

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Haraz N. Ghanbari. Committee members present were Deborah Born and Jim Matuszak. Also present was Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator and Safety Director.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Jim Hagen, 10741 Avenue Road, stated that he did not feel the minutes of the last Safety Committee meeting gave an accurate narration of what occurred at the meeting. Mr. Ghanbari said that he would prefer a transcript of the meetings. Mr. Ghanbari asked Ms. Kabat for an update on putting videos of meetings on YouTube. Ms. Kabat said that by the end of the year the new video equipment should be installed and the video will be more crisp and clear, and more appropriate to put online. Both Mr. Matuszak and Ms. Born confirmed that Mr. Ghanbari emailed the minutes prior to the committee meeting, and neither had any concerns.

Dustin Decker, 12865 Five Point Road, asked if there is an update on the Lucas County Sheriff's Office investigation. Mr. Ghanbari said that there has been interviews with Township and City officers. He said that when the report is prepared it will be presented to the Mayor. Mr. Decker said that he encourages some action be taken against the Chief of Police.

Sandy Duty, 105 Quail Road, asked for clarification on the proposed language Mr. Ghanbari had prepared and presented at a previous meeting regarding parking of trailers and campers on the street. She said that she was hoping for no campers being allowed to be parked at any time, and she believes the proposed legislation allows parking for 96 hours within a 21 day period. Mr. Ghanbari said that they are waiting for a new Law Director to be hired to review the proposed language. He said this will be discussed at a future committee meeting, and he will keep Ms. Duty informed of the date.

Greg Szczublewski, 125 Partridge Lane, said that the City has a policy to not allow campers and trailers on property between November 1 and April 1. He said if it is good enough for property than it should be good enough for the street.

WOOD COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Ms. Kabat said that the Wood County Hazard Mitigation Plan was an undertaking by the Wood County Emergency Management Agency, and it has been accepted by FEMA. The Wood County EMA is asking communities in Wood County to formally adopt it by November 16. If the City does not adopt it, we would not qualify for Federal funding in case of an emergency. The Plan was presented at a previous meeting and has been sent to all City Council members. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of

a resolution, as an emergency measure, adopting the Wood County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BUDGET DISCUSSION – FIRE

There was discussion regarding the proposed 2019 budget for the Fire Division. Chief Ruiz said that he feels comfortable with the budget. He explained that they have had some difficulty getting enough part time firefighters to schedule one for each shift as they had planned, so they may be back to ask for three more firefighter/paramedics for 2019. He said he will evaluate the staffing level for the first three months of the year and if they are not able to staff two stations, he will come back to ask for the additional employees. There was discussion regarding current staffing levels. Mr. Matuszak asked if there was anything removed from the budget. Ms. Kabat said that confined space equipment was moved from the operating budget to Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment for the new station, and an under-speed vehicle, which is not permitted on public roads, was not included in the budget.

Also during the budget discussion, Ms. Born asked Chief Ruiz about reinstating the Dive Team, and expressed her desire to have it placed in the budget if he would be able to provide specifics on the cost.

UPDATE ON RESCUE TASK FORCE

Mr. Ghanbari asked if there is any update on finding training for a rescue task force. Chief Ruiz said that Captain Burtscher found a trainer and four training dates have been scheduled. Two of the dates are in late December and are mainly for Fire and EMS personnel, and the other two dates are in early January. Chief Ruiz said that the Perrysburg School District has offered use of one of their buildings, and he will bring this up at the Northern Wood County Fire Divisions meeting to see if they can coordinate the training with other departments. Mr. Ghanbari asked about sustaining the training. Ms. Kabat said that she has spoken to both the fire chief and police chief, and there will have to be ongoing training because there will always be new employees and employees who could not attend the training.

DISCUSSION ON TONE OUTS FOR TWO FIRE STATION SET UP

Mr. Ghanbari asked if there were any updates on tone outs once the second fire station is operational. Chief Ruiz stated that all tone outs will go to both stations. Ms. Kabat said that Captain Jon Seiverth is entering district numbers into the CAD system. Chief Ruiz said that this number can be used as an identifier, but both stations will get toned because he wants them to know where the others are, and the Captain will be in charge of the entire shift.

UPDATE ON POLICE AND FIRE LIEUTENANT POSITIONS

Chief Ruiz stated that there are eleven candidates for three Fire Lieutenant positions and a written test will be held in November. Candidates that score 70% or better will participate in an Assessment Center in December, and the promotions will be effective in January.

Ms. Kabat said that there were twelve external and six internal candidates for two Police Lieutenant positions. All six internal candidates and six external candidates will be moving forward to an Assessment Center.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ghanbari asked if the Administration had a cost for a new radio system for the Police Division. Ms. Kabat said that the initial quote came in at over \$200,000. They have asked Bender Communications to provide a quote for the same model radio that the Fire Division has and they have not received that number yet. They are also reviewing the quote to make sure it covers installation and to see how long the maintenance period is.

Fred Kyle, 235 Southwood Drive, Vice-President of the Fire Union, said that they would prefer to see three new firefighters hired in January because it would take a few months for them to come online. He said that the Union's position is that they cannot run two stations with six personnel on a shift.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Haraz N. Ghanbari, Chairman
Safety Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.