

SAFETY COMMITTEE

July 7, 2025

The July 7, 2025 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; Heidi Moore; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$28,052.96 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$28,052.96. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the June 2, 2025 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the June 25, 2025 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Mrs. Heidi Moore, owner of Creekside Boutique and Marketplace located at 135 North Sandusky Avenue, indicated that she was instructed to attend the Safety Committee meeting regarding a backflow device at her business location. Mrs. Moore was informed that she needs to attend the Service Committee meeting to begin at 5:30 p.m. this evening to address this matter.

Options to assist pedestrians cross the street with the traffic light located at the intersection of West Wyandot Avenue and Hazel Street was again discussed as the school year is approaching and the school is located one block away to the north. Various options were discussed including crossing lights and yellow pedestrian lights. Mayor McColly will further discuss this issue with Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, to determine other available options.

Safety Committee members reviewed a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for the transfer of a portion of the ownership for Pilot Travel Centers LLC, dba Pilot Travel Center 239, 1600 East Wyandot Avenue, Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351, to National Indemnity Company. Safety Committee members voiced no objections and noted that a hearing will not be requested on this transfer.

Safety Committee members reviewed a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for the transfer of a liquor permit from Rite Aid of Ohio Inc, dba Rite Aid #4767, 230 S Main, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43331, to 325 Hyaf Sunoco Inc, 325 N Sandusky Ave, Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351. Safety Committee members voiced no objections and noted that a hearing will not be requested on this transfer.

Chief Lucas indicated that he was approached recently by a Duck Pond Road resident requesting a 25 mph speed limit sign be posted further to the north in Woods' subdivision. Chief Lucas noted that there is currently only one (1) 25 mph speed limit sign located at the entrance to the subdivision. Chief Lucas indicated that he can work with Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, to post two (2) 25 mph speed limit signs, one for each direction of traffic, further north in the subdivision. Safety Committee members voiced no objections.

Chief MaGinn noted that more food truck vendors have approached the Fire Department about inspections of their propane hoses. Chief MaGinn inquired as to if the Fire Department is going to be responsible for these inspections and again noted that Fire Department personnel are not favorable of performing these inspections and he thinks a company such as Schilling Propane would be a better option to conduct these inspections. Mayor McColly will discuss this matter with Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director.

Chief Lucas reported that a LEADS security audit was successfully conducted last week. These audits take place every three (3) years.

The annual Battle of the Badges softball event will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 in Harrison Smith Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. with five (5) teams scheduled to compete this year: Upper Sandusky Police and Fire Departments, Carey Police and Fire Departments, Wyandot County Sheriff's Office, Sycamore Fire and Rescue Department, and the State Highway Patrol. The championship game will take place beginning at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit oncology patients at Wyandot Memorial Hospital.

It was noted that a civil service examination for police officer candidates was held on Saturday, June 28, 2025 with two (2) applicants having taken the exam. The Civil Service Commission will be certifying the results of this exam on Wednesday, July 9, 2025.

Chief Lucas reported that Rachel Kidd-Carter, the most recently hired full-time police dispatcher, has almost completed her training and is doing a good job.

Chief Lucas also reported that Brittany Saunders and Kassandra Fagan are still interested in working as part-time police dispatchers.

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

Chief MaGinn reported that the Fire Department responded to thirty-seven (37) calls in June 2025 including: thirteen (13) false alarms, three (3) electrical/trash fires, four (4) gas leaks, four (4) vehicle crashes, five (5) EMS assists, three (3) vehicle fires, and five (5) miscellaneous. Chief MaGinn noted that there was an average of three (3) responders to these calls.

It was noted that the annual fireworks were held on Thursday, July 3, 2025 at the high school and there was a new shooter from the fireworks company and everyone involved in the display were pleased.

Chief MaGinn also reported that the Fire Department's annual Chicken Barbeque was held on Friday, July 4, 2025 and the eight hundred (800) available tickets were sold out quickly. Chief MaGinn expressed his appreciation to the community for their continued support of this event.

Chief MaGinn further reported that the annual inspections of the fire trucks has been completed with a water leak in the bearings found in Truck 110 and a u-bolt issue with the body/frame found in Truck 120. These issues have been repaired. The availability of truck grants was discussed and Chief MaGinn noted that the next truck to be replaced will be the pumper truck.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman