

## SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 1, 2020

The June 1, 2020 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the white shelter in Harrison Smith Park by Rick Roberts, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Kyle McColly, Rick Roberts, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Dan Ross, Police Chief; Mike MaGinn, Fire Chief; Blake England; Jeremy Stringfellow; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>POLICE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>MUNI. CT.</u>
AT & T			287.77
American Fire & Safety	49.00		
Automated Petroleum		77.36	
Blue 360 Media			79.75
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First Aid Now	41.77	41.78	
Galls	121.59		
Guth Laboratories	35.35		
Henschen & Associates			2500.00
ID Networks	3713.00		
Jeffrey Keller			170.00
Karen Kline			254.00
Kerrs Automotive	192.99		
Lexis Nexis	191.40		
Phoenix Safety		64.95	
Reineke Motors, Inc.	44.85		
Staples	14.48		
The Ame Group	2680.00		
Treasurer State of Ohio	665.00		
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Verizon Wireless	513.15		
Yeater's Laundry	230.50		
Total	<u>8991.08</u>	<u>184.09</u>	<u>3346.27</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$12,521.44

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. McColly, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$12,521.44. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the March 2, 2020 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

At this time Mr. Blake England and Mr. Jeremy Stringfellow, organizers of the St. Pete's Festival, addressed the Safety Committee indicating that this year's festival has been postponed to Saturday, August 29, 2020 and Sunday, August 30, 2020 due to the current situation with COVID-19 (coronavirus). Mr. England and Mr. Stringfellow indicated that they would like to proceed with the same plans as they presented to the Safety Committee at the February 3, 2020 meeting including the street closures and the parade. It was noted that Mr. England and Mr. Stringfellow attended the May 11, 2020 Park Board meeting and arranged rescheduling the events planned for the parks in conjunction with the festival to coincide with the new date of the festival.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to approve the request from Mr. England and Mr. Stringfellow for street closures and a parade as part of the St. Pete's Festival to be held on Saturday, August 29, 2020 and Sunday, August 30, 2020. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Safety Committee members reviewed the police notification information from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control provided by Chief Ross, pertaining to a liquor permit transfer from Rosebud Tavern Ltd, 127 North Sandusky Avenue, to Upper Holdings LLC, 127 North Sandusky Avenue, showing the three members of Upper Holdings LLC each owning 33.33% of the company. The notice to legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control that was reviewed by the Safety Committee at their March 2, 2020 meeting showed these members each owning 5% of the company for a total of 15%. Safety Committee members voted at the March 2, 2020 meeting to request a hearing on the advisability of issuing this permit to be in our county seat due to concerns regarding the shares of ownership of members. It was noted that the police notification information has clarified the Safety Committee's questions and concerns about the ownership of Upper Holdings LLC.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to withdraw the request for a hearing with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control and approve the liquor permit transfer from Rosebud Tavern Ltd, 127 North Sandusky Avenue, to Upper Holdings LLC, 127 North Sandusky Avenue. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Ross asked the Safety Committee to request the Civil Service Commission to recertify the results of the Police Lieutenant's civil service examination held earlier this year, as two promotions have been made from this examination and there is still one Police Lieutenant position to fill. It was noted that the list is valid one year from the date of the first promotion, however the list must be recertified by the Civil Service Commission following each promotion.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. McColly, to request the Civil Service Commission recertify the results of the Police Lieutenant's civil service examination held earlier this year. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Ross also asked the Safety Committee to request the Civil Service Commission to hold another Police Officer civil service examination as the previous list of candidates has been exhausted and there are still two Police Officer positions that need to be filled.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to request the Civil Service Commission to hold a civil service examination for the position of Police Officer. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief MaGinn reported that the Fire Department has received donations from the community totaling \$4,635.00 with these funds to be utilized by the Fire Department for the Safety Pup Program and other community events. Chief MaGinn noted that due to COVID-19 (coronavirus) those programs/events have been cancelled or postponed, so those funds will be held and used in the future. Chief MaGinn thanked the community for their support.

Chief MaGinn also reported that a grant submitted requesting \$50,000.00 for a new air compressor for the Fire Department was denied as the grant scoring didn't qualify the grant for funding. Chief MaGinn noted that the existing air compressor is thirty-five (35) years old and does not meet two compliances. The existing air compressor has also been used to fill bottles for other county agencies. Chief MaGinn indicated that there is \$16,000.00 left over from a FEMA grant that was received for new air bottles and air packs and he plans to request a deferral of those funds to be used towards the purchase of a new air compressor, and the Fire Department also recently applied for another grant of \$20,000.00 towards this purchase. Chief MaGinn will update the Safety Committee at a future meeting on the status of the deferral request and the grant application.

Chief Ross reported that City Council approved the lease/purchase of two police vehicles, as recommended by the Safety Committee, prior to shutdowns caused by COVID-19 (coronavirus). Production of vehicles by Ford was stopped temporarily and has now resumed, and the status of the delivery of these vehicles is currently unknown. Chief Ross indicated that he planned to request the purchase of a new canine vehicle later this year due to the age and condition of the current canine vehicle, but he is unsure as to when that request will be made.

Chief Ross indicated that the community has been great to the Police Department throughout the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic by providing masks and food for the department staff. Chief Ross stated that he is grateful for those relationships with the community.

Chief Ross reported that due to the extension being allowed by the State for the renewal of driver's licenses and vehicle tags the Police Department is currently issuing warnings to motorists to remind them that these renewals will need to be addressed.

Chief Ross also reported that the national campaign for Click-it-or-Ticket is suspended for this year, but he would still like people to be mindful of the law requiring seatbelts.

Chief MaGinn reported that during the upcoming months the Fire Department will be reviewing the possibility of having their annual Open House in October.

Chief MaGinn also reported that the Fire Department currently plans to proceed with their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Chicken Barbeque drive-thru.

It was noted that the City's fireworks are scheduled for Friday, July 3, 2020 with a raindate of Sunday, July 5, 2020. At this time this event is still scheduled to take place.

Safety Committee members noted that the Cruise held for the Upper Sandusky High School Seniors on Thursday, May 21, 2020 was a nice event, and they thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance with the event. Chief Ross thanked the City employees who assisted with blocking intersections during the Cruise.

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