

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

The Safety Committee meeting was held on September 15 2020, at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Mike Wos, Vice Chair Joanne Krejci, Jeremy Dietrich; **Council:** Paul Marnecheck, Vincent Weimer; Linda Barath; Jessica Fenos **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Fire Chief Robert Chegan, Police Chief Ken Bilinovich, **Other:** Dawn Carbone McDonald, Michael McDonald, Marty Toukonen; Brian Zimmerman; Mr. Dan Ellenberger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Dietrich, seconded by Mr. Wos to **approve the minutes for the July 21, 2020 Safety Committee meeting.** Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Brian Zimmerman, CEO of Metroparks

Mr. Zimmerman states I am the CEO of the Metroparks, I am here to present the City of North Royalton with an award that was bestowed upon the Metroparks upon the National Association of County Park and Rec Officials, it is for 2020 and for Trails and Corridors, it is for the best in class and it is for the trail, it is called the Valley Parkway connector. A study was started in 2009 talking about the interest in creating a trail connection that now completes more than 34 miles all the way from Detroit Avenue in Lakewood all the way to the Towpath. In 2019 alone, over 4 million visitors enjoyed the trail between the Cities of North Royalton, Broadview Heights and Brecksville, and as a participator in the finance of it, you received more than 4 million dollars' worth of funds of which the City of North Royalton contributed \$50,000.00 as well as member communities of Broadview Heights and Brecksville, they each included \$100,000.00 for a total cost of a build out of approximately four and a half million dollars, we were awarded Clean Ohio Trails Funds amongst others and Cleveland Metroparks brought two million dollars. So, on behalf of the Board of Park Commissioners and the National Association of County Park and Rec Officials, we want to present the City of North Royalton as a partner agency, the Class 2 award for the best trails in the country.

Chief Chegan states since University Hospitals took over Parma as a free standing hospital, we had a continued great relationship with them working not only as their med control and giving us guidance, but making sure that we have a partner in the community as far as our health care is concerned. I would like to introduce Dan Ellenberger from the EMS Institute at UH to kind of describe the lasted endeavor we had between the two.

Mr. Dan Ellenberger states we are getting through COVID and moving right along. Tonight, you have the health of the Metroparks and the health of the hospital, it is really about building lifesaving communities. There was a need here in City Hall for a new AED, your other AED was about 20 some years old, and it actually died, it needed CPR, what we were able to do to provide for the City Hall an AED that will actually tie into your wifi system, and when it is open, it will start to notify the Fire Department that that AED has been activated, and it is a precursor to get EMS rolling a little bit quicker. That is really what we are here about, we enjoy our partnership, we believe in building lifesaving communities, we have a great relationship with the Fire Department, we are here for whole City. We have a new Medical Director, his name is Chris Thussle, we will bring him to one of the Council meetings and Safety meetings for you guys to meet, but he is here as an asset for you, we are part of your community, when you guys have a problem, COVID is a little obstacle right now, but if you have a problem or need any advice or any help, we are here medically to help at any time.

Mayor states just a quick comment, since I have been on Council, UH has been a great partner, anytime we seem to need something, put out our hand to ask, you have always stepped up the plate, no different this time. We had a meeting and the Chief was saying how one of our AEDs was starting to become old and when I called, the response was right way, and let me see what I can do even in the midst of this pandemic, UH

quickly stepped to the plate and said yes, we can help you out. We really do appreciate the partnership and we appreciate the cooperation.

Mr. Dietrich states can you leave your business card if you have one, if not, I will get your contact info from the Mayor.

Mr. Ellenberger states I will bring it next time, thanks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Police Dash & Body Cameras

Police Chief Bilinovich states the dash and body cameras have been in service since July 2, so over two months. Every patrol officer in uniform, and the traffic officers all have body cameras on them daily, and every cruiser that is marked including the traffic car and K9 car has an active and working dash cameras. Right now, there has been no problems with them. Record retention right now, we are keeping everything we record in a cloud up to one year. At which time we will work on a different retention. Right now, everything that we are getting is uploaded to cloud automatically and it will be there in case people need to see it for any reason.

Ms. Krejci states it has only been two months or so have they shown themselves to be useful in this point and time?

Police Chief Bilinovich states yes. Every traffic stop, every arrest, every time we go into someone's house for domestic violence situation, the cameras are on. Right now, we haven't had to use them in court yet or anything, but everything seems to be working fine.

