

Minutes of Perrysburg Safety Committee

Meeting Held January 24, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Barry VanHoozen.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present were Barry VanHoozen, Mark Weber, and Jan Materni. Also present were Patrick Jones, Police Chief and Safety Director, and Tom Granata, Deputy Fire Chief.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 10/25/2022 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the October 25, 2022 meeting were approved 3-0.

THERMAL CAMERAS - TOM GRANATA

Deputy Chief Granata explained that they are requesting funds for three sets of three thermal cameras. He further explained that the cameras that they currently have reached the end of their lifespan and are not repairable. Mr. VanHoozen asked how old the current cameras are. Deputy Chief Granata answered seven years and they have staggered buying them, adding that they do not manufacture parts for them anymore. These are to identify hot spots and are not recording cameras. Ms. Materni asked if the City has drones. Deputy Chief Granata stated that the Police Department does and they have used those drones on a couple of occasions. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

CLEANING CONTRACT FOR POLICE BUILDING - PAT JONES

Chief Jones stated that they are looking to change cleaning companies because they are not happy with the company they currently have. They had four companies provide them with quotes, after giving them tours of the Police Building. Chief Jones stated that they are looking to go with Atlas Cleaning Services. They are a local company and are certified to do biohazard cleanup. Chief Jones would like to waive the three readings, so they can get it approved and start using them in thirty days. Mr. VanHoozen asked if the Police is the only division that has its own cleaning company. Chief Jones explained that it varies around the City and that there are some different contracts around the City. Mr. Weber asked if the City has a contract with a carwash for our vehicles. Chief Jones answered yes, that they have a contract with Ultra Carwash on Eckel Junction Road, and it is a per car basis. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

PROPHOENIX YEARLY MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT CONTRACT - PAT JONES

Chief Jones stated that it is the records management system that they use and it is a yearly renewal that they have to do to maintain the software and maintenance of the system. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

P AND R COMMUNICATIONS YEARLY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT - PAT JONES

Chief Jones stated that this is also a renewal. P and R takes care of their radio maintenance and all of their dispatch equipment. Mr. Weber asked if the increase is in the budget. Chief Jones confirmed that it is in the budget and is asking that this be passed as an emergency, so they can keep their services in check and up to date. Mr. VanHoozen asked about the transition of the new radio equipment two or three years ago and if they are pleased. Chief Jones stated that he is very happy with the system and is able to seamlessly operate with their neighboring agencies, such as Perrysburg Township, Rossford, and Maumee. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT - PAT JONES

Chief Jones stated that himself and Deputy Chief Granata met with Perrysburg Township to talk about ways that they can share resources. Chief Jones stated that they currently have automatic aid agreements for structure fires and hazardous material situations, but no agreement in place for medic runs, which is what they are looking at right now. Mr. Weber is really glad to see this happen. Deputy Chief Granata added that they work together pretty regularly anyway, having the same Medical Director, as well as the same protocols. Mr. VanHoozen asked about the difference between automatic aid and mutual aid. Deputy Chief Granata gave the example of the fire at Benchmark. He stated that with the structure fire, the Township automatically sends an engine with four people. However, he needed another ladder truck and requested mutual aid from the Township, which does not come automatically.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Jones stated that in the capital budget this year, there is money appropriated for a new medic unit. The state bid pricing has not come out yet, there is \$425,000.00 budgeted for that, and are hoping it comes in under that amount. Chief Jones asked Mr. VanHoozen if they could present this directly to City Council on February 7, 2023. Mr. VanHoozen agreed that it is necessary, with the two-year build time, and we should plan that far out. Deputy Chief Granata added that a medic unit is typically a nine to ten month build, but with part and supply shortages, it has increased the build time, which is why they moved it up in their vehicle replacement schedule. Ms. Materni asked if they rotate ambulances between stations to even out the wear. Deputy Chief Granata stated they currently do not because they have seen over the last two years that the difference in calls to the stations is diminishing, with less than a two hundred call difference.

Mr. Weber explained that there is a safety issue on the 900 block of Pine Street, where the creek runs parallel to the street and there is a dropoff, which a concerned citizen had reached out to him about. Chief Jones stated that there is an Internal Traffic Safety

Committee consisting of himself, Fire, Service, and Engineering.

Ms. Materni asked if there are still discussions about nursing homes and their calls. Deputy Chief Granata stated that he is trying to do a mid-February meeting and would have a representative from their billing agency there to speak. He added that they are trying to address it because they saw an uptick in those types of runs after the first of the year. Ms. Materni clarified that they are talking about non-emergency/transport runs.

Mr. VanHoozen requested for next month's agenda: addressing the crossing area between Rivercrest Park and Rotary Park, looking at the intersection of 3rd Street and Elm Street, and the second annual review of DORA.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson
Safety Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.