



Safety Committee Minutes
January 25, 2012

Call to Order:

Chair Leslie Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Chair Leslie Miller and Barb Schwartz. Kathy Rhoads and Roger Kilgore were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes will hold until next month due to being a new Committee.

Privilege of the Floor

None.

Chief's Report

Chief Burson attended a Trustee Meeting in Montville Township last night and saw Officer Eckstine recognized. Officer Eckstine responded to a suicide call when it was not his call. Officer Eckstine was given a signed resolution and commended for his outstanding contribution to his community from the Montville Board of Trustees, Residents, Officers, and Life Support Team of Montville Township.

Earlier this week Chief Burson had a meeting with Jon Clevidence. Mr. Clevidence is helping to raise funds for a four wheeler for the Police Department's Search & Rescue. The goal is to have this item by Memorial Day.

Chief Burson has asked the Committee to consider making Office Fockler a Level 3. Office Fockler meets the qualifications and has proven his worth.

Chief Burson was approached by Jerry Coffee about becoming an auxiliary officer. Chief recommends consideration.

The Police Department maintains the breath testing machine, Data Master. In August, the Data Master will be decommissioned by the State of Ohio. The State is purchasing, furnishing and maintaining a new version, Intoxilizer. Four out of six Officers have undergone training and two more scheduled in March.

Sgt. Reed is soliciting vendors for replacement portable radios. to be narrow band compliant.

Chief Burson was asked and will give an email to the Committee information for Officer Fockler's Level 3 adjustment.

Leslie Miller noted she meet with the Chief last week and will be meeting the Officers.

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New Business

The Fire Department will be trying to join us quarterly. Chief Winkler brought in the Levy Renewal Form and are attached to the minutes. The Chief was just elected President of the Medina County Chief's Association. The Fire Department's biggest accomplishment is cutting response time 6:02 minutes down to 4:38 minutes, a 23% change. Certification levels have been increased, and staffing changes have been made. The Department is providing the equivalent to 18 1/2 full time employees. The Department has a face book page. The Department is also working with Wadsworth, City of Rittman and Sterling to work out a training calendar for the year and working on a Collaboration Grant together. The New Squad is suppose to come in tomorrow.

The Chief gave a food drive thank you to everyone who helped. The drive was able to help 18 families. The Gym is up and running for the Fire Department with one certified instructor. Leslie Miller asked the Chief to keep in mind that the Village is looking forward to participating in National Night Out. Barb Schwartz asked if the Fire Department had any equipment left at 6 Spring Street. The Chief felt that the equipment belonged to Jerry Coffee.

The Egg Hunt will be March 31st at 1:00 p.m. It was noted the insurance company will not let the Fire Department give rides on the trucks.

Chief Burson commended Chief Winkler and the Fire Department for their support.

Ordinance #2012-08. The contract with the Medina County Sheriff's Office for Dispatch Services. Chief Burson and Leslie Miller would like to leave the Ordinance as is.

The Auditor has asked the Budget be done by November. This would mean the Budget needs to be passed in October.

Public Entity Pool, our risk insurance. Chief Burson reported the Driver's License program can be done through Leads or the filling out individual forms for each officer. Chief Burson asked that he be formally asked to do the job.

It was asked that everyone please keep in mind resource sharing within our Departments.

Chief Burson was asked if he could utilize 6 Spring Street and he felt there was no purpose for the Police Department.

The Internet Cafe - There has not been any decisions made. Chief Burson has spoke with various Police Chiefs that have had experience with Internet Cafe's. The Chiefs have not had any incidents and at the same time they say they do not want them. They have indicated they are right on the edge of legality and that it is a play on words. There has been a mixed experience with them. It was questioned who handles the problems that occur. The Chief understands it to be handled by different branches, multiple entities.

The Committee would like to acknowledge Loretta's retirement at the March Council's meeting with a plaque.

Old Business

Key Audit is under control. Keys to get into different buildings have been turned in to Jim Carrick. One of the goals is to have a centralized location with a sign out sheet.

The cruisers are on order and there is no further update.

The Disaster Plan will have the names updated and confirmed.

Privilege of the Floor:

Larry Landis would like Chief Burson to send his thoughts on the Internet Cafe's to the Government Committee.

A motion to adjourn by Barb Schwartz and seconded by Leslie Miller. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Miller".

Leslie Miller
Safety Committee Chair