

THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, OHIO
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 12, 2024

This Safety Committee Meeting was called to order on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:11 p.m. by Jennifer Wagner, Chairman.

PRESENT: Justin Ring, Anthony Lombardo, Jon Hannan, Lisa McDaniel, Jennifer Wagner, Marianne Glenn, Steve Michniak

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
David Nott, Law Director
Patricia Wain, Police Chief
Robert Reinholz, Fire Chief
Matt Miller, Finance Director
Bill Miller, Service Director
Justin Czekaj, Municipal Engineer
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager
Matt Coffman, IT Network Administrator
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

Disposition of Minutes

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2024 AS WRITTEN.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Michniak. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Old Business

None.

New Business

Reschedule the November Meetings Due to Veteran's Day

Mrs. Kremer put this on the agenda early to get the dates scheduled so every could know what to expect for the meeting dates as they planned the rest of their year. November 4, 2024 was the night before the 2024 presential election.

MOTION: TO RESCHEDULE THE SAFETY, SERVICE AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS FROM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024 TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024 AT 7 P.M. DUE TO THE VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY.

Moved by Mr. Michniak, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-7639 Purchase “Jaws of Life” Extrication Equipment

Chief Reinholz said the Fire Department planned to replace one of the “jaws of life” which consisted of cutters, spreaders and a ram to push the car dashboard up. The current system was a 15 year old hydraulic system that had limitations due to the limited length of hose for the hydraulics that tethered the equipment to the power unit which was on the fire engine. The new equipment would be battery operated and could leave the fire engine and go off the road as far as needed to extricate someone from a mangled vehicle. The firefighters had tested three systems and selected the Genesis model at \$50,735. The money was budgeted in the Fire Capital Improvement account line 402-12-5745.

Mr. Ring asked why there was a \$20,000 difference between the lowest quote and the Genesis quote. Chief Reinholz explained that the other systems had proprietary batteries so there would be extra charges in the future to replace the batteries. The Genesis system used Milwaukee batteries which were generally available at hardware stores and were interchangeable with some other tools the Fire Department already had. Mr. Lombardo said they did the same thing at the fire department where he worked and the interchangeable batteries worked well for them.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT’S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Glenn. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-7640 Accept ADJS Grant for Hearing Protection

Chief Wain said she had applied earlier this year for hearing protection equipment for the officers. At that time, there was no price or specifics on what equipment would be provided. Recently the department received in the mail 30 Soundgear instant sound baffling hearing protection units for the officers. They were priced at \$400 each; \$12,000 total donation. There was also an unexpected delivery of 3,600 free batteries which she estimated to be worth over \$1,000. Chief Wain said the hearing protection was designed for firing range use, but was also good for festival or loud type events because they would muffle the sound but were still useful for conversations.

Mrs. McDaniel said her sister was a hearing conservation audiologist, so she was pleased to know the Police Department was taking steps to protect the officers’ hearing.

MOTION: TO SEND THIS TO TONIGHT’S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Michniak, seconded by Mrs. McDaniel. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-7641 Purchase Modems for Police Cruisers

Mr. Coffman said these were to replace all of the modems that were currently in the police cruisers. Recently there had been some dead spots encounters and Verizon indicated that was because there was kind of a mismatch of equipment in the cruisers right now. The cradle point devices Mr. Coffman was recommending were the same ones the Fire Department vehicles used and they were

working well for them, and they were highly recommended by Verizon. This legislation would replace all of the cruisers' equipment with these upgraded cradle devices and upgraded antennas as well.

The age of the current equipment in the cruisers varied from 5-6 years to a couple of years old because they were just purchased from Amazon as needed. There wasn't really any resale value to the current equipment; some of the newer ones would be kept as backup in case an emergency need arose because it was a 24-hour replacement on the cradle point devices.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Citizens' Comments

None.

Announcements

A Service Committee Meeting will immediately follow this meeting.

There being no further business to be addressed by this committee, and upon motion by Mrs. Glenn, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, this meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wagner, Chairman