Mr. Marnecheck state how has the battery life been?

Police Chief Bilinovich states battery life is pretty good. We can get through a shift, but I say if an officer has to work overtime, 12 hours, they might have to recharge or switch out the batteries, but everything has been fine.

Mr. Marnecheck states it has interchangeable batteries?

Police Chief Bilinovich states yes. They plug them in.

Mr. Marnecheck states do they switch cameras?

Police Chief Bilinovich states no they just pop them in really quick.

Mr. Marnecheck states like an old school phone?

Police Chief Bilinovich states yes. Remember it slides into the vest just like a smart phone. Each officer has their own camera, so they take them home and charge them up, and we have charging ports in the building too.

Mr. Marnecheck states how has the wearability been? Does the pocket fit well?

Police Chief Bilinovich states anytime you have change, people are going to be a little reluctant to it, but it has worked really well. What they wear inside their uniform a lot of times people don't realize they are being recorded. It is not like you will see a lot of them on tv or You Tube with this big box sitting up here or sitting down there where it can get knocked off every time you have an altercation. These ones actually flush inside your outer vest or your shirt.

Mr. Dietrich states you mentioned keep them in the cloud for a year and something after. Are we required to keep them for a certain amount of time?

Police Chief Bilinovich states no I don't think so but since we are new to this, we are retaining everything longer than what we probably really have to.

Mr. Dietrich states just so it is consistent did you come up with the time?

Police Chief Bilinovich states they are working on the policy right now and see what the state calls for.

Mr. Dietrich states so it is not definite yet?

Police Chief Bilinovich states right. Everything seems to be working fine and we haven't been challenged on anything yet.

Mr. Dietrich states I am just thinking of a day just in case that we are challenged on something down the road, if you deleted this year, and this year just so there is a clear expectation and consistent, I was just curious, I didn't know if by law you had to have it. I guess you don't have to actually have body cameras, I think if you are going to do it that we got to implement a time to get rid of all of them consistently.

Police Chief Bilinovich states right, and the clerks are doing a good job as far as redacting any information before they put it out to the news media or whatever.

Mr. Marnecheck states I think you said earlier that you are probably able to model our policies after best practices of other communities.

Police Chief Bilinovich states right plus there is Lexipole which is a company that is nationwide that specializes in writing policy, so we look at their policy and what they recommend.

Mr. Marnecheck states I am sure that it fits in with what the Law Department has come up with as public record retention.

Police Chief Bilinovich states sure.

Mr. Wos states the video footage that is stored to the cloud, if it needs to be used for something for some purpose, is the company that we work with they are the ones that edit that.

Police Chief Bilinovich states that is all done in house.

Mr. Wos states so we have someone that is trained.

Police Chief Bilinovich states yes we have at least three clerks that are trained as far as that goes.

2. **Intersection of York Road & Albion Road Traffic Signal Upgrade**

Chief Bilinovich states I have nothing new to report on this.

Mayor states we were just going to look and I think Tom will be able to report on it, we were still looking at that based off a report, Committee still wanted us to look at it as the option of just changing that light with a turn signal or whatever else. That is something that will be practical and will it work. Tom will give us an update and we checked into possibly with NOACA to see if we can get them to do the study on that to see. I think widening and everything else that is definitely off the table, but could it warrant us in changing that traffic light to accommodate the left hand turn there that creates a problem. I think that is where we are with that right now. I think Tom will have a little bit more information as we get that study done.

Mr. Jordan states just quickly, NOACA did the traffic study and looked at it to see whether Federal Funds would be eligible to do any of the improvements. They have indicated that the Federal Funds would not pay to widen that intersection and that the estimates are quite high. The alternatives they indicated to improve the traffic flow at the light would be to change the phasing at the light. In order to develop what type of phasing would be required, a traffic study needs to be performed. As I indicated to Council, and I believe the Streets Committee last meeting was that we were going to hire a private individual to do that traffic study in order to set up the specifications for the traffic light. In further conversations with NOACA they had volunteered their own traffic engineer in order for us to develop the specifications for the phasing, and qualify it to getting it approved at the light so actually they said in a 30 day period they will have that report back to us recommending specific improvement in the light phasing and then, from that point you can go out pricing on the actual improvement. We are just going to wait while NOACA does their thing at no cost to the City.

