

SAFETY COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 27, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m. by Chairman Barry VanHoozen. Committee members present were Deborah Born and Barry VanHoozen. Jim Matuszak was absent. Also present were Kate Sandretto, Law Director, Pat Jones, Police Chief, and Rudy Ruiz, Fire Chief.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Becky Sherman, 4 Ridgewood Circle, was present and asked that people with pre-existing conditions who work with a team of doctors be permitted to choose what hospital they are transported to when they call 911. Ms. Sandretto said that we have a policy that a patient can sign a waiver if they choose to be transported to a facility other than St. Luke's or the Mercy Perrysburg ER. If the patient does not have the mental capacity to sign the waiver, the person who signs for them has to have the patient's medical power-of-attorney. Ms. Sandretto told Ms. Sherman to bring in her document and she will review it to make sure it is sufficient to allow her to sign the waiver for her husband.

REPEALING HUNTING ORDINANCE

Ms. Sandretto stated that twenty years ago an ordinance was drafted to try and deal with a deer problem in the City. The language in the ordinance was for one specific culling event, but the language was so narrow that when it was used, the outcome of the event did not decrease the deer population. It is not needed, and Ms. Sandretto recommended that it be repealed. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend that the language be repealed.

CMC TRAINING EQUIPMENT – FIRE

Ms. Sandretto stated that the Fire Division had planned to do confined space training in the fall, but Covid hit so it was temporarily placed on hold. They would still like to get the training in this year and are requesting approval of the purchase of equipment from Finley Fire in the amount of \$26,505 to do the confined space training. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the purchase.

POLICE BUDGET

Chief Jones reviewed the 2021 police budget. He stated that overall, it is 1.76% less than last year's budget. The budget includes \$25,000 to update the weight room. Chief Jones explained that they've never purchased equipment for it, they have used donated items. Also included is the purchase of three vehicles. Chief Jones said that purchasing three vehicles a year would put them on a four-to-five-year rotation. Mr. VanHoozen asked if there was anything that they asked for that was not included in the budget, and Chief Jones said there was not.

FIRE BUDGET

Chief Ruiz reviewed the 2021 fire budget. He said it is down \$500,000 from last year. He said that the overtime budget was decreased by \$75,000 and equipment was reduced because last year they purchased a new ambulance. Mr. VanHoozen asked about upgrades to the fire station and Chief Ruiz said that they are moving forward with that, but it is in a different budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairman
Safety Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.