

SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2016

The Safety Committee meeting was held on June 21, 2016, at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Gary Petrusky, Vice Chair Dan Langshaw, Steve Muller; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz, John Nickell, Paul Marnecheck, Dan Kasaris; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Police Chief John Elek, Fire Chief Robert Chegan, Safety Director Bruce Campbell; Other: Louis Krzepina, Isabelle Moryan, George Masavage.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Muller to **approve the May 17, 2016 Safety Committee minutes.**
Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Oil and Gas Appeal Update

Mr. Kelly reported that the time for the filing of an appeal to the Supreme Court has expired. We have received no notification from the ODNR or from the Attorney General's Office that they intend to seek any appeal. Therefore we are reasonably confident that the litigation is over and we are successful again. We now have a precedent upon which we and other municipalities may rely for dealing with ODNR and forced pooling of municipal property. Mr. Kelly thanked Mrs. Vozar. Mr. Marnecheck asked what the ODNR must now consider in forced pooling applications. Mr. Kelly said what this means is that where a municipal corporation is being forced pooled, the Chief of the ODNR is responsible and required to consider any safety concerns that are raised by the municipal corporation in its negotiations for a lease agreement in order to determine whether or not the agreement or the offer is a just and equitable one. He said that he cannot be more specific on this because the court was not more specific. He said that in the past the ODNR wanted never to have to consider anything other than the amount of the payment under the lease and the financial aspects of the lease. Now they are being forced into a position by virtue of this decision where they are required to consider our concerns and the concerns of other municipal corporations throughout the state. He said that he is very pleased about this decision and to have his name attached to it. Mr. Marnecheck asked if there is a higher court than the state court that they could appeal to, or a different venue they could try to shop around for. Mr. Kelly said no. Their only chance was to go to the Ohio Supreme Court. He said they could in theory having gone to the state Supreme Court at least applied to the federal system thereafter but having not gone to the Supreme Court they have no place else to go. He said that it may be that they wished not to have this publicized any further and therefore chose not to go to the Supreme Court and risk the possibility that a Supreme Court decision would run against them as well. Mr. Marnecheck asked if a private citizen could use this and say if this has to be considered for public land, they want it considered for private land as well. Mr. Kelly said that the decision is limited to municipal corporations being forced pooled, so it is narrow in that respect. Mr. Marnecheck asked if the decision is treating the municipality as a property owner. Mr. Kelly said yes, but it is also giving some recognition to the fact that as a property owner, a municipal corporation has broader concerns than any individual property owner. He said our concerns all along have been on the issues of safety. Money was important but it was never the primary concern and the Mayor and President of Council made this clear in their testimony before the Oil and Gas Commission. Mr. Kasaris asked if this ruling could be applied not only to another municipal corporation, but to a county or park or something similar. Mr. Kelly said that this is correct because these entities have similar circumstances where they have a constituency that is beyond simply the ownership of one property by one person.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Elek reported that the Police Department, in conjunction with the ODNR Wildlife Division, will be conducting an informational meeting regarding the deer archery hunting program on July 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Royalton High School Performing Arts Center. He said that we will review the rules, regulations and forms that will be required. He said there will be a question and answer period afterwards

to help educate the public on what we are intending. Mr. Kasaris asked when they expect the hunting season to begin. Chief Elek said that this year we are looking at mid-September through February during the normal archery hunting season that the ODNR schedules.

Mr. Petrusky acknowledged the Cleveland Magazine article that gave the city and its safety forces a high ranking. Mr. Petrusky thanked the Chiefs for doing such a great job and making us Number One in the area. Mr. Langshaw also thanked the administration for a job well done.

Mr. Campbell provided a handout regarding the city's safety forces, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Muller **to adjourn the June 21, 2016 meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



City of North Royalton

Mayor Robert A. Stefanik

Bruce G. Campbell
Director of Public Safety

14000 Bennett Road · North Royalton, OH 44133-4827
email: bcampbell@northroyalton.org

Phone: 440-237-5759
Fax: 440-237-5114

City of North Royalton

Department of Public Safety

Division of Police

The North Royalton Safety Forces prides itself on the delivery of quality services with professionalism, integrity and compassion. The Department of Public Safety includes several divisions. Each of these divisions works in concert with one another to provide a community atmosphere where businesses, visitors, residents and families alike can thrive in a safe environment that enables them to take full advantage of all the amenities that North Royalton has to offer.

The North Royalton Police Department is comprised of a Chief with an Executive Assistant, two Lieutenants and 36 full time officers along with other support personnel. In addition, State Certified Corrections Officers operate the full-service jail facility, offsetting operating costs by contracting with other agencies to house their prisoners.

