West 130th

Chief Bican stated that its use exceeds its design capacity. There is discussion of possibly eliminating the left turn onto Edgerton.

Moved by Mrs. Bobulsky to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Stefanik. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.