

SAFETY COMMITTEE

December 5, 2019

The December 5, 2019 special Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Rick Roberts, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Rick Roberts, Bill Thornton, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Ben Buckland, Attorney; Dan Ross, Police Chief; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this meeting was to review and consider a letter of resignation from Police Lieutenant Roger Hetzel.

The Chairman requested the Clerk read the letter of resignation from Lieutenant Hetzel. The letter states:

“September 3, 2019, I had approached the members of the Upper Sandusky Safety Committee and requested a waiver of both the Ohio Administrative Code 123:1-46-02 and city policy regarding political activity of employee in the classified service of the state. This request was made for my future intentions to advance my career path to be able to run for elected office of the Sheriff for Wyandot County and to prevent an untimely resignation.

October 7, 2019, following the executive session of the Safety Committee members Rick Roberts, Ken Wessler and Bill Thornton, Law Director Mark Ellis, Mayor Washburn and Chief Ross, the committee members denied my request.

In accordance with the decision of the Upper Sandusky Safety Committee’s denial of my request for political activity waiver, I hereby resign as Lieutenant of the Upper Sandusky Police Department effective December 17, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lt. Roger E. Hetzel”

A motion was made by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to accept Police Lieutenant Roger Hetzel’s resignation from the Upper Sandusky Police Department. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A letter signed by the members of the Safety Committee will be sent to Mr. Hetzel notifying him of their acceptance of his voluntary resignation from the Police Department.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Rick Roberts, Chairman