

THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, OHIO

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 12, 2020

This Safety Committee Meeting was called to order on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by Chuck Kocisko, Chairman. Mayor Broska led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mrs. Field gave an invocation.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
Frank Beni, Law Director
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager
Tricia Wain, Police Chief
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council
[by Zoom video conferencing:]
Rob Reinholz, Fire Chief
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director
Joe Ciuni, City Engineer,
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director

Disposition of Minutes

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 AS PRESENTED.

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

Old Business

None.

New Business

Discuss Moving Violations on Residential Streets

Mr. Lampa sent the Council Members a spreadsheet of moving violations in Streetsboro for the last three years with the exception of DUIs and traffic accidents. He had requested this information from the Police Department because he had been getting reports of people using Market Square, Pike Parkway, Gerald Drive and Russell Drive during rush hour to avoid SR14 and SR 43 and going rather fast. He'd seen it himself. He said in 2020 the City wrote 102 speeding/moving violation

tickets and Officer Curby wrote 93 of them. He wanted the other officers to also stop speeders on the side streets. He asked Chief Wain about her plans.

Chief Wain thought Mr. Lampa's initial concern was about speed on Apache Pass and Gerald Drive because he had seen no citations issued there on the spreadsheet of moving violations. She had the officers do targeted enforcement specifically in those areas to look for violations and the results were as she expected. She explained there were certain specific physics needed for the radar/laser to work and some spots had better hiding spots than others for officers to actually run the radar/laser to get the violators. Other streets, like Apache Pass and Gerald Drive, don't have good spots to get speed violations. The drivers can see the officer and they slow down before their speed can be recorded with the instrument. The fastest they recorded while monitoring those streets was 7 mph over the speed limit. When the officers monitor the streets without a good hiding spot they were not monitoring the other streets with speeders they could cite. Unfortunately the department had a 3 man minimum and was also down two officer spots that they were trying to fill. The department was also dealing with vacations that were pushed to later in the year because of COVID-19. Chief Wain said her goal was to keep officers in the neighborhoods and scattered around town. There were officers that had a niche and Officer Kirby had residential streets; he knew what areas to patrol during certain times of day. Other officers focused on business and industrial areas or on high DUI/OVI driving areas. Officer Kirby's actions were displayed on this spreadsheet, but it didn't take away from the actions of the other officers throughout the town. She said 25 square miles was a lot to cover with 3 officers. She planned to continue the target enforcement, especially for areas where people were looking for extra patrol.

She mentioned another thing the department was looking at was something that tracked speed without drawing attention to itself so the department could see what was happening when officers were not there. She also mentioned that vehicles can seem faster than they really were if they were loud or cresting a hill, etc. She said there was a black box of speed detection that could be attached to a light pole to track the speed of every vehicle that went by without drawing attention to itself. Streetsboro had a speed trailer, but sometimes people will speed past them on purpose just to make it trip and flash a warning; they think it's funny. Once the department accumulated a few days of data from the black box of speed detection the department could work to try to reduce the speed in high violation areas. Mr. Lampa thanked Chief Wain for the information and for posting an officer on Apache Pass that he was concerned about. Mr. Lampa offered to let an officer park in his driveway on Apache Pass, but Chief Wain said using his driveway would not work for the physics of the radar detection.

Mr. Ring thanked Chief Wain for the explanations today. Mr. Ring noted that Officer Kirby did seem to patrol Gerald Drive and the other cut-throughs well. Chief Wain said she would continue to use targeted enforcement and also increased patrols in the other neighborhoods that weren't conducive to radar use. Mr. Ring liked the idea of the inconspicuous black box to accurately determine if speed was actually a problem in the area when the drivers didn't know they were being monitored for speed. The equipment had the capability of taking photos along with tracking the speed but Streetsboro did not intend to use the black box to send photograph tickets. Chief Wain preferred officer discretion and training behind the violation citations.

Mr. Ruediger asked Chief Wain to send the Council Members an email so they would have her current email address.

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 Mr. Ring, this meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Chuck Kocisko, Chairman