Mr. Marnecheck states you think we will have that mid-November?

Mr. Jordan states they are saying 30 days. I talked to them on Monday.

Mr. Marnecheck stated mid-October?

Mr. Jordan states all that we would have is what they are recommending relative to the improvement. And then we go from there.

Mr. Wos states since we talked about this quite a few times and it is into that phase now, do you want to move this off of Safety? I think and put it into the streets.

Mr. Weimer states it is already on Streets agenda.

Mr. Wos states lets just leave it there so we are not duplicating effort. Thank you, Chief, for your report.

3. **COVID-19 Local Response**

Fire Chief Chegan states I feel like a broken record for the last six months when I come up here, I kind of looked at and reviewed some of the minutes from last time and see what information I can give you that is new. I did send out, some of the information that is most recent as of today, the weekly report from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and then you might have seen an article from Cleveland.com that came out today that stated that we had the third most COVID deaths reported today since this pandemic started. You got to read a little more into that. That might not have been over the last 24 hours. A lot of the deaths are looked at by the COVID people, the doctors, it could have been cases from probable cases that may be confirmed and kind of got lumped together. That is one of the things that came up in the report today, and it shocked a lot of people. Are we coming out of this, are our numbers going down, or are they going up? If you look at the numbers, the numbers are pretty steady. As far as the new cases. Unfortunately, I have been looking at numbers since early March and I am looking at hospitalizations, ICU admissions, the patients that we have on vents and exactly from September 3 to now, we are right at that same number, so we kind of plateaued and leveled off. But obviously you can see the stats that we still have people that are still sick with this and the numbers are still going up. What we have done is kind of look at the policy and procedure and updated as needed throughout the City for our employees and our residents whether it is cleaning regimes or if it is taking care of sick employees or their families, and keep moving forward with that too. I always say that when you get your information you go through the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC, those are the three mains. As a courtesy you can see, the ones I sent to you, those are the weekly ones, you can go right on their websites and look at the numbers and see how everything is trending. As far as our city itself, the zip code one. Obviously, we are not in the top two, we are in the next one down which is always a positive, we don't want to be in the high range as well too. That has a number for the zip codes.

Mr. Marnecheck states that is not only for North Royalton?

Chief Chegan states it is one address in Parma that gave us the high numbers actually and speaking of that, that is a long-term care facility which we also have a great relationship with our long-term care facilities and actually with UH too. We do have a new Medical Director, it is Dr. Fredrick, it is not Dr. Thussle. We are kind of individualizing medical directors so they can focus more on the city. Dr. Fredrick is going to be our own medical director. Dr. Thussle is working more with Parma and it is going to be a really good relationship so they can come out and do a lot more one on one, what is going on with our City that might be different, but going back to our long-term care facilities, we monitor that daily as well. We look for those trends, we look for anything that might be spiking in an area of the City. That report comes out every Thursday, it is public record, and we have not had any spikes or any really upticks in cases in any of those facilities too. This is still a unified approach as we move forward, we are still working with the public safety forces and the regional medical directors are keeping all of us in tune as far as what we are doing in the field, the County, the EMA, the local health care providers. I know I already talked about the other three entities. Obviously, Cuyahoga County we are still in the orange and again that is based on the public health advisory alert system that was established that we talked about at the last meeting as well. As far as the numbers again, I sent the information out via email and then most of our positives we are seeing the numbers are actually our age group and it is coming down a little bit. It is in the 20-40 range that we saw a lot of positives, the past 30-45 days as well too. As far as our operations in the City, we are still managing that we did day one, we are still updating any policy and procedure that needs to be updated, we literally analyze that daily. I probably have had more conversations in nine months that I have had with the Mayor that I did with Mayor Stefanik in eight plus years so far with all this. There is just a lot of information that comes out and we have to keep on it daily just to make sure that we are ahead of the curve, we have to be for the health and safety of our employees and the residents. Our call volume is still slightly above average, we are still aggressively using our PPE, our stock is very well at this point, we are still working on the FEMA grant that the Fire Department received for \$6500 for all PPE for our future needs even though we are well off right now, and we had a couple other things in the works. The big part of the financial picture is the CARES Act and at this point, I will ask Eric Dean, Finance Director and the Mayor. We probably meet three times a week regarding the CARES money that comes in and the strict guidance we have. Eric put together a little spreadsheet that as far as what we are actually using, we do have our hands tied, we do have a lot of restrictions on this, we are trying to figure out the best way to utilize all the funds and I will let him speak since he put all the work putting that together.

