



**Safety Committee Minutes
Wednesday, January 28, 2015**

Call to Order:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Leslie Miller, Brad Demiter, Larry Landis. Kathy Rhoads entered the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Brad Demiter made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2014, and Leslie Miller seconded the motion. Two aye votes. Larry Landis abstained. Minutes were approved as written.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

Chief's Report:

Chief Burson reported that Sgt. Reed suffered an off duty accident and will be off the schedule for about three weeks. Chief Burson reported there had been a major theft at The Methodist Church and the suspects have been identified and arrested. Chief Burson noted the significance was the suspects had warrants with multiple districts and we were the ones to find the suspects.

There was another case with employee theft. The officer did his job so well that the suspect had to change their plea from not guilty to guilty. Due to the diligence done on the case, there was nothing to contest.

Chief Burson received a letter from Prosecutor Dean Holman regarding our officers involved in a heroin case. Due to the work of our officers they were able to get a conviction.

Chief Burson could not share many details but has compliments for the officers and Medina County Drug Task Force. The work that is going on is improving the challenges with the trailer park.

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Chief's Report (continued):

The Village has lost two residents to overdoses. Chief Burson said there is more work to do. The Village has taken an unusual stand and is one of the few agencies that have taken action by going to the landlords and letting them know what offenses are taking place on their properties and that something should be done.

Chief Burson is asking the Committee to open dialogue to review the package that can be offered to the police officers. Montville Twp. is hiring and two patrolmen have looked into the opportunity. Chief Burson pointed out the loss of Officer Joel Eckstine. When Officer Eckstine left there was approximately \$500,000.00 in tax payer money that left the Village. Chief Burson feels the residents expect and deserve quality officers and not always having the new guy. Chair Miller would like to hold a work session in March.

Chief Burson reported the department has completed a use of force training block and Taser training with the instructor being Officer Eckstine. The department has a crime scene training scheduled.

Chief Burson has Officer Phillips as the lead on the search for the new ATV. Officer Phillips has narrowed it down to three models and has continued to learn from other departments. Chief Burson will talk with Ted Lesiak because the Village is in an unusual circumstance with the ATV being bought with donations and budgeted money. The goal is still to have the ATV in operation by the yard sale in June.

Mr. Landis asked if the Department is trained to use Narcan. Chief Burson confirmed the department has been trained on using the Narcan drug. The drug is supplied by a grant with Summa. The department has not used the drug as of this date.

New Business:

Chair Miller will not be available for the February Meeting.

Chair Miller announced on Monday, February 16th, a Brazilian band will be playing at the Village Hall. The Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, March 28th.

Old Business:

Kathy Rhoads reported she cannot be involved in alternative investments but someone from her company can be involved. Mrs. Rhoads is in touch with Brian McCarty from Copley.

Chair Miller reported Officer Phillips has had his three year anniversary and Officer Houck is off of his probation and thanked them for their hard work.

Chair Miller complimented Chief Burson on his year-end report that included a pie chart.

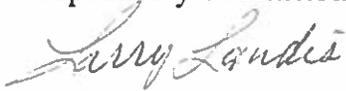
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Privilege of the Floor:

Mrs. Rhoads asked Chief Burson what he thought the reasons for the officers leaving could be. Chief said there is at least a \$3 an hour difference in pay and the levels need to be re-evaluated. The package has not been updated in a long time.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry Landis and was seconded by Brad Demiter. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Larry Landis
Acting - Safety Committee Chair