



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

Call to Order:

Chair Leslie Miller called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Leslie Miller, Brad Demiter and Alternate Larry Landis.
Kathy Rhoads arrived 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Larry Landis made a motion to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2015, and the motion was seconded by Leslie Miller. Two aye votes. Mr. Demiter abstained. The minutes were approved as written.

Privilege of the Floor:

Carol Carter asked Chief Burson about the two hour parking limit downtown. There was a discussion about adding a parking spot in an unmarked area. Due to the distance of the area and the intersection a new spot cannot be created. There was discussion about taking signs down. Concerns were expressed if signs are taken down, employees would park in valuable customer parking.

Chief's Report:

Chief Burson has reported that all of the Seville Police Department Officers have served the community professionally and have all returned home safely with the exception of one car with a damaged bumper. The department has been busy with training including CPR, fire arms, and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). CIT deals with situations with working with people with mental issues.

Chief Burson shared a letter from Jerry Winkler, Chief for Seville-Guilford Fire & EMS, complimenting Officer Fockler and Officer Banks. A copy of the letter is attached.

At this time a date for receiving the new police vehicles is not known. Equipment has been ordered.

Chief Burson said the Department is set for Halloween and the playground dedication and noted there is a 20% chance of rain.

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Chief's Report (continued):

Chief Burson reported Ted Lesiak has revised the Snow Ban Ordinance to include the alert to be tied in with the National Weather Advisory. There is a new ordinance being created for a Memorandum of Understanding for working with Job & Family Services. This clarifies responsibilities when assisting calls.

Chief Burson explained in the past they had radios they shared with the Parks & Streets Department. The radios are no longer working and he would like permission to purchase new ones. The radios allow for private contact between the departments. Kathy Rhoads made a motion to allow Chief Burson to purchase five new radios at \$250 each. Leslie Miller seconded the motion. Aye votes all.

Chief Burson reported 861 pounds have been collected from the drug collection box.

Chief Burson pointed out there is a new line item in the proposed 2016 Budget for Lexipol. Lexipol is a service that provides legal and procedural updates. Chief Burson explained the Department adopted policies from other departments and some of the policies go back as far as 1989. There are 1,800 departments currently using this service. Officers would have online access and the program can be customized. The first year includes online training and daily bulletins. This service also allows the officers' knowledge of the policies to be archived that could be referred to if there are legal issues. The first year would cost \$4,200 and the following years would be less.

Chief Burson asked for funds to be able to get new department email addresses. Gmvault would allow for some administrative control and better archival abilities.

Chief Burson asked for a sign making machine. It is time to order new signs or make them. If the Department could make signs the options for better parking directions would be available. A machine would be more economical than paying for the service.

Mrs. Rhoads made a recommendation to move the proposed 2016 Police Budget to the Finance Committee for further review and asked for special attention to the salaries. Brad Demiter seconded the motion. Aye votes all.

New Business:

Chair Miller congratulated Sgt. Phillips for serving four years with the Village.

Chair Miller asked the Committee to combine the November and December meetings to Wednesday, December 9th, due to the holiday schedule. The Committee agreed.

Chair Miller offered to be a contact for CPR classes with Officer Fockler.

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New Business (continued):

Chair Miller commented she would like to be sure Sgt. Reed is acknowledged by Council for serving his 24 years in addition to the open house that Chief Burson will set up. It was agreed to acknowledge him at the December 14th Council meeting.

Pending Legislation

Ordinance 2015-50 establishes a snow emergency parking ban. Second reading was October 13, 2015.

Old Business:

The discussion for updating the officer's employee package will be discussed at a later time. It was mentioned this has been setting for a long time and will be reassessed after the budget is approved.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy Rhoads and was seconded by Brad Demiter. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leslie Miller
Safety Committee Chair



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Jerry Winkler, Chief

October 13, 2015

Chief Don Burson
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Re: E. Fockler & N. Banks

Chief Burson,

It is with sincere gratitude that I acknowledge the exemplary efforts of SPD officers Earl Fockler and Nick Banks during our barn fire on Friday, October 9, 2015. Their efforts contributed greatly to the rescue of as many as 30 dogs, despite heavy fire and smoke conditions.

I arrived on scene shortly after Fockler and Banks to find the structure heavily involved in fire, with flames through the roof and impinging on a significant portion of the building. They quickly gave me a size-up of the situation, which helped in planning our operational objectives. Due to the heavy fire load, it was apparent that the building would be a loss, so the priority became rescuing the approximately 30 Fox Terriers in the kennel area of the barn. We all set about entering the structure to affect the rescue of as many animals as possible before additional fire equipment arrived. After I exited the structure to assume the role of incident commander, Banks and Fockler continued their efforts to rescue additional animals, at significant risk to themselves.

Rescue efforts continued throughout the incident. Ultimately, all animals were saved, with the final dog discovered the next morning after it returned to the scene, cold, wet and shivering, but uninjured. The primary objective of the fire department has always been life safety, and sometimes those lives are of the canine variety. The efforts of your officers played a significant role in the positive outcome of this incident and resulted in the successful rescue of all lives from the structure.

We are, as always, grateful for the assistance of your personnel, and for the excellent working relationship we share with the Seville Police Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Winkler", is written over a circular stamp or seal. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jerry Winkler, OFC, B.A., EMT-P
Chief - Seville-Guilford Fire & EMS
NE District Director - Ohio Fire Chiefs Association

Cc: Mayor Sulzener