

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2019**

The Safety Committee meeting was held on October 15, 2019, at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Vice Chair Cheryl Hannan, Gary Petrusky; **Council:** Larry Antoskiewicz, John Nickell, Paul Marnecheck Dan Kasaris; **Administration:** Mayor Robert Stefanik, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Fire Chief Robert Chegan, Police Chief Ken Bilinovich, Safety Director Bruce Campbell, Finance Director Eric Dean; **Other:** Linda Barath, Mike Wos, Michael McDonald, Vincent Weimer, Jeremy Dietrich.

Moved by Mrs. Hannan, seconded by Mr. Petrusky to **excuse Mr. Langshaw**. Roll Call: Yeas: 2. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Hannan seconded by Mr. Petrusky to **approve the September 17, 2019 Safety Committee minutes**. Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Police Dash & Body Cameras

Mr. Campbell said that they are still testing the third product right now and should be wrapping up this last phase in a few weeks. Mr. Nickell said that he has spoken with some officers and they seem pretty comfortable with the idea of these cameras and what it can do to help protect them and the residents. Mr. Petrusky asked if this equipment will be in service by the first of the year. Mr. Campbell said that they will have a recommendation before the end of the year and then it will be up to approval of the financing. He said that since the procurement of this equipment didn't come up until midway through this year, there is no 2019 money budgeted for this purchase.

2. Deer Hunting

Chief Bilinovich said that deer hunting season started September 28th. They have issued 85 permits this year and as of yesterday 57 deer have been harvested; 54 under the deer hunting permits and 3 under the deer damage permits issued through ODNR. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if the permits are being pulled for the same areas year after year or are there new areas that are being hunted. Chief Bilinovich said that they are mostly coming back to the same places. The breakdown by ward is as follows:

Ward 1: 23
Ward 2: 2
Ward 3: 5
Ward 4: 7
Ward 5: 5
Ward 6: 12

Mr. Nickell stated that the hunters feel that the fee is too high and he would eventually like to see it lowered. Mr. Marnecheck asked if there were any applications declined. Chief Bilinovich said that none were declined this year. Mr. Marnecheck asked when the hunting season ends. Chief Bilinovich said that it ends the first weekend in February. He said that we are ahead of last year in regards to how many deer have been culled to date. Mr. Nickell asked how much time it takes for an officer to go out and verify that a hunting site is safe and compliant. Chief Bilinovich said it takes about half an hour. It depends on how much ground there is to cover, location of stand, etc. Mrs. Hannan asked where most of the hunting is done in Ward 1 given the large number of permits issued. Chief Bilinovich said that he does not have the exact locations with him this evening, but there is a lot of activity in the York Road/Hawley Drive/Lynn Drive area. He said that since the hunting program started, Ward 1 has been the hot spot and where most of the deer have been harvested. Mr. Nickell said that he has seen a difference in the size of the herds and the number of phone complaints he has received. Mrs. Hannan asked if there have been any injuries as a result

of this program. Chief Bilinovich said there have been absolutely no problems with deer incidents. He said that this is one of the reasons that we put the hunters through the testing phase, the application phase and why we have the sites inspected. He said that safety has always been the number one priority with this program. Mr. Petrusky asked that information about deer/auto accidents be presented at the next Safety Committee meeting. He said that he wants to see if there is an increase in accidents as a result of the deer fleeing the hunters.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Campbell announced that the National Drug Take Back program will be held on November 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Giant Eagle Plaza and the Timber Ridge Plaza.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mrs. Hannan **to adjourn the October 15, 2019 meeting.** Yeas: 2.
Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.