



Public Safety Committee

Minutes
September 24, 2020

Attendance - Mr. Chris Heban, Ms. Zuchowski-Eckel, Chief Kitzler, Chief Drouard, and Ms. Murray

Police Department

There have been no new issues related to the Pandemic. There also have been no changes. There are still no senior visits or well checks.

The Department is good with PPE

The Committee discussed the placement of 2 hour only parking throughout the downtown area. Why only some of superior by the HS is marked with 2 hour parking? Signs may have been removed during construction. The Committee concluded that there should be two hour only parking both sides of the boulevard to the tracks. There are some signs in storage from the construction. Allyson will have Public Works put the signs back up. She will check the current signs and match them if more have to be ordered.

The Committee asked for an update on the change of the grass lot on the corner of Superior and Glenwood to parking. This was part of the proposed bulk paving project for the downtown businesses and City lots (i.e. the Rec Center) Gerken will be paving the extra 700' on Lime City. Allyson will get a quote. Mr. Heban will discuss this topic more with the Economic Development committee.

Mr. Heban asked that the Chief check the last spot on Superior before Elm Street and to check the stop sign. As if there is a car parked there it is hard to make a left turn.

Lastly, If you like motorcycles the police will be auctioning off a Harley forfeited to us. Predicted to be 8 to 10 thousand on the .gov auction site.

The Chief confirmed that it is legal to make a U Turn at Bacon when traveling west on Dixie Highway.

Fire Department.

Currently they have 3 SCBA bids in the works. The compressor also needs to be bid, it will be about three weeks as the time frame is not as sensitive as the SCBA.

AFGS grant reimbursement update, Perrysburg has the money and we are waiting for our check.

The Fire Boat purchase has 6 month Delivery window. This item is marked to be paid with the monies from the FEMA grant. We have to pay for it up front and get reimbursed by the FEMA grant. We don't have \$\$ to fund both of these purchases upfront along with the Fire Boat. Allyson and Gina and Josh will get together on this. The fire boat may have to be delayed a few months.

The Call volume is at or above normal. Recently there has been an increase in Opiate over doses.

Overnights have been staffed more often than not. The bulk of the time at least 1 of the 5.

The Chief is hopeful that October will be better, because everyone has had more time to plan.

The department is trying to bolster it's numbers. With hopes that the parttime thing continues, there will be a need for a few more people to cover all of the potential time slots. They are currently looks at a Toledo person or two, and a retired Sandusky firefighter who is still young and does not have a lot of options for part time fire department work in his home area. There are lots of EMTs that are not certified for fire, but are interested in taking a fire class. The class is \$400 , the Chief thinks that we can get that reimbursed from the state. There are some local people that are interested in volunteering as well. Right now they are going to focus on finding part-timers and at the end of the year they will focus on the volunteers. Current staffing levels are 22 in town volunteers and 8 part-timers. The part-timers are necessary because they are not getting maximum participation from the in town volunteers.

Other Business

The committee discussed the on-going issue with Vets park and the continued pursuit of maintaining a kid friendly environment there as well as at all of our parks at all times. Typical complaints have been for public urination, fights, speeding, running of stop signs, and foul language. The committee discussed adding port-a-johns at the basket ball courts, increasing the police presence in the park, and having the marina guards use their EYES and Ears only and to communicate issues to the Police via use of their radio. The committee also discussed the use of portable crime camera units from TPD. Chief Kitzler said that there is nothing that could be done directly about the language because of freedom of speech.

Conversation will be ongoing. At this time, due to COVID, the basketball courts are not in operation.

The Committee has set a standing committee day and time of 2pm on the third Wednesday of the month, via Zoom.