Mr. Dean states I know that we are jumping into finance a little bit, but it is kind of all related. We obviously had some receipts of funds from the US Treasury that we have, we actually got some today. The deposit today through Cuyahoga County and previously in June we approved the \$365,000.00 so that is all the CARES Act money, there are restrictions on that money and I have a hard copy, did everyone get what I sent out earlier. The OBM has give us guidance on what we can use that money for.

Mr. Marnecheck states that is the office of Budget and Management?

Mr. Dean states yes. We don't deal with them very often. They have been giving cities guidance and we also reached out to other cities are doing with this money. We did get a good example with the City of Strongsville and we are kind of following their lead. Just a break down of the \$450,000 we have received, there are categories that we are looking at that we are using the funds for. We have had numbers from our dispatch on how many COVID related calls that we have had, the numbers are from March 1 through August 1, 160 of those 971 of those calls have been potential COVID calls so to extrapolate that, we believe that 17% of the cost can be used against the grant funds that we receive. On top of that we also have documented the time that our firemen have been used to clean the vehicles 3 times a day, three guys because they are so in contact with individuals so I have documented that, we believe that is another \$147,000, we are pretty confident that the money that we have received we are going to be able to use on eligible costs. At the bottom there is a little breakdown if we do receive any more money, we have a plan on what that money would be used towards.

Ms. Barath states so you are saying that nothing will be returned?

Mr. Dean states that is the plan.

Chief Chegan states on top of the CARES Act we also have the FEMA's public assistance which usually comes out regarding any disaster. For example, the rain fall that we had last Monday, I am putting together the numbers to submit to the County that we do not believe we will get close to the threshold where are region would gain any funding for that, but that is an example of when the public assistance grant comes out. The public assistance grant came out for COVID in May, we did submit the initial paperwork and now all we are doing is waiting to see what the CARES Act is going to cover because now we can use those funds, I can submit for all the PPE which was not part of what Eric put together, we have been kind of using as much funding as possible to get and recoup through the City. In the next 30 to 45 days I will be putting those numbers together and submitting to the State of Ohio that handles the FEMA public assistance grant. I don't have a number for that yet, but it has been all the PPE we have purchased throughout the City, all the departments, also some of the equipment that we have that is not part of the CARES Act. That is pretty much the COVID report.

Ms. Fenos states thank you Chief for your report. Do you anticipate that on Thursday that the Governors' report he will say that Cuyahoga County is still in Orange?

Chief Chegan states for this Thursday? I have not seen anything from the Board of Health on those parameters. I think I sent those out and if you looked at how Summit went from Orange to Red last week, it is very difficult, I can tell you when we got up to when it was up to 12 counties in a row, I was shaking my head at a couple of them because the per capita case was well under the 100, so there is a lot of different indicators on how those numbers are put up, the numbers I showed you in the email are basically the State of Ohio and then you have to look at the County Board of Health as far as those numbers, based on what I can see, I can probably be wrong, hopefully we can stay where we are at. Again, the numbers have been consistent over the past week or so, just when you think we were coming down, we got to 600 new cases a day and then it spiked back up to 1000. Just for visual, I have been recording since March and I can look at it, we have had cases right now that are present have been the same, you can give or take 10% but that kind of goes back and forth. It is pretty difficult to predict of what the counties are going to do.

Ms. Fenos states if we stay in orange the school goes back

Mr. Chegan states I talked to Superintendent Gurka on this too, they have the guidance just like we have the guidance for the cities, they have that. We have been kind of preparing that, the last time we spoke, we have been going over them especially the guidance with fire prevention we have been pretty heavily involved in that. I know a lot of people are waiting for that because the schools that are in our case where they are waiting for that ward to go back, and then that is where we are looking at the numbers, there is a lot to digest everyday to see if the sports, are they going to cause anymore cases. Are the schools going back and will it cause anymore. I wish I could have better numbers and better projections. Overall, I am very pleased especially with what we have done in the City and the Mayor has been very open taking everything in with this and our Department Heads just making sure that they follow the policy, and making sure that employees are safe. Then, it comes down to the residents too, what we do in the field and our interactions whether it is the Police Department, Service Department, any of our departments we are still have a job to do, it got a little crazy in March and April, but we have gotten back to getting the job done no matter what the department is. We are getting the job done bottom line.

