

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 21, 2009

The Safety Committee meeting was held on April 21, 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: Vince Gentile, Larry Antoskiewicz; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Police Chief Paul Bican, Fire Chief Mike Fabish, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer; Other Attendees: Pat Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Cady Road/Ridge Road Intersection

Mr. Kasaris asked if the guardrail will be installed at this intersection. Mr. Schmitzer said he is waiting to make sure that the committee agrees with the recommendation he made earlier as he realizes there has been some discussion regarding the residents' concern about the aesthetics of the proposed guardrail. Mr. Schmitzer said as far as the concern about the storm sewer that is piped underground in the area where the guardrail will be installed, the Engineering Department will do some testing prior to installation to make sure they will not puncture a pipe. Mr. Kasaris said he spoke to the resident about placing trees in the area, but the resident only wants trees planted if the city is going to install the trees. Mayor Stefanik said the resident would have to install the trees. Mr. Kasaris will discuss these options with the resident and let the committee know what he wants to do.

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

Mayor Stefanik said he will have Mr. Jordan call a representative from the Metroparks to see when this project will begin. This will remain on the agenda until we get a report from Mr. Jordan.

NEW BUSINESS

1. JAG Grant (Justice Assistant Grant)

Mr. Kasaris asked Chief Bican about the status of the JAG Grant. Chief Bican said we should have a check within the next 6-8 weeks. Chief Bican distributed information which explains this grant in more detail. Chief Bican said we did not apply for this grant. He said the grant started out at \$10,000 when the county was administering it, then when the City of Cleveland took over, cities received 10 times more than they were supposed to get. Chief Bican said we will be receiving \$100,000 in one lump sum. He said he is planning to put this money aside and use it for a new radio system. He said the radio system needs to be updated by 2013. Chief Bican said they may go on the same system as the Fire Department.

Chief Fabish wanted to make the committee members aware that there is a new gas well being built off of Abbey Road. He said this property belongs to the radio station. He said this well will not generate any complaint calls because there are not any residents in that area. He said, however, that last week there was a complaint about a well on Wallings Road as there were some residents in the area that were not informed of this well. He said that the legislation that passed last year requires the well driller to give the Fire Department maps that actually show all of the structures within 500 feet of the drilling site. He said we cannot enforce this, but he said if he would have had that information it would have helped to insure that all residents in the area had been notified. Chief Fabish said when residents are made aware of these drilling sites it is more palatable for them.

Mr. Willey said he received a number of complaint calls regarding the gas well on Wallings Road as well. He said he sent a memo to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources regarding issues that residents in North Royalton are having with gas wells. He said he received a call from a representative in the Governor's office who stated that they are going to refer this to their policy staff for review.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Petrusky **to adjourn the meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.