

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 8, 2021

The Safety Committee of Chardon City Council met on Thursday, June 8, 2021 at 5:30 PM in Conference Room A of the Chardon Municipal Center.

Christopher Grau, Chairman of Safety Committee presiding.

Members of Safety Committee present: Christopher Grau, Heather Means.

Others present: City Manager Randy Sharpe, Clerk of Council Amy Day, Finance Director Mate Rogonjic, Deputy Finance Director/HR Director Heidi Delaney.

Mr. Grau called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Grau moved and Ms. Means seconded to approve the minutes of the Safety Committee from May 7, 2021. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Regarding revisions to holiday pay and uniform pay for part-time police personnel, Mr. Sharpe provided background on the topic which was initiated by part-time patrol officer, Tim Snyder. Holiday pay and Uniform pay proposals resulted from discussions with Office Snyder.

Mr. Sharpe explained that the current holiday pay for part-time officers is at straight time. The proposed policy change is to pay officers at 1 ½ times their regular rate of pay on holidays, which is what is done for full-time patrol officers.

Mr. Sharpe explained that currently uniforms and equipment are provided as part of initial issue. Officers and dispatchers earn money towards replacements as they work hours. Currently, officers earn .50 per hour worked in the previous year capped at \$350 and dispatchers earn \$.50 per hour worked in the previous year capped at \$200. The proposed allowance would increase the officers' allowance to \$.75 per hour worked in the previous year capped at \$550 and dispatchers' allowance to \$.75 per hour worked in the previous year capped at \$300.

Members of the committee spoke in support of the proposed policy change.

Mr. Grau moved and Ms. Means seconded to recommend to Council changes to holiday and uniform pay for part-time police department personnel as presented by the City Manager.

Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Grau reported on complaints he has received regarding "No Dogs Allowed" during some Square events, and he spoke in particular about an individual's experience over the first weekend in June during the concert, farmers market and flea market at which dogs were permitted at some events and not others.

Mr. Sharpe explained that event coordinators are permitted to request Council approve "No Dogs Allowed" at their event and the signs are provided by the City.

Ms. Means stated that she observed the signs leaning on a pole waiting to be put out for the flea market, and it is possible that this individual mistook the signs were meant for the concert when they were not.

Discussion occurred regarding the events that have come to Council for permission, but those in attendance could not confirm that the Flea Market was one of the events that had asked for the "No Dogs Allowed".

Committee members concurred not to pursue any action.

Discussion occurred regarding setting the next Safety Committee meeting to discuss the Fire Department budget.

ADJOURN

Ms. Means moved and Mr. Grau seconded to adjourn. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Attest:

AMY DAY

Clerk of Council