Mr. Wos states you said that our call volume was up. What is like a typical call you get? How many symptoms?

Chief Chegan states we have a meets criteria and obviously, I can't remember how many there are though, the whole list - have you been in contact with anyone under doctor's orders for COVID or quarantined? High fever and the chills; difficult or labored breathing; upper respiratory infection; cough; weakness, body aches; diarrhea and then the meets criteria part. I can just tell you, we get this on every call that comes out, and the last one didn't have any; and before had four. Is there something that is coming out that the patient with four of

the criteria, did they end up having COVID, until I get that call from the hospital, we take that as a COVID patient. Everything that meets criteria whether it is one or five.

Mr. Wos states is loss of sense of smell and taste on there?

Chief Chegan states yes.

Mr. Wos states the reason that I am curious is because we get into winter time a lot of those could also be the flu, so I am trying to wonder numbers wise how much of that will impact that.

Chief Chegan states that is another thing that our relationship with the County Board of Health and the Ohio Department of Health, that is one of the other things that we are looking at down the road, in a couple months here, what is the regular flu going to do with the signs/symptoms, that is why it is very difficult that is why we haven't changed what we do, and our guys have to go in; everyone of them. We are using the right PPE, that is why we have to make sure our stock is good, and our supply chains are there just in case. If it is a bad flu season, then it is going to mirror a lot of signs and symptoms of COVID and it puts us in a bad place unless we are doing the right thing. Since day one, we have been doing the right thing. None of my people have been ill or have had COVID.

Mr. Dietrich states I am guessing that, the hospital, is required to get back with you to let you know if they had COVID, so that you know whether or not your person or you were exposed?

Chief Chegan states that is correct. There is still the asymptomatic patients. Those are the patients that are a little more difficult, we still obviously still wear masks if there are asymptomatic. If there are no signs or symptoms, if it was a broken ankle rather than anything medical that could pose COVID, if they tested positive for some reason and they got tested at the hospital, we are still respiratory protected, if they have the signs and symptoms our medical direction and our protocol state what we need to wear, so anything other than that we have the gown, the goggles, and everything else. Like I said, we have been pretty good. If they test positive, then I get a phone call or an email from that facility.

Mr. Dietrich states what is required from your guys, I know that they are protected.

Chief Chegan states the good thing is every incident that we have to do a review on that and our documentation whether it is EMS or Fire documentation has extra tabs now that we have to document every PPE that we used on every single call and everyone we had proper protection so even if that patient did have COVID, we were protected, not just because that patient had COVID that they have to have time off for anything. As we say, not only are we cleaning the squads three times a day, but we are cleaning after every COVID call, and we are doing the station three times a day. Those are extra duties that we have encountered that Eric has mentioned that we have added to what we do. But, between the cleaning schedule and our PPE regimen our guys are well protected and that is the key. We transported how many COVID patients, but if you are well PPE'd and it is important as putting it on, is taking it off so you don't have cross contamination that is also a big point to. Our guys have always kept the stations clean and well maintained.

Mr. Weimer states none of our firefighters and paramedics have had COVID is that pretty much the case for all of the cities and personnel?

Chief Chegan states not necessarily, we have had cases that people being sick, but we follow our policy and procedures based on the CDC guidelines so every employee that is either sick or conformed to what we have down for the procedure and we move forward.

Mr. Weimer states the schools have a couple people that are sort of certified as their people that make the decision like if someone is showing symptoms that is on staff, then they make the call. Are you our person for the City that makes that call?

Chief Chegan states everyone that gets a sick call, our HR department and myself are in on that, and obviously with HIPAA and the employees' privacy we take care of them and we make sure that they get the right direction as far as what they need.

4. Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing & Maintenance

Chief Chegan states we finished up the third week in August, obviously we started late because of COVID. Cleveland Division of Water did not want us starting at least until June because if we were to break any mains or problems with the hydrants they didn't have the staff to get out there and take care of it. So we did start June and it took us almost three months to get it done. That list now has been sent to Cleveland Water for repairs for many of the hydrants that have we found with defects. One of the defects is a hydrant, the barrel goes down 10 feet and if the barrel maintains water and see that it did not drain right away, that is added to our list and our fall maintenance program is go out to each one of those hydrants and actually pump them out to make sure that they don't freeze over in the winter. That will be done, usually in the first week of November.

