

Minutes of Perrysburg Safety Committee

Meeting Held July 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - 4:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Chairperson Barry VanHoozen.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Kevin Fuller, Rick Rettig, and Barry VanHoozen. Also present were Tim Effler, Law Director, Pat Jones, Police Chief/Safety Director, and Bill McCullough, Fire Chief.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 6/24/24 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the June 24, 2024 meeting were approved 3-0.

FIREHOUSE SUBS GRANT

Chief McCullough stated that they have applied for multiple grants, and they have been successful in getting a \$13,000 grant from Firehouse Subs. He said that during the natural gas leaks earlier this year, they found a gap in capabilities to detect gas in confined spaces such as down manholes. He said that there is better technology out there, but they did not budget for that. He said that this grant will allow them to purchase four new multi-gas detectors for hazardous type responses. Mr. Rettig commended the Fire Division on applying for the grant. Chief McCullough recognized Captain Joel Whitmore for his efforts in getting this grant. The Committee agreed 3-0 to move the acceptance of this grant on to City Council.

OEMA GRANT RATIFICATION & ACCEPTANCE

Chief Jones requested approval of legislation accepting grant funds from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency for a portion of the costs we incurred during the Solar Eclipse event. He said the grant covers 75% of the overtime hours for police and fire, the use of police vehicles, and the rental of message boards. The total amount of the grant is \$57,863.78. Mr. Fuller asked how things went for that event. Chief Jones said that they had access to the ODOT cameras, and they showed an influx of cars that morning from Michigan, and a back-up on Northbound 475 after the eclipse. Mr. Effler added that they received notice of the award on July 15, and the forms have to be signed and sent in by July 31, and since there is no City Council meeting before that date, the legislation includes ratification of the Notice of Award and Grant Agreement signed by the City Administrator. The Committee agreed 3-0 to move this along to City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. VanHoozen complimented the Police Division on traffic control for the fireworks. Chief Jones said that Indiana and Fort Meigs is the epicenter and they blocked off the grass areas so people would not park there. He said they will do that moving forward. There was a brief discussion regarding where the fireworks are set off from and why.

Mr. Fuller noted that SB112 has passed and is going on to the Governor. He said that it involves fire doors in schools and requires an annual inspection. He said it sounds like a good bill. Chief McCullough said that they got the perspective from all sides and fire services had a seat at the table.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson
Safety Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.