

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**February 17, 2009**

The Safety Committee meeting was held on February 17, 2009, 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, Council: Larry Antoskiewicz, Don Willey; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Safety Director Bruce Campbell, Police Chief Paul Bican; Other Attendees: Pat Jones, Michael Cunningham, Anne Marie Cunningham

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Kasaris **to approve the January 20, 2009 Minutes.** Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. (Mr. Nickell was running late.) **Motion carried.**

Chief Bican asked to clarify the portion of the January Minutes that dealt with Manpower in the Police Department. He said that he likes both the Cleveland Police Academy as well as the Akron Police Academy, but Cleveland is not accepting people at the moment.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **1. Cady Road/Ridge Road Intersection**

Mr. Schmitzer and Mr. Kasaris will be meeting with the homeowner on Cady Road prior to the work beginning on the guardrail. Mr. Kasaris anticipates that this item will be able to be removed from the agenda in March.

#### **2. Mile markers in the North Royalton part of the Metroparks walkway**

Mayor Stefanik said that the Metroparks has agreed to this project and this project will begin in the spring.

#### **3. Manpower in the Police Department**

Mr. Kasaris said that the proposed budget includes the addition of one replacement police officer in the Police Department which will bring the total number of police officers to 40. Mr. Kasaris said this will bring our road patrol back to where it was in 2005, but we will be down one officer in our Detective Bureau and down one officer in the Traffic Department. Mr. Kasaris asked Chief Bican where he would anticipate placing a new officer. Chief Bican said although he is not anticipating that at this time, he said he would probably place a new officer in the Traffic Department because that is where the priority is. He said it also depends on retirements and promotions as to where new officers would be placed. He said he cannot predict at this point.

This item can be removed from the agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Status Report on High School Traffic Situation**

Chief Bican said that there is no overtime being spent on this situation. He said right now they have one officer patrolling the area in the morning for 20 minutes then another officer patrolling in the afternoon for 20 minutes. The officer on duty sits at the Middle School driveway on Route 82. Mr. Kasaris asked when we stopped paying overtime to patrol at the school. Chief Bican said that overtime was ceased after the first week of the new traffic pattern.

Mr. Willey asked about citizens volunteering at Animal Control. Chief Bican said once in a while we get volunteers to walk dogs, but said we do most of the work without volunteers. Chief Bican said if someone would like to volunteer they should contact George at Animal Control.

Mr. Kasaris announced that Mr. Nickell indicated he would be a little late to the meeting, however, due to the very short length of the meeting Mr. Nickell did not have an opportunity to attend.

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Kasaris **to excuse Mr. Nickell from the February 17, 2009 Safety Committee meeting.** Yeas: 2. Nays: 0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Kasaris, seconded by Mr. Petrusky **to adjourn the meeting.** Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**  
Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.