

SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 2, 2009

The February 2, 2009 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Bud Miller, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Bud Miller, Chad Smith, and Scot Swinehart.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; David Olds, Police Chief; Bill Sturgeon, Fire Chief; Scott Gelbaugh; Alissa Paoella, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Molnar, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>POLICE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>MUNI. CT.</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
A-1 Printing				53.00
Barrett Brothers			35.00	
Bender Communications	75.00			
Chamber of Commerce				125.00
Clemans Nelson Assocs.				3426.20
Daily Chief Union				166.65
David Olds	109.93			
Dayton Legal Blank			4.55	
Discount Drug Mart		7.52		
FedEx				36.07
Galls		1124.98		
Galls	761.84			
Green Guard First Aid			62.84	
Indianapolis Rubber Stamp				63.30
Inventory Trading	60.00	197.00		
Johnson's Towing	65.00			
Koehler Surveying				2025.70
Lange Devine & Claus			2060.00	
Lexis Nexis			673.10	
Luis Gil			60.00	
Office Depot	40.76		2.14	
OH Chief Probatn Ofcrs Assn			150.00	
Perry Corporation				226.62
Quill Corporation	62.93	4.49	43.08	316.07
Rarey-Roth Inc.	2350.00			
Richard Grafmiller			858.22	
Richland Uniform	283.94			
Richland Uniform	1855.96			
Royal Chemical	324.10			
Shelby Printing				192.10
Staples	40.99			
Superior Business			1876.10	
Thomson West			397.92	
Thomson West				99.50
Ohio BCI&I	22.00			
US Bank	370.51			159.32
US Fire Equipment		237.75		
Vanguard Sentinel Career		975.00		
Verizon Wireless			44.91	
Verizon Wireless	287.69			
Vulcan Enterprises				100.00
Vulcan Enterprises				1040.00
Wilson Tire Co.	19.00			
Wyandot County Tax Map				36.50
Total	<u>6729.65</u>	<u>2546.74</u>	<u>6267.86</u>	<u>8066.30</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$23,610.55

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, for the payment of bills totaling \$23,610.55. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the January 6, 2009 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

It was noted that the City has received a check for the use of the Fire Department's pumper by Pitt Township in the amount of \$6,000.00. Mayor Washburn noted that Mr. Craig Francis, Pitt Township Trustee, recently stopped by his office and again expressed his appreciation to the City of Upper Sandusky for their support while the Pitt Township Fire Department was without a pumper.

Chief Sturgeon indicated that the air compressor used to fill the Fire Department's air tanks is currently not operating. The air compressor is owned by the County Association and an estimate of \$1,500.00 was obtained for the parts necessary to repair the air compressor. Chief Sturgeon indicated that the County Association will be approached about the repair, however the City may have to assist with the cost of this repair.

Chief Olds reported on the following:

- the Police Department has started unlocks for vehicles
- a Mission Statement and Core Values Statement are being developed
- business and home security evaluations are being considered
- Police Department vehicles are being outfitted with the necessary ANSI equipment
- Police Officers are attending a core training course
- he along Mr. Mark Ellis, Law Director, are developing a policy manual for the Police Department
- Police Officers are attending a field training course
- a School Resource Officer is being considered
- two ranking officers within the Police Department are obtaining Internal Affairs training

Chief Olds also indicated that he would like to include the following regulations for the hiring of police officers: a polygraph be required; and those applying who have a four year college degree be given a 20% bonus credit, instead of the 15% currently being given, upon passing a civil service examination to be equal to the military credit given. This matter was tabled in order to determine if the Ohio Revised Code requires military credit to be higher than other credit given to applicants who pass a civil service examination.

Safety Committee members suggested newspaper articles be published informing residents of requirements, safety issues, and laws pertaining to snow mobiles, bicycles, and four wheelers. Mayor Washburn and Chief Olds agreed to work with the Daily Chief Union on publication of such articles.

A concern was presented about fire hydrants throughout the City being buried by snow and the Fire Department's access to fire hydrants during emergency situations in these conditions. Mayor Washburn indicated that he will contact Municipal Court and discuss with them the possibility of having individuals in need of community service hours digging these fire hydrants out.

Chief Sturgeon reported that the Chamber of Commerce's annual fireworks will take place on Saturday, July 4, 2009 at the Upper Sandusky High School, and the Fire Department's annual chicken barbeque will also be held on Saturday, July 4, 2009.

Discussion was held concerning a pay increase for the Fire Department Relief Firemen. It was noted that this issue was discussed in 2008 and it was agreed that this pay increase, to be equivalent to that of the part-time Police Dispatchers, would be addressed in the 2009 annual wage and salary ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to recommend to City Council to amend the hourly rate of pay for Relief Firemen to \$11.30 per hour. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Sturgeon presented the 2008 Upper Sandusky Fire Department Report to Mayor Washburn and the members of the Safety Committee.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Sarah J. Molnar, Clerk

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Bud Miller, Chairman