The Detective Bureau is staffed with full-time investigators, including a division specifically devoted to juvenile crime investigation and prevention. This branch of the bureau is involved with youngsters on many levels; working with students on far-reaching issues, such as the risks involved in substance abuse, resisting peer pressure, and developing good decision-making skills to help them in their life journeys. In addition, in a cooperative effort with the city schools, the police department maintains a School Resource Officer on the premises of the high school/middle school campus to assist with student counseling, truancy, security, traffic and any other issues that arise during the school day.

A traffic division is primarily responsible for traffic law enforcement and safety through the use of motorcycles and minimally marked cars. They also are involved in teaching safety programs, including third grade seat belt classes, government classes, Safety Town and participating in career days at the schools.

For tactical operations and large-scale manpower needs, the department turns to the Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB). Along with 19 other cities, we participate in intensive training exercises and pool resources and manpower for more efficient use of limited tax money.

Our animal control division is available on a full-time basis for the enforcement of animal related ordinances, adoptive services for abandoned animals, education for residents of all ages and rehabilitation of wildlife.

Along with the traditional police function, the department plays an active role in many community oriented programs, including in-home security surveys, block watch, career days, government classes and drug awareness education for parents and teachers. The department also has a Reserve Officer program staffed by volunteers that patrol city parks and other areas and assist sworn officers with traffic control and carry out other duties as needed. The members of the Reserves sponsor local sports teams, underwrite scholarships to local high school students, purchase supplies for Safety Town and D.A.R.E. and make donations to other local organizations and charities.

Division of Fire

The North Royalton Fire Department is comprised of a Chief with an Administrative Assistant along with an Assistant Chief, Fire Prevention Officer and 30 Fire Fighter Paramedics. The Fire Department operates three Advanced Life Support Ambulances. The Department also utilizes three Fire Engines designed for state-of-the-art fire suppression and rescue operations. One Fire Engine is specially equipped with a compressed air foam system, which can be used for fast-attack fire suppression in areas without city water supply.

The North Royalton Fire Department is also a member of the Southwest Emergency Response Team (S.E.R.T.). This team combines the emergency resources of 19 area cities in the southwest region of Cuyahoga County along with 2 regional partners. This team offers expertise in the areas of Hazardous Materials, Fire Investigation, Technical Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Structural Collapse, Trench Rescue and Water Rescue. The team will respond into any of the partner communities with these additional resources and expertise when the need arises.

The Fire Prevention Bureau utilizes State Certified Fire Safety Inspectors to perform fire inspections for commercial and industrial occupancies along with all new residential construction.

The Fire Department hosts a Community Safety Fair that has become a North Royalton tradition that many residents look forward to attending annually. Fire Fighters also offer community C.P.R. training classes as well as fire education in our schools during Fire Prevention Week. Currently, the Fire Department operates out of two stations. Station 1 is located at 7000 Royalton Road in the center of the City and Station 2 is located at 10100 York Road at the corner of York and Albion Roads. The Fire Department responds to over 2,900 emergency and service calls each year with an average response time of four to five minutes.

Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.)

The North Royalton Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) is a group of trained volunteers from the community, acting as a supplement to the safety forces in the event of an emergency or disaster. There are currently about 100 volunteers in the North Royalton C.E.R.T. Exercises have included: search and rescue operations, setting up and running inoculation points of distribution (PODs), communication drills, evacuations, and a chemical plant explosion.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

2016 *Cleveland Magazine* "Rating the Suburbs" Safety Survey

Name of your Suburb: North Royalton
Your Name and Title: John Elek, Chief of Police
Your Phone Number: (440) 582-6216
Your Signature: _____
Your E-mail Address: police@northroyalton.org

Statistics for Calendar Year 2015

- 1.) Murder and Non-Negligent Murder (include Aggravated Murders): 0
- 2.) Forcible Rape (Please include Rapes reported as Date Rapes): 0
- 3.) Aggravated Robbery (Armed and Unarmed): 0
- 4.) Assaults
*Aggravated/Felonious Assaults: 5
*All Other Assaults (Please include domestic and simple assaults): 0
* Total Assaults: 5
- 5.) Burglary (Please include Burglary and Aggravated Burglary): 12
- 6.) Larceny/Theft: 134 Reports
- 7.) Vehicle Theft (Do not include Unauthorized Use): 1
- 8.) Arson: 0
- 9.) Please check which reporting method your department used when compiling your 2015 crime statistics:
Incident Based: _____ Summary Based: x
- 10.) Please list number of police officers you employed in 2015:
Part-time: 0; Full-time: 36; Auxiliary: 11
- 11.) What is the biggest law enforcement issue you are dealing with? How are you confronting it?