

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 17, 2009

The Safety Committee meeting was held on March 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, John Nickell; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz, Don Willey; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Safety Director Bruce Campbell, Police Chief Paul Bican, Fire Chief Mike Fabish, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer; Other Attendees: Pat Jones, Paul Marnecheck

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Nickell **to approve the February 17, 2009 Minutes.** Yeas: 3.
Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Cady Road/Ridge Road Intersection

Mr. Schmitzer said he and Mr. Kasaris met with the homeowner on Cady Road. The homeowner expressed his concern with the design of the guardrail and asked if the city would look at different options. Mr. Schmitzer got a price quote on the impact ends which is what the homeowner requested, and the price quote he received is \$12,000 installed which is a little over two and a half times what the proposed guardrail is going to cost. Mr. Schmitzer passed this information on to Mr. Kasaris. Mr. Schmitzer said the city has all of the material to install the originally designed guardrail with the exception of the bolts which will be purchased then it will be ready to install. Mr. Schmitzer said that the guardrail will be placed between a gas line and a pipe that are located in the area.

Mr. Nickell asked if an accident such as this has ever happened in this area. Chief Bican said he believes this was a freak accident. Mr. Schmitzer said the property owner does have some pine trees on his property in the general vicinity. Chief Bican said possibly we can add a couple more trees to that area. Mr. Campbell said that as these trees continue to grow and get bigger and healthier it might scrub off some speed or impact. Mr. Schmitzer also suggested placing reflective strips down the post of the stop sign and possibly putting in a warning sign letting people know that there is a stop sign ahead. Mr. Kasaris asked when this could be done. Mr. Schmitzer said he would like to install the guardrail and stop sign reflectors at the same time. He said as soon as he gets approval from the committee on the work, he will set up a work request and get this on the schedule. Mr. Kasaris said he will go back to the resident and this will be finalized at the next meeting.

Mr. Schmitzer said at this point he feels like we are going back and forth trying to appease the resident. Mr. Schmitzer said he has to follow the regulations from ODOT and if the resident does not like the design that the city has presented, then a guardrail will not be placed in that area. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if we are going to put the guardrail up regardless of what the resident likes or dislikes. Chief Bican said the resident does not have a say in this matter. He said he does not believe there is anything requiring the guardrail to be there.

Mr. Kasaris said this will remain on the agenda and finalized next month.

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

Mayor Stefanik said that this project will be completed this year.

3. Status Report on High School traffic situation/cost of Police at school

Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if there is any law that states that children who do not have sidewalks but live within two miles from the school, do not have to walk due to there not being any sidewalks in the area. Chief Bican said there are no exemptions for no sidewalks.

This item can be removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Purchase of 2009 Ford Expedition for the Police Department**

Chief Bican said this Expedition will be used to replace the current Expedition that we currently have. This will be used as a supervisors vehicle and also for pulling the trailer that contains traffic related equipment which is very heavy.

Mr. Kasaris asked what the life span is of the Expedition. Chief Bican said the life span is at least three years. He said the Expedition they are getting rid of is going to Animal Control and the vehicle that is currently in Animal Control is going to a department that needs a vehicle.

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **recommend to Council the purchase of a 2009 Ford Expedition for the Police Department.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Petrusky to **adjourn the meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**
Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.