

SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 4, 2026

The May 4, 2026 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Aaron Korte, Chairperson. Safety Committee members present were Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, and Scott Moore.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Jared Lucas, Police Chief; Mike MaGinn, Fire Chief; Stephanie Hessey, Human Resources Officer; Bert Dible; Ailsa Dible; Randall Besecker; Robert Waxlax; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$12,492.38 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$12,492.38. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the April 6, 2026 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the April 24, 2026 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Chief Lucas presented a quote from Parr Public Safety Equipment, 6106 Bausch Road, Galloway, Ohio 43119 for the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-150 Responder at a cost of \$47,000.00 plus accessories at a cost of \$3,038.65 for a total cost of \$50,038.65. Chief Lucas indicated that the odometer on the Ford F-150 Responder shows 21,000 miles.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-150 Responder plus accessories at a total cost of \$50,038.65. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Chief Lucas also presented a quote from Reineke Ford Lincoln, 12000 Co. Rd. 99, Findlay, Ohio 45840 for the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor at a cost of \$44,529.00 plus accessories through Parr Public Safety Equipment, 6106 Bausch Road, Galloway, Ohio 43119, at a cost of \$14,087.15 for a total cost of \$58,615.15. This purchase is part of the State Purchasing Program.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor from Reineke Ford Lincoln plus accessories through Parr Public Safety Equipment, at a total cost of \$58,615.15. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Safety Committee members reviewed a notice from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control for a liquor permit transfer from Boones Steer Barn LLC, Steer Barn, 1144 E Wyandot Ave, Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351 to Steer Barn Holdings, LLC, Steer Barn, 1144 E Wyandot Avenue, Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to respond that no hearing is requested on the liquor permit transfer for the Steer Barn, 1144 E Wyandot Avenue. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

An inquiry was made with Chief Lucas and Chief MaGinn as to the preferred method of communication with Mrs. Stephanie Hessey, Human Resources Officer, in employee matters involving employment, hiring, discipline, etc. Chief Lucas and Chief MaGinn indicated that email is their preferred method of communication in these situations.

Mr. Bert Dible, Union School Assistant Principal, addressed the Safety Committee requesting a change be made at the intersection of North Eighth Street and West Walker Street making this intersection a three-way stop. It was noted that currently the north/south traffic on North Eighth Street does not stop and West Walker Street on the west side of North Eighth Street is a one way street westbound. Mr. Dible indicated that students struggle every day crossing North Eighth Street at this intersection especially in the mornings. Safety Committee members discussed implementing the change over the summer months to give motorists time to adapt to the change.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, to add two stop signs in the north and south bound lanes on North Eighth Street at the intersection of West Walker Street making this intersection a three-way stop. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly also noted that complaints have been received about visibility at the intersection of North Eighth Street and West Bigelow Street, with traffic on North Eighth Street that does not stop, and the visibility of motorists traveling west on West Bigelow Street hindered by vehicles parking along North Eighth Street to the south of this intersection. Safety Committee members discussed the possibility of moving the “No Parking Here to Corner” sign in this area further south. Safety Committee members and Chief Lucas will look at the area and discuss the matter further.

Discussion was held regarding qualifications for a full-time Fire Chief as outlined in Section 133.03 Fire Chief: Vacancy and Qualifications, of Chapter 133 Fire Division of the City’s Codified Ordinances. The existing regulations contained in Section 133.03, addressing a vacancy in the full-time Fire Chief position, were adopted in 1977. Mrs. Stephanie Hessey, Human Resources Officer, distributed copies of the job description for a full-time Fire Chief to the members of the Safety Committee. This matter will be referred to Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, to draft guidelines for necessary qualifications for a full-time Fire Chief.

Chief Lucas reported that Mrs. Rachel Kidd Carter, Police Dispatcher, will soon reach her one year anniversary and complete her probationary period. Chief Lucas recommended she be retained following her probationary period.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, to retain Mrs. Rachel Kidd Carter as a Police Dispatcher following the upcoming completion of her probationary period. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Chief Lucas reported on the following upcoming events:

- The Family Fun Fest at the Union School playground is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2026.
- The 8th grade class will be touring the Police Station on Friday, May 15, 2026.
- The Click-it-or-Ticket campaign kicks off on Thursday, May 14, 2026.
- A civil service examination for Police Officer candidates is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2026.

Chief MaGinn reported that Fire Department personnel responded to fifty-six (56) calls in March 2026 and twenty-four (24) calls in April 2026, with an average of three firefighters responding to the calls.

Chief MaGinn indicated that Engine 110 is in need of repairs expected to cost approximately \$20,000.00.

Chief MaGinn shared a slide show of fire training exercises held recently at a home which was under a controlled burn. The exercises lasted approximately nine (9) hours.

Mayor McColly reported that representatives from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be here on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss road resurfacing projects and to gather feedback from the three-way stop controls placed at the US 23/US 30 and State Route 199/North Warpole Street interchange ramp intersections.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter regarding discipline. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried. Upon completion of the executive session, the Safety Committee reconvened into regular session.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Aaron Korte, Chairperson