

SAFETY COMMITTEE

July 1, 2024

The July 1, 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; Genevieve Lemire; Lonnie McMillan, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$13,640.48 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$13,640.48. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the June 3, 2024 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

The renewal of fire protection contracts with Crane, Mifflin, and Salem Townships was discussed. Chief MaGinn indicated that he has met with representatives from these townships and explained that the cost of this service will be increased to \$500.00 per square mile in the renewed contracts. The contracts with Crane and Mifflin Townships will be renewed for three (3) years, and the contract with Salem Township will be renewed for one (1) year due to unknown factors with the Valencia soybean processing facility currently being constructed in Salem Township.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to approve the three (3) year renewal of the fire protection contracts with Crane and Mifflin Townships and the one (1) year renewal of the Salem Township fire protection contract with the \$500.00 per square mile charge to be effective July 1, 2024. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Walker stated that he has seen several gators, golf carts, electric bikes, and stand-up scooters at Walmart which must be traveling on East Wyandot Avenue to reach the store. Chief Lucas indicated that the gators and golf carts are considered under speed vehicles which are not permitted to travel on East Wyandot Avenue east of Duck Pond Road due the increased speed limit east of this point. Chief Lucas stated that legislation is needed to address electric bikes and scooters traveling on this roadway. Safety Committee members requested Chief Lucas and Mayor McColly meet with Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, to discuss/draft legislation to address this issue.

Chief MaGinn reported that the Fire Department responded to twenty-five (25) runs in June 2024 including calls for fire alarms and vehicle accidents.

Chief MaGinn also reported that tickets for the Fire Department's annual Chicken Barbeque to take place on Thursday, July 4, 2024 have sold out.

Chief MaGinn further reported that the old tanker that was replaced earlier this year is ready to be sold at auction and will have to be advertised that it is not available for fire use.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Walker, to authorize the auction of the old tanker and stipulate that it is not available for fire use. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Lucas reported that he recently spoke to a group of individuals at the Wyandot County Council on Aging regarding fraud.

Chief Lucas also reported that the City's new police cruiser is scheduled to hit the assembly line on Friday, August 30, 2024.

Chief Lucas indicated that Faith Combs was recently interviewed for a position on the police auxiliary, and Chief Lucas recommended she be approved by the Safety Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to approve Faith Combs as a member of the police auxiliary. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Lucas stated that interviews were recently held for part-time police dispatchers and two of the three applicants showed up for the interviews. Chief Lucas recommended the hiring of Lucas Wisda and Ben Dearth as part-time police dispatchers.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the hiring of Lucas Wisda and Ben Dearth as part-time police dispatchers. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Lucas announced that the Safety Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. to interview police officer candidates.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to schedule interviews for police officer candidates to be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024 beginning at 9:15 a.m. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

It was noted that the annual safety forces softball games will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at Legion Field in Sycamore, Ohio with a total of four games to be played and the participants being the Upper Sandusky Police and Fire Departments, the Carey Police and Fire Departments, the Wyandot County Sheriff's Office, and the Mohawk Fire and Rescue District.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman