

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**JUNE 26, 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.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hunter and Alexander Gaffney of Boy Scout Troop 167 and Cub Scout Troop 209 were present to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Tom Friess, 311 West Indiana Avenue, asked if there is a study being done regarding the intersection of Findlay and Indiana. Mr. Ghanbari said that he does not think the Administration has ordered a study for that intersection. Mr. Ghanbari said that he spoke to Jon Eckel, and Mr. Eckel said that solar lights for the intersection would cost about \$10,000.

### PURCHASE OF A NEW MEDIC UNIT

Fire Chief Rudy Ruiz and Deputy Chief Tom Granata requested approval of two ordinances to purchase a new medic unit. The new unit would replace a 2003 ambulance that has mechanical issues. The cab and chassis would be purchased from Whiteford Kenworth through the National Joint Purchasing Alliance (NJPA) for \$88,000. The Life Line Medic Body would be purchased from Pfund Superior Sales, Inc. for \$155,000 through the State Purchasing Program. Mr. Ghanbari asked if we could look into donating the 2003 unit to Owens Community College for a classroom model. The Fire Division indicated they would follow-up on that question. Deputy Chief Granata said that five vendors came in, and this is the unit the Fire Division chose based on the quality of the workmanship. Mr. Matuszak asked how much was paid for the medic unit purchased in 2014. Deputy Chief Granata said that he believes it was \$265,000. Mr. Matuszak asked how long it would take to get the unit. Deputy Chief Granata said that delivery time is approximately six months. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the ordinances to purchase a new medic unit.

Mr. Ghanbari thanked the Fire Division for their quick response to the working fire in the City last week. He said it was nice to see the interaction with the other departments through mutual aid.

### PARKING OF TRAILERS ON CITY STREETS LEGISLATION

Sandy Duty, 105 Quail, said that she and other neighbors have had an ongoing issue with trailers being parked near their homes. The street is narrow and the trailers make it difficult to back out of the driveway. They requested legislation prohibiting the parking of boats, campers and utility trailers on city streets. Mr. Ghanbari asked if they are seeking a total ban or restricted hours. Ms. Duty said that some communities allow them to be parked on the street for two to four hours for loading or unloading. Mr. Matuszak asked

if this has always been an issue. Ms. Duty said that she has lived there 45 years, and it has only been a problem the last two years. Ms. Duty and Greg Szczublewski, 125 Partridge Lane, said that they also have issues with trailers being parked illegally in the front and side yard, but if they call and complain the trailers get moved to the street. Mr. Ghanbari asked Mr. Szczublewski where he thinks trailers should be kept, and Mr. Szczublewski said that there are storage facilities all over. Mr. Ghanbari said that he will touch base with Planning and Zoning about the trailers parked on the grass in the right of way. Mr. Matuszak said that he believes the Committee can come up with some legislation to address this issue without completely banning or doing a two-hour limit like in Maumee. Mr. Ghanbari said that hopefully they will have some communication with them in the next month.

#### TEXTING WHILE DRIVING LEGISLATION

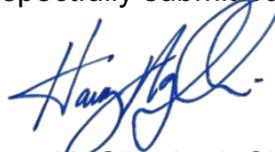
Mr. Ghanbari reported that Avon, Ohio passed legislation to make texting while driving a primary offense. Under the Ohio Revised Code, it is a secondary offense. Mr. Ghanbari said that he got a copy of the ordinance and provided it to the Safety Committee, Police Chief, and City Administrator. Ms. Kabat after consulting with the Law Director and Police Chief said it would be difficult to enforce and would involve getting a subpoena for phone records. Mr. Ghanbari said that he spoke to Toledo Police Chief George Kral, a vocal proponent of no texting while driving regarding their stepped up enforcement, and Chief Kral has instructed his officers to use ORC Section 4511.20 which states "Operation in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property. (A) No person shall operate a vehicle, trackless trolley, or streetcar on any street or highway in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property" to enforce no texting while driving. Mr. Ghanbari said that this section of the ORC is what is currently being enforced in Perrysburg.

#### NOISE ORDINANCE LEGISLATION

Ms. Born requested that this item be tabled. She said that she has had several people approach her about noise such as blaring music. She is working on a draft and will bring it to the committee in July.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Haraz N. Ghanbari, Chairman  
Safety Committee

***Next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.***