



**Safety Committee Minutes
Monday, September 17, 2018**

Call to Order:

Chair Leslie Miller called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Leslie Miller, Sue Frey, and Brad Demiter

Amendments to Agenda:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Sue Frey made a motion to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2018, and the motion was seconded by Chair Leslie Miller. Two aye votes. Mr. Demiter abstained. The minutes were approved as written.

Privilege of the Floor:

Mayor Carol Carter announced V3 Transportation will be holding their Windfall Dinner on Friday, September 28th, and invited Council, Police, Parks & Streets, and Board of Public Affairs to attend and bring equipment to share with guests.

Mayor Carol Carter also spoke about the strain on the six man Police Department and pleaded for assistance for find a way to afford a seventh officer. Mayor Carter listens to the police radio and hears the officer get called throughout the town for things like a fatal accident, car stuck on the railroad tracks, and assistance to a resident at the municipal building. Mayor Carter expressed concern for when an officer is off the schedule it creates a hardship for the officers able to serve. And, looking ahead the Chief and Sergeant may want to retire. Mayor Carter would like to find a way to help the officers have a life outside of their workplace.

Chief's Report:

Chief Burson reported there have been no more injuries and Officer Thompson has been cleared for light duty. Chief Burson reported 31 significant offenses; include criminal damaging, domestic violence, obstructing official business, resisting arrest, theft and violating a protective order. Six additional offenses were drug related. Fourteen of the offenses resulted in an adult and one juvenile being arrested. One juvenile was sent to the prosecutor's office for charges and six additional citations were issued. Of 31 offenses, 3 are F3 offenses for drugs. One was a felony five and six M1s. All of them carry potential jail time. As far as other activities go, there was 63 other traffic related,

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Chief's Report (continued):

2 disturbances, 11 assists to residents and 47 assists to EMS and BOPA, 23 suspicious activities and 3400 miles patrolled.

Officer Deal has completed his training for the Data Master and will be able to operate and keep the equipment ready for service.

Chief Burson reported 31 offenses.

Chief Burson complimented Mr. Gordon and the Parks & Streets for being so organized and making it easy to assist with The Run for The Trails.

Chief Burson reported the Seville Meadows is considered a nuisance and will be charged for calls.

Chief Burson complimented the work of Officer Banks. Officer Banks pulled a car over for suspicious activity. The driver claimed he did not have any identity. Officer Banks learned the person in the back seat had a warrant for drugs and through searching discovered the identity of the driver and learned he was wanted for a double homicide in Akron.

Chief Burson commented on the number of years the Village has had the painful reality of officer turnovers. Chief Burson feels he has an outstanding crew. Chief Burson explained one of the differences today with social media; the officers know everything going on across the state. They know where a good place to work and a not so good place to work. Officers are being actively recruited. There are troubles with not enough officers to fill the positions state wide, loss of retention and loss of pension. Chief Burson thanked the Committee and Council for their help in keeping the Village competitive and appreciates being given the tools to be a supportive employer.

New Business:

Chair Miller expressed appreciation on behalf of the Run for the Trails Committee on the Department's great work during the run. Chair Miller also expressed a thank you from residents that an officer follows the school busses and realizes that does not happen in every community.

Pending/Completed Legislation

2018-61 - Ordinance to approve, adopt, and enact the 2019 Edition of the Model Ohio Municipal Code, published by the American Legal Publishing Corp. for the Village; repealing ordinance in conflict therewith; and publishing the enactment of new matter. Council held the first reading on September 10, 2018.

Old Business:

None.

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Privilege of the Floor:

None.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brad Demiter and was seconded by Sue Frey. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leslie Miller
Safety Committee Chair