Ms. Krejci states if there is anything that is found, with the hydrants, they are all still functional, there are just things that need to be fixed?

Chief Chegan states not necessarily, if there is a hydrant that is out of service, we paint the top red, and it goes in our database so we will know which hydrant. They are 300 feet apart, so we know where the next one is pretty quickly. Obviously, if you had a hydrant in front of your house and a fire, it would be slight delayed to go 300 feet, but on our mapping we know exactly where each hydrant is, we put it in our mapping latitude and longitude, but they get out there and fix. I also tell residents one of our biggest complaints is that when they do have a hydrant that is repaired, you will see a brand new one, it is kind of orange with a grey top, we will get out and paint them when we start that process again. But, the landscape usually takes about a couple months, because now that is contracted out. We have a lot of residents calling saying that they didn't finish the landscaping. They will get there, that is their process.

Mr. Marnecheck states how many hydrants do you inspect?

Chief Chegan states we have over 2400 hydrants in the city.

Mr. Marnecheck states so every hydrant in the City of North Royalton was inspected in that three month period?

Chief Chegan states yes. It used to take us, three weeks, a little less than three weeks, because when I started we only had a 1000 calls a year, so we had a little more time and then with almost 3400 calls, and other duties too especially with COVID it takes us almost three months to get them done now.

Mr. Marnecheck states how many do you think were sent to Cleveland Water?

Chief Chegan states if I had to guess, I didn't see the list yet, Kathy usually takes care of that, I would say about 40.

Mr. Marnecheck states that is a great ratio.

Chief Chegan states if there is an accident that involves a hydrant, we get the police report and we turn that into Cleveland Water and then they will get out and repair that too. Usually the repairs are done fairly quickly. I think COVID really messed with that a little bit, but they have been pretty good the last couple years.

Mr. Dietrich states that is my question, are they required to have it done by a specific time?

Chief Chegan states there is not a timeframe on that, but it was like 8 years ago, we entered into, all the cities in Cuyahoga County entered into an agreement with the City of Cleveland, they took over the hydrants and the

mains which was city property, and then we pay them the flat fee that comes out of fire's budget. Then, if there are any problem, they handle it. We used to have two guys that would actually fix all the hydrants and that we could not manage. That program has been working very well since they started. Actually, it is clear cut lines, you know whose responsibility it is. For example, there is a leak right out here on the driveway, it is 35 to 40 feet in, and it is on that side, it is our responsibility because it is a private main off of it and it feeds the hydrant back there. It is pretty clear cut who is responsible for repairs and all that, anything else they take care of. But your point being, if we know that we have a hit hydrant and there is nothing there and that is 600 feet with out a hydrant, we will make sure in about 3 or 4 weeks if that isn't done, we will get on them. I do have a hydrant maintenance coordinator.

