

SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 6, 2025

The October 6, 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; Troy Johnson; Sergio Espinoza; Melissa Cunningham; Denise Clark; Dan Ross; Sue Ross; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$24,247.87 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Walker, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$24,247.87. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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

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

Mr. Troy Johnson and Mr. Sergio Espinoza, Upper Sandusky High School Student Council members, addressed the Safety Committee requesting approval of the annual Homecoming Parade to take place on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 with line up to begin at 5:45 p.m. and the parade to step off at 6:30 p.m. The parade will begin at the Upper Sandusky Middle School and travel east on West Finley Street and turn left onto North Sandusky Avenue traveling north and then turn left onto Houpt Drive traveling west to the Upper Sandusky High School Athletic Complex.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to approve the request for the USHS Homecoming Parade to take place on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Lemire reported that she has discussed crosswalk signs with Mrs. Dible at East Elementary School and she will be attending a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting at Union Elementary School next week to discuss these signs and funding possibilities.

Chief Lucas presented the School Resource Officer Agreement between Upper Sandusky School District and the Upper Sandusky Police Department, effective from August 19, 2025 thru May 21, 2026. Chief Lucas indicated that Police Officer Jesse Lucas is serving at the School Resource Officer again this year. Chief Lucas explained that the hourly rate being paid by the school includes benefits. Chief Lucas also explained that the agreement is for 192 school days, 8 hours per day, and tracking is being used too so the school does not pay for any days that the School Resource Officer may not work at the schools.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement between Upper Sandusky School District and the Upper Sandusky Police Department, effective from August 19, 2025 thru May 21, 2026 as presented. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Lucas presented a request from Mr. Kevin Lok for the Safety Departments to provide assistance and support for the July 4, 2026 parade to be held in honor of the Semiquincentennial Celebration of the United States. The parade is expected to step off at 11:00 a.m. from the Upper Sandusky High School, 800 North Sandusky Avenue, and end near the Safety Building, 120 North Seventh Street. Safety Committee members voice no objections to this request.

Mrs. Lemire noted that an open house will be held this evening from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Department to promote the need for the $\frac{3}{4}\%$ income tax increase.

Mayor McColly reported on a complaint received regarding the length of the green lights on the traffic signals located on Wyandot Avenue at 5th Street, 7th Street, and 8th Street. Mayor McColly will ask Mr. Brad Taylor, Street Department Supervisor, to look at these lights to see if they could stay green longer.

Mayor McColly indicated that that a waterline replacement project to take place on West Finley Street between North Hazel Street and North Warpole Street will begin tomorrow, and this project is expected to take two weeks to complete.

Discussion was held regarding issues with vehicles being parked along the south side of West Finley Street adjacent to the Upper Sandusky Middle School parking lot in order to pick up students after school. Chief Lucas discussed the possibility of painting the curb in this area. The placement of “No Parking Here to Corner” signs in this area was also discussed.

Chief Lucas reported that Richard Gage Ebert was sworn in and began work today as a Police Officer.

Chief Lucas also reported that the Battle of the Badges softball event held on September 6, 2025 in Harrison Smith Park raised \$21,500.00 towards the Oncology Department at Wyandot Memorial Hospital.

Chief Lucas further reported that the Police Department’s LEADS audit is nearly finished and upgrades for next year are a priority.

Chief MaGinn reported that the Fire Department responded to thirty-two (32) calls in September 2025 including: four (4) structure fires, two (2) field fires, six (6) vehicle crashes, eleven (11) false alarms, four (4) EMS calls, and two (2) good intent calls.

Chief MaGinn also reported that the phones at the Fire Department have been repaired as calls were being dropped.

Chief MaGinn thanked Chief Lucas for organizing the Battle of the Badges event and stated that this is a great event for the safety departments and the community.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman