

Minutes of Perrysburg Safety Committee

Meeting Held November 28, 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 Joe Fawcett, City Administrator, Chris Sargent, Deputy Police Chief, William McCullough, Fire Chief, and Tom Granata, Deputy Fire Chief.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 10/24/2023 MEETING MINUTES

PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIOS

Deputy Chief Sargent explained that the Police Division is requesting to purchase eight new portable radios for \$38,842.24. He stated that they are the same make and model that they are currently using. Mr. VanHoozen asked if these are additional. Deputy Chief Sargent explained that the plan is to purchase eight new radios each year, so they can cycle out eight and keep them as spares.

Mr. Weber asked how many radios they have total. Deputy Chief Sargent explained that they have close to fifty, including spares, but that does not include the radios in the cars. Mr. Weber asked if there is an annual maintenance program or if there is an additional charge. Deputy Chief Sargent responded that part of the price included three years of essential service for the radios. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

FIRE DIVISION'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2024-2026

The Fire Division's Strategic Plan is for 2024 through 2028. Chief McCullough presented the highlights of the Plan to the Committee. Mr. VanHoozen asked how finances play into this plan. Chief McCullough responded that this plan provides a clear direction for the division moving forward in the coming years and not all parts of this will cost tax dollars.

Mr. VanHoozen asked why staffing levels and finances are not more of a part of this plan. Chief McCullough explained that there are variables in there that they cannot account for and that this is more of a strategic level look at the operations of the division, not a staffing plan. Mr. VanHoozen responded that it is great to know that our divisions are evolving and putting plans together.

Chief McCullough's intention is to anticipate needs before they become a reality, which cannot be done without having a plan put into place. Ms. Materni commended them for being proactive, instead of reactive. Mr. Weber asked if being accredited helps with grants. Chief McCullough responded that it certainly does not hurt, and we can be better aligned to determine what their priorities are for grants. This is being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson Safety Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.