5. Oil & Gas Wells Inspections

Chief Chegan states well last month I reported that we had nothing to report because we had a meeting in August with ODNR and their computer system crashed and they were not able to generate the report. I do have the reports back and I did have the meeting with them. It was a very productive meeting, this goes back to and I know that the Mayor has been here quite a long time, and Paul, and we know that we had some gas well issues back in the day and since we have always been very pro active with the ODNR. Remember oil and gas wells, we don't have any jurisdiction on it, that is ODNR, but we actually pressed and made sure that we take a proactive roll in any issue. My guys know that if there is any call that comes in as an oil and gas well, I get a phone call because then the Mayor is going to get a phone call and we are going to be out there because we know how important it is to the residents and the safety of those gas wells. We made sure that ODNR stood to their guns and inspected these on a yearly basis, and everyone is complaining about man power and all state departments, but if you have a good working relationship with people and these departments, which we do, they will come out and take care of all of our issues. I did receive the reports and I did have a chance to review them. We had no major issues with them. Again, I put 32 or 33 active wells and we had 14 permitted but never been drilled, they could be they are just sitting there on the website or on the map, if you were to go on the ONDR, you can see what wells are in your wards if you are interested, the green dots are the ones that are active. The blue dots are the ones that have been permitted, but not drilled. Then, there is the orange ones, the red ones and the white ones, I don't want to get into that. The issue we had a couple of years ago was making sure that the containment dikes around them were good, because if something were to happen, and the oil and the gas is separated. Remember the gas goes underground goes to the domestic system. The oil, the liquid part then goes into the containers with those fences that we try to make them accountable for the aesthetics, if there was a problem with that and it leaked out of those containments were built properly and there were no problems with that, we spent a lot of time. I actually went to each one of them years ago with that, and they have been good, with the containment devices. The last couple of issues that we had this year, were on some of the lease roads that go onto the gas and oil wells that are further off the road. I know for a fact that five of them they are to come out, and I know that three of them have already made the repairs to the (inaudible) so if we had to get back there even with a pickup truck or something we have access to those. Those are basically the issues that we look for. We always keep up with them on the aesthetics which is written on how they need to do that and they have been pretty good with that. The roads that go back to the long ones were taken care of this year and the other part was, they have the orphan wells. I think I mentioned that last time, and that is basically, those are wells that were back in the early 1900s, they are not even on the databases, we keep finding wells sometimes in the County that even the inspector don't know of. We went over that when we did our tabletop exercise, we had the map on the screen, we went over every part of our City and kind of looking of these abandoned wells and try to see if we couldn't identify that we had some and probably take care of them. For example, there is one on State Road just north of Wallings and that one was capped and plugged about 7 or 8 years ago. We identified that was a problem that was not producing and they were kind of letting it sit, and that is not what we wanted, I know that Tom was there. That was an issue we had, Mayor Stefanik was there, we made sure that they took care of that one. That was an example of finding those. After our meeting, they called me and said we possibly have one more, but I believe that we already took care of that from my record so we are just still working on that. We really don't have any abandon wells that we need to take care of. The other part is called historic owners. Historic owners mean that these wells actually have no owners listed on the databases. Again, they could be from the early 1900s, but as long as they are in the database and we know that they are either active or capped, we have kept pretty good track on them

since we have been dealing with this for the last 10 years that I have been Chief, and even longer than that too. We kept an active role. We will continue actively working with them, and if there is any problems. We just make sure that the gas wells that we have are community safe, follow all the laws and the codes, the standards whatever they need to do moving forward and we will stay on them.

Mr. Dietrich states 10 years as Chief, you said?

Chief Chegan states nine.

Mr. Dietrich states you went from 1000 calls to 3500 calls?

Chief Chegan states we can tell what we did in the early 90s. I got hired in 1991. We only had a 1000 calls, but you can see how busy, and how the City in over 30 plus years has developed over time.

Mr. Marnecheck states so you did 33 active well inspections?

Chief Chegan states yes.

Mr. Marnecheck states for the 14 that are permitted but not yet drilled do you go visit those?

Chief Chegan states no, there is permits on file, I actually have a couple of those permits because they were close to being done, so I have a file for those. They were never off the planning phase and we wouldn't know about them.

Mr. Marnecheck states we haven't had a new well go in?

Chief Chegan states I told to ODNR about that, I think we have two active wells in the past two years. One was in Olmsted Township and the city is escaping me. We had that discussion and at this point there was indication that there was any permits going to be pulled for anything new or anything. That hasn't been permitted already.

Mr. Wos states we don't have anything on new business tonight, but something I thought of earlier today. Chief Bilinovich I am going to put you on the spot really quick. Deer season is coming up, September 26. Was just curious, I was thinking about his earlier today, how we doing with that. Has that started where people are applying for the licenses?

Chief Bilinovich states actually the time to apply has already passed. We have 98, I think. We are probably at the highest we have in the last three years. We are still inspecting; we have to send an officer out to inspect the stand to make sure it meets criteria as far as the height. The 4 acres, 5 acres, I cannot remember right now.

Mr. Marnecheck states I thought it was 2 and a half.

Mr. Dietrich states it is 5, but there are exceptions with your approval.

Chief Bilinovich states I gave only one variance and that is 4.7 or 4.8 acres. Everything except for the one is 5 acres or more. We are still working through inspecting the last few stands and going through the last permits. 98 hunters we have.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Dietrich seconded by Mr. Wos **to adjourn the September 15, 2020 meeting.** Yeas: 3 Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.