

SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 2, 2025

The September 2, 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; Robert Johnson; Kate Niederkohr; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$1,188.95 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Walker, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$1,188.95. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the August 4, 2025 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Mr. Robert Johnson addressed the Safety Committee indicating that he lives across the street from East School and he has concerns regarding traffic in the area. Mr. Johnson noted that drivers in the area are traveling too fast and not being fully aware, especially the southbound lane of traffic. Mr. Johnson suggested speed limit signs showing motorists how fast they are traveling be placed to the north and the south of the school. Mr. Johnson indicated that he is willing to donate up to \$500.00 towards the purchase of these signs and he is also willing to help install the signs. Mrs. Lemire also suggested consideration of painting an optical illusion on the roadway with either the horizontal lines getting closer as motorists approach the stop signs giving them the impression that they are speeding or painting zig zag lines. Chief Lucas will look into speed limit signs as suggested.

Mrs. Lemire stated that the painted crosswalks at the intersection of West Wyandot Avenue and Hazel Street look nice. Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, is working with Mr. Eric Gottfried, Gottfried Electric, to obtain costs for cross/don't cross signals for this intersection.

Mrs. Lemire shared a pay comparison she compiled of the Police and Fire Departments of 1970 vs. 2025. Mrs. Lemire suggested a pay increase for the Volunteer Firemen with a minimum call-out be considered in the future.

Chief MaGinn reported that the Fire Department responded to thirty-three (33) calls in August 2025 including: three (3) structure fires, seven (7) vehicle crashes, four (4) smoke/odor investigations, and three (3) EMS calls.

Chief MaGinn also reported that the Fire Department will be inspecting the fairgrounds in preparation of the upcoming Wyandot County Fair, and in the morning of Monday, September 8, 2025 fair vendor inspections will be conducted.

Chief MaGinn further reported that the Fire Department has conducted inspections of the Louis Dreyfus soybean processing facility located in Salem Township and Thrive Local located in the downtown area.

Chief MaGinn stated that a seam is being reglued on the Fire Department's newest rescue boat and the department hopes to get the boat back soon for training.

Chief Lucas indicated that Police Lieutenant Jesse Evilsizer has submitted his letter of resignation effective September 25, 2025.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Walker to accept the resignation of Police Lieutenant Jesse Evilsizer effective September 25, 2025. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Lucas reported that the Police and Fire Departments participated in the annual Family Fun Fest event held on Friday, August 8, 2025 in Harrison Smith Park.

Chief Lucas reminded members of the 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.

It was noted that the next Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 1, 2025 which is Labor Day and the meeting will be moved to Tuesday, September 2, 2025 due to the holiday.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman