

SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 4, 2024

The March 4, 2024 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kenneth Wessler, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Julia Lemire, John Walker, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Jared Lucas, Police Chief; Mike MaGinn, Fire Chief; Nichole Coppler, City Auditor; Corrina Waggy, Upper Sandusky High School Principal; Aaron Korte; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>POLICE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>MUNI. CT.</u>
9-1-1 Fleet & Fire Equipment		6509.60	
American Fire & Safety Services		150.00	
Anumita Roy			200.00
Carole Wilson			190.00
Galls	112.39		
Galls	220.44		
Galls	97.30		
Galls	1483.90		
Great Wash LLC	625.00		
Jesse Evilsizer	120.00		
Kiesler Police Supply	2692.62		
Kerr’s Automotive Repairs	731.43		
Lexipol	1591.44		
Lexipol	9335.80		
Luis Gil			80.00
Ohio CAT		3814.60	
Ohio CAT	4108.52	4108.53	
Perry Pro Tech			567.24
The Lawft	111.88		
The Lawft	176.00		
Treasurer State of Ohio	670.00		
UIS Insurance & Investments			75.00
US Bank	<u>363.40</u>		
Total	22440.12	14582.73	1112.24

TOTAL BILLS: \$38,135.09

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Walker, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$38,135.09. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the February 5, 2024 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Mrs. Corrina Waggy, Upper Sandusky High School Principal, explained a new program the school district is looking to implement entitled “Portrait of a Ram”. Mrs. Waggy indicated that they are seeking data from community members about what the community believes the top character attributes Upper Sandusky High School graduates should have to be successful in their jobs after they graduate. Mrs. Waggy shared information containing a QR code for community members to take a one question survey where they will choose what attributes they think will be most important for students to know. Data collection for the survey ends March 13, 2024 and the results will be shared by the school on social media.

Mr. Aaron Korte, 230 Maple Drive, addressed the Safety Committee requesting a traffic study be conducted at the intersection of West Church Street and North Eighth Street due to a recent accident. Mr. Korte also stated that he would like to see flashing stop signs at this intersection. Safety Committee members requested the Police Department monitor this intersection.

Discussion was again held concerning the request presented by Pastor Rodney Donohoo, Apostolic Gospel Church, at the February 5, 2024 Safety Committee meeting for the Safety Committee to consider a waiver from “No Parking This Side of Street”, to instead allow parking on Sundays only along the east side and in front of his church located at 221 North Fifth Street, from the south side of the intersection with East Finley Street to the north side of the alley located adjacent and south of the church. Chief Lucas indicated that he obtained information from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding standards for road widths and parking, and was informed that the standard thru width of a roadway for travel is 10’ to 11’, and if parking were permitted along the east side of this street the roadway would be too narrow to comply with this standard.

Appointments to the Volunteer Fire Fighters’ Dependents Fund Board for 2024 were discussed. Mrs. Lemire and Mr. Wessler volunteered to serve on this board for 2024. Chief MaGinn noted that Mr. Lynn Yeater, Mr. Randall Barth, and Mr. James Reile have indicated that they be willing to serve again on this board for 2024.

Safety Committee members reviewed a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a liquor permit transfer from Shotzy’s Ltd & Patio, 124 North Sandusky Avenue 1st Floor and basement and 128 – 130 North Sandusky Avenue 1st Floor only, to Ten Ducks Holdings Ltd, 128 – 130 North Sandusky Avenue 1st Floor only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to indicate to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control that no hearing is requested on this transfer request. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Safety Committee members reviewed information regarding appointments to Wyandot County’s 9-1-1 Program Review Committee. It was noted that Mayor McColly, as the CEO of the most populous municipal corporation in the County, and Mr. Wessler, as a member of the legislative authority of a municipal corporation in the county, will be serving on this committee. It was suggested that the Chairperson of the Safety Committee always be the member of the legislative authority selected to serve on this committee. Safety Committee members voiced no objections to this suggestion.

Safety Committee members were provided with copies of current fire protection contracts with Crane, Mifflin, and Salem Townships and a summary of previous contracts with these townships. It was noted that the current fire protection contracts with all of these townships expire on June 30, 2024.

Chief MaGinn reported that the Fire Department had a busy month in February 2024. Representatives from the Fire Department traveled to Louisiana for the final inspection of the Fire Department’s new tanker truck last week. The new tanker truck has been delivered and will be placed into service soon. Chief MaGinn indicated that the truck to be replaced by the tanker could be sold at auction.

Chief Lucas reported that the extended probationary period for Police Officer Daniel Duke has ended and Chief Lucas recommended Officer Duke be retained as a full-time Police Officer.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to retain Officer Daniel Duke as a full-time police officer with the City. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Lucas also reported that he has received notice from the Department of Health that the Police Department’s current breathalyzer will not be valid in January 2025. Chief Lucas indicated that the estimated cost of a new machine is \$25,000.00 and that he has discussed a new machine with Sheriff Frey and they plan to split the cost of this purchase equally.

Discussion was again held on the upcoming Solar Eclipse to take place on Monday, April 8, 2024. Chief Lucas reported that he recently attended a webinar where congestion on the highways was a topic of discussion. Chief Lucas noted that he will be putting together an operations plan in relation to the event, and he will also be making arrangements for food for the Police Department staff. Mrs. Lemire stressed that there is going to be lot of traffic due to the event and people are going to have to be patient.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Walker, to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Upon Roll Call, all members vote Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried. Upon completion of the executive session, the Safety Committee reconvened into regular session.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Walker, to terminate probationary Police Officer Nathanael Downer effective March 4, 2024. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman