

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 14, 2022

In Attendance: **Vermilion City Council:** *Monica Stark, President of Council; Steve Herron, Council At Large, Pat Stein, Ward One; Teresa Mayle, Ward Two; Greg Drew, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five*

Administration: *Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Chris Hartung, Police Chief; Tony Valerius, Service Director*

Call to Order: Barb Brady, Chairwoman, RESOLVED THAT this Health & Safety Committee comprised of the committee of the whole does now come to order.

TOPIC ONE: Fire Chiefs Report

Mayor Forthofer reporting on behalf of Chief Stempowski stated that he wanted to remind Council there is a link that he emailed to the Council Clerk for the NIMS course that new council members are required to take. Further, he reported there were 42 incidents to date in 2022 (18 – January; 24 – February). He stated that Engine #81 had a tank leak repaired at Atlantic Emergency Solutions in Macedonia, which is under warranty. The crash recovery software has been updated for Heavy Rescue 98 and Engine 85. The Fire Department applied for and received a \$1,200 grant from the State Fire Marshall's office. In addition, early maintenance was performed on the generator at Station #2, which needed to have a battery replaced.

He reported the Fire Chief's search is entering its final phases. There will be an oral board conducted of five finalists this week. He is hoping a ranking will be supplied to them by next week. He said it has been a thorough search by the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association.

TOPIC TWO:Police Chiefs Report

Chief Hartung reported they finished the first half of the Defensive Tactics Training, which was conducted by Captain Graham. The second session will be this coming Sunday. He said he is conducting a policy review, which requires him to reread, rewrite and update the manual.

He mentioned that fraud complaints have increased, so he warned everyone to be careful especially with emails. He advised everyone to make an assumption that everything you get is a scam.

He reported that Andrew Davis will be sworn in as Sergeant on March 17 at 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Court. He noted that Dean Mayer's last day is March 18, and he will be working 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. if anyone wants to stop by the station and wish him farewell.

He advised Council he forwarded them the Police Department Annual Report last Friday. He said they are at 13,000 'Calls for Service', which is a big indicator when staffing. B. Brady said it was a great report as it was really informative. She asked why the inspections of the police boat were down. Chief Hartung said it was the first year that Captain Graham took over the

watercraft, as Sergeant Adams formerly ran it, so there is a learning curve as far as scheduling, which has been addressed by him to Captain Graham, so it will be rectified.

B. Brady adjourned the meeting after no further discussion came before the committee.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Vermilion Municipal Court Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio. -

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