

THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, OHIO

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 13, 2020

This Safety Committee Meeting was called to order on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:02 p.m. by Chuck Kocisko, Chairman. Mrs. Field gave an invocation and Ms. Esarey led the Pledge of Allegiance. [Prior to the meeting Chrissy Motz invited everyone to join her at the Polar Plunge on February 29, 2020 in support of the Special Olympics or to contribute to her fundraising team.]

PRESENT: Jon Hannan, John Ruediger, Justin Ring, Chuck Kocisko, Julie Field, Jennifer Wagner

ABSENT: Mike Lampa

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor  
Frank Beni, Law Director  
Darin Powers, Police Chief  
Rob Reinholz, Fire Chief  
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director  
Bill Miller, Service Director  
Joe Ciuni, City Engineer  
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director  
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director  
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director  
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager  
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

**MOTION: TO EXCUSE MR. LAMPA.**

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

**Disposition of Minutes**

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2019 AS PRESENTED.**

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

**Old Business**

None.

## **New Business**

### **T-6771 Hall Public Safety Annual Contract**

Chief Powers said this was the same contract the City had been doing for the last 4 years. This allowed the departments to use Hall Public Safety for all the vehicle upfitting and repair needs. The terms of the contract were the same as last year.

**MOTION: TO FORWARD TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

### **T-6772 Purchase Kenwood Portable MARCS Radios from VASU**

Chief Powers said in 2018 the Police Department switched over to using the MARCS radio system. When they made the switch they began using portable radios that had been donated from the Ohio Turnpike. Those radios were Motorola radios that were about 10-15 years old. They had been discontinued several years ago and couldn't be repaired. There were enough radios donated so that if one broke, they could throw it away and use a different one. The Police Department had planned to purchase new portable radios and had budgeted it for 2020. They would buy the Kenwood portable radios which were much less expensive than the Motorola portable radios. They were similar to the portable radios the Fire Department was using, but the Fire Department radios had a water proof feature the Police did not need.

The total cost for the project was \$50,878.80. They would buy 29 portable radios, one for each officer. There was approximately \$45,000 budgeted for these radios, so the additional amount would come out of the Capital Funds.

Chief Powers clarified that Kenwood Radios were cheaper than Motorola by almost half. The Fire Department used Kenwood radios and were satisfied with them. Chief Powers expected the Service Department to purchase new MARCS radios this year also, probably ones very similar to what the Police Department was getting. Chief Reinholz added that the Fire Department had researched the options and selected Kenwood radios because they were just as good as Motorola but less expensive because Kenwood had less overhead, and VASU was a good vendor.

Chief Powers clarified that these would be handheld radios with corded shoulder mics. They would be equipped with Bluetooth capability and each officer that was interested in using Bluetooth could purchase their own Bluetooth speaker out of their uniform allowance. The Department was not asking every officer to use Bluetooth because sometimes there were issues with the batteries running out, but the capability was built into the radio and couldn't be added later so they were getting them all with that option for about a \$3,000 cost; "it was better to have it and not need it than need it and not have it." Each radio would get a charger too.

**MOTION: TO FORWARD TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. 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 Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field, this meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

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Chuck Kocisko, Chairman