

SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 4, 2025

The August 4, 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; Mary McWilliams; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$191,399.76 was presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Walker, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$191,399.76. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the July 7, 2025 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the July 15, 2025 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Mrs. Mary McWilliams addressed the Safety Committee regarding the status of lifejackets she donated for use at the reservoir in early 2024. It was noted that the station to house the lifejackets is in place and the lifejackets are at the Water Treatment Plant. The sign to be located at the lifejacket station is currently being revised by Mr. Aaron Schoenberger, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor. Mrs. McWilliams inquired about the possibility of publicity when the lifejackets are made available to the public. Mr. Brian Hemminger indicated that he will take pictures and publicize an announcement.

Mrs. Lemire again inquired about the status of updating the safety features to assist pedestrians in crossing the street with the traffic light located at the intersection of West Wyandot Avenue and Hazel Street as the school year is approaching. Mayor McColly indicated that he inquired with Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, regarding this matter and improved pavement markings were discussed. A time will be set for Chief Lucas, Mr. Taylor, and Mrs. Lemire to look at the intersection.

Chief MaGinn reported that the Fire Department responded to forty (40) calls in July 2025 including: five (5) fire calls (with three (3) of those being structure fires and two (2) being vehicle/truck fires), four (4) accidents, six (6) EMS assists, four (4) electrical, five (5) false alarms, two (2) gas leaks, and fourteen (14) detector drops.

The Fire Department's annual chicken barbeque was held on Friday, July 4, 2025.

Inspections of propane hoses for food trucks was again discussed. Mayor McColly indicated that he will be discussing this issue with Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, and the Downtown Committee will be looking at language to address these inspections.

Chief Lucas indicated that Police Officer Steve Brake has submitted his letter of resignation.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Walker to accept the resignation of Police Officer Steve Brake. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Lucas shared announcements of the annual Battle of the Badges softball event to be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 in Harrison Smith Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. Teams participating include the Upper Sandusky Police and Fire, Sycamore Fire and Rescue, Carey Police and Fire, Wyandot County Sheriff's Office, and the State Highway Patrol – Bucyrus Post. Raffle tickets are available and proceeds will benefit the oncology patients at Wyandot Memorial Hospital.

It was noted that the next Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 1, 2025 which is Labor Day.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Walker, to move the next Safety Committee meeting from Monday, September 1, 2025 to Tuesday, September 2, 2025 due to the Labor Day holiday. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to enter into an executive session to review employment applications. Upon Roll Call, all members voted 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 Mrs. Lemire, to make a conditional job offer to Mr. Richard Gage Ebert for a police officer position. 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