

Minutes of Perrysburg Safety Committee

Meeting Held February 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - 4:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairperson Barry VanHoozen.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present were Barry VanHoozen, Kevin Fuller, and Rick Rettig. Also present were Joe Fawcett, City Administrator, Patrick Jones, Police Chief, and William McCullough, Fire Chief.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 1/23/24 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting were approved 3-0.

POLICE BUILDING CLEANING RENEWAL CONTRACT

Chief Jones explained that Atlas Cleaning Services is the new cleaning company that they went with a year ago, and they need to renew their contract. The rate will stay the same, at \$3,575.00 per month, for the entirety of 2024. Chief Jones stated that they would like to continue with Atlas and are satisfied with them. Mr. VanHoozen asked about the breadth of their cleaning. Chief Jones responded that they clean their building five days a week, for about six hours a day, and are doing full service cleaning. Mr. Fuller noted the plastic can liners that are billed monthly, per usage, and if there are other materials they bill us for. Chief Jones responded that it includes all the cleaning products and supplies. They purchase their paper towels and such from another party. There being no objections, this is being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

PUBLIC SAFETY CORRIDOR FOR THE ECLIPSE EVENT

Chief Jones explained that a total Solar Eclipse will cross Perrysburg on April 8, 2024. Between April 6 - 9, 2024, Perrysburg is expecting travelers from around Ohio, as well as other states, to visit our area of totality. Per Codified Ordinance Chapter 452, standing or parking of vehicles is prohibited on any streets designated as Emergency Response Corridors, with certain exceptions outlined in the Code. Chief Jones stated that Perrysburg and surrounding school districts have canceled school for that day. This is something that they have been working on for several months now to make sure that they have clear roadways for public safety vehicles to get through.

Chief Jones noted that the Resolution will acknowledge that the areas on the included map that are acknowledging that this is a public safety corridor for the 2024 Solar

Eclipse Event and that they will remove cars that are illegally parked for the purpose of public safety. Mr. Rettig asked about the preventative measures that would be in place for those routes. Chief Jones responded that they will put up special no-parking signs and talking to local tow services so that there are tow trucks available. Mr. VanHoozen asked about the time frame that they anticipate. Chief Jones responded that they will start it at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 7, 2024 until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 and plan to be fluid with their planning.

Mr. Rettig asked about the local hotels. Chief Jones responded that they are around eighty-five percent occupancy currently and encouraged people to stay beyond the Eclipse, so ideally not everyone is leaving at the same time. Mr. VanHoozen asked about the time of the Eclipse. Chief Jones responded that it is right around 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024. Mr. VanHoozen appreciates the preparation.

PURCHASE OF 8 SETS OF FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT GEAR

Chief McCullough explained that this Resolution is to purchase eight sets of turnout gear, which the firefighters use daily. Atlantic Emergency Solutions met the spec that their firefighters came up with for their turnout gear. Mr. Rettig asked about helmets. Chief McCullough responded that their helmets typically will last ten years, unless there is a significant event that occurs to cause damage to the helmet. He noted that this is replacing gear that is ten years old. Mr. Fuller asked about the individual names. Chief McCullough responded that the gear is customized for the individual and must be properly sized, so it is not a safety concern.

Mr. Fuller asked if the firefighters have backup gear. Chief McCullough responded that all personnel have two sets of turnout gear, allowing for a scheduled replacement every five years, providing a staggered approach. The eight new sets of turnout gear is not to exceed \$33,975.00. There being no objections, this is being forwarded 3-0 to City Council.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR AGREEMENT

Chief McCullough explained that there is no legislation required for this, and it is for informational purposes. They are asking to contract with a new Medical Director. In collaboration with Perrysburg Township, they met with other Medical Directors in the area. Chief McCullough stated that many departments in the area use the consortium through Mercy Medical Center. He wants to be on the cutting edge of emergency medical services for their community. Mr. VanHoozen asked about Dr. Nick Sauber. Chief McCullough explained that Dr. Sauber is one of the Medical Directors involved in the consortium, which provides medical direction for most of the area's EMS agencies. Chief McCullough is most excited about the Medical Director having more direct involvement in the Fire Department and even doing some training.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief McCullough shared the Perrysburg Fire Division's 2023 Annual Report with the Safety Committee. Mr. VanHoozen asked about the potential accreditation. Chief

McCullough responded that all forms and documents are submitted, and they are on time with their timeline. They are in applicant status now. Mr. VanHoozen asked, if they assumed success, what it would look like year after year. Chief McCullough responded that it will be a lot of data collection on their end to keep up with what they said they would do, as the purpose is continuous improvement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson
Safety Committee

Next meeting: Monday, March 25, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.