

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 20, 2007

The Safety Committee meeting was held on November 20, 2007, at North Royalton City Hall 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chairwoman Lisa Uffman-Kirsch, Robert Stefanik, Denise Bobulsky; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz; Administration: Police Chief Paul Bican, Fire Chief Mike Fabish; Other Attendees: Gary Petrusky, Kayla Petrusky, Nick Cinquepalmi.

Moved by Mrs. Bobulsky, to approve the minutes from October 16, 2007, seconded by Mr. Stefanik. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS

None

OPEN RESIDENT DISCUSSION

None

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Police Department Report

No report.

2. Fire Department Report

Chief Fabish said the CERT drill went well. There is discussion that the county is more in favor of a larger point for an around the clock distribution operation while the Chief favors several smaller distribution points. Points of improvement were noted in this drill.

Some of the radios are installed in the vehicles and it is expected that all the vehicles should have them soon.

3. Nuisance Fire Code

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch emailed earlier and today spoke with Mr. O'Donnell regarding Section 660.04 about adding the words "or smoke" after "noxious exhalations" as discussed last meeting. She said that Mr. O'Donnell indicated in his email to her that this could work. She would like to ask the committee to recommend that legislation be prepared to make this change. The committee agreed with this. Mr. Stefanik asked for a copy of the emails. She will ask the Council Office to prepare this legislation.

Chief Fabish said with regard to the situation on Route 82 that he sent a preemptive letter about if they would be burning it should be cleaned seasoned wood. The letter was acknowledged and the resident wanted to show what they would be burning. Today the Fire Department went to talk with the resident and inspect the pile and where they are burning. Chief Fabish said he explained that he understands that the resident has a right to burn and said that the resident was cooperative and willing to do the right thing. He will talk with the complaining neighbor. This is removed from the agenda.

4. Safety levies

Chief Fabish said that the EMS levy can be put on the ballot for renewal and he would like this put on as soon as it can be done. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch said the filing deadline for the March primary is December 20, 2007.

Mr. Stefanik moved to recommend approval to Council putting the EMS levy renewal on the March 2008 primary ballot, seconded by Mrs. Bobulsky. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

5. Discussion on potential legislation governing ATVs

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch reviewed the information provided from the research of the Council Office. She said basically the majority are communities that are non-chartered and using ORC because they have to or those that are just choosing to use ORC because they have nothing more specific. The information provided does not

address the issue of how to regulate the usage of ATVs so that people who are riding ATVs on their own property or on property with permission have the ability to do so within reason so that they have their rights to recreate but yet the abutting residents have relief as well. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch has asked the Council Office today to contact the Ohio Municipal League asking if they can give statewide assistance with any legislation that may be available. She asked that any information received be provided to the next Safety Committee.

6. Pumper Fire Truck Purchase

Chief Fabish discovered from Pierce that there is a different style truck available and will be looking into it. This is a redesign of the truck that they were looking to purchase. This truck incorporates the most common things that are wanted in a more efficient fashion.

Moved by Mrs. Bobulsky to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Stefanik. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.