

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 17, 2008

The Safety Committee meeting was held on June 17, 2008, at North Royalton City Hall 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chairman Dan Kasaris, Gary Petrusky, John Nickell; Council: Vince Gentile, Don Willey, Larry Antoskiewicz; Administration: Mayor Stefanik, Police Chief Paul Bican, Fire Chief Mike Fabish; Other Attendees: Linda Carozza, David Blank, Megan Dowe, Teresa Balasz, Elena Wilson, Jake Wilson, Paul Marnecheck, Pat Jones.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Nickell **to approve the May 20, 2008, minutes.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Blinking light at State Rd and Valley Parkway**
No action. Information will be available at the next meeting.
- 2. Police Lieutenants benefits Ordinance**
Mayor Stefanik said he will have information at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Ordinance 08-109 compression brakes (Jake brakes)

Mr. Kasaris said that the originally proposed legislation limited the prohibited use to Route 82. He understands now that there is desire to have this apply citywide. He said that he wrote legislation for the City of Norwalk in 1997 with language that prohibits the use citywide and recommended we adopt the same.

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Petrusky to recommend approval to Council of Proposed Ordinance 08-109 with amendments to read as follows:

“The use of a “Jake” brake or similar braking equipment shall constitute a public nuisance within the city. No person shall use while operating any commercial car, trailer, semi-trailer or vehicle, a special brake or “Jake” brake. This section shall not apply in an emergency situation or to emergency vehicles. Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more than \$100.” Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

2. Additional asbestos removal - 5312 Akins Road

Chief Fabish said it went well today and the house is down. The demo contractor should finish up with the concrete removal and backfill. Some of the debris in the creek bed is to be removed to make a clear path to the culvert.

Mr. Kasaris asked about Edgerton Road. Chief Fabish said Edgerton Road is completed. It will be reseeded soon. Akins is completed. Some scrap needs to be hauled away and backfilling is needed. Abbey Road is scheduled for Thursday and Friday with notification flyers sent out and the reverse 911 message delivered today. The first house should be burned at 9:00 a.m. This training has been beneficial. It will add to the training requirements and this cost can be deducted from our FEMA costs.

3. Proposed Ordinance 08-133 contract change for asbestos removal

Mr. Kasaris said that there is before Council tonight an ordinance approving the contract change for asbestos removal. Chief Fabish explained the process of identifying the location of asbestos. Additional asbestos was discovered under ceramic tile and concrete backer board.

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Petrusky **to recommend approval to Council Proposed Ordinance 08-133.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

4. Police officer staffing

Mr. Kasaris asked Chief Bican for an update on the hiring of the two new police officers. Chief Bican said that interviews are being conducted and it is hopeful to have them in the August 1, 2008, academy. One officer is scheduled to be sent to Afghanistan and adjustments will be made to cover that. Staffing was reviewed. Additional officers will be hired early next year.

RESIDENT DISCUSSION**1. Proposed Ordinance 08-135 regarding ODNR Division of Wildlife Hunting Season Control Permits and Deer Damage Control Permits as authorized under Ohio Administrative Code 1501:31-15-03**

Mr. Blank said he and his wife were present tonight because they were led to believe there is legislation pending regarding culling of deer within the city. Mr. Kasaris said that there is pending legislation before Council tonight to repeal Ordinance 06-129. Proposed Ordinance 08-135 deals with state issued permits that our city invalidated in 2006. This is not about culling deer. Our Law Director has advised us that the Ordinance passed in 2006 is unconstitutional because it conflicts with state law. Cities do not have the ability to invalidate or prohibit the use of a state license. Our Law Director has advised Council that our ordinance is unenforceable. This Ordinance is on the Council Agenda tonight. Mr. Blank asked if Council will make the decision tonight and asked about the opportunity to speak at the Council meeting. Mr. Kasaris and Mr. Willey advised the procedure to speak at the Council meeting. Other residents were advised of this as well.

2. Speed limit on Foxwood Drive

Linda Carozza spoke about the speed limit on Foxwood Drive and asked about placement of stop signs. Mr. Kasaris said that the state will not permit the placement of a stop sign to regulate speed. There are other reasons that must be met for placement of stop signs. Chief Bican said that the Supreme Court has ruled stop signs for speed regulation as unconstitutional.

NEW BUSINESS**5. Speed sign demonstration**

The meeting was moved outdoors for a demonstration of the speed sign.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Petrusky to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.