

SAFETY COMMITTEE

July 7, 2014

The July 7, 2014 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Safety Committee members present were Tom Shumaker, Scot Swinehart, and Bill Thornton.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Tyler Howell, Police Officer; Lynn Yeater, Fire Chief; Breann Fredritz, Thiel's Wheels; Mark McQuown, Upper Sandusky School Board; Dennis Vaughn; Rick Roberts; Don Spiegel; Alissa Paoella, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

| | <u>POLICE</u> | <u>FIRE</u> | <u>MUNI. CT.</u> | <u>GENERAL</u> |
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| A-1 Printing | | | 51.30 | |
| American Institute of Toxicology | 215.00 | | | |
| Blanchard Valley Health System | 66.14 | | | |
| Bomer's Exhaust & Auto Repair | 125.02 | | | |
| Brown Supply Co. | | 110.77 | | |
| Bud's Bicycle Shop | 4.00 | | | |
| D.R. Ebel | 589.40 | | | |
| E & K Independent LLC | | 1231.30 | | |
| Fire Safety USA | | 65.00 | | |
| First Aid Now | 88.44 | | | |
| Grindel Sales Corporation | 730.00 | | | |
| Hall Plumbing & Heating | | 87.50 | | 87.50 |
| Lexis Nexis | 130.43 | | 1077.16 | |
| MedVet – Columbus | 309.60 | | | |
| Mansfield Police Department | 160.00 | | | |
| Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police | 195.00 | | | |
| Path Master | 272.00 | | | |
| Peck, Shaffer & Williams | | 1300.00 | | |
| Pilot Travel Centers | 1153.21 | | | |
| Richard Grafmiller | | | 1226.01 | |
| Treasurer, State of Ohio | 747.00 | | | |
| Univ Reference Lab | 81.90 | | | |
| Viewpoint Graphics | | 73.07 | | |
| Verizon Wireless | 309.09 | | | |
| Yeater's Laundry & Drycleaning | 272.00 | | | |
| Yeater's Laundry & Drycleaning | 221.00 | | | |
| Total | <u>5669.23</u> | <u>2867.64</u> | <u>2354.47</u> | <u>87.50</u> |

TOTAL BILLS: \$10,978.84

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Thornton, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$10,978.84. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The motion carried.

The minutes of the June 2, 2014 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the June 16, 2014 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Ms. Breann Fredritz, Thiel's Wheels, addressed the Safety Committee concerning the possibility of utilizing the cul de sac on Tarhe Trail for Thiel's Wheels annual Backyard Barbeque to be held on Saturday, August 23, 2014. As in years past, Thiel's Wheels would like to have a tent set up in the cul de sac for the event with the tent to be set up on Friday, August 22, 2014 and taken down on Monday, August 25, 2014. Safety Committee members requested that the holes in the roadway created by the tent stakes be filled with stone and tar be placed over top of the stone to seal the holes. It was suggested that the Mayor's office be contacted after the holes have

been filled and the Mayor will ask Mr. Allen Boes, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, to look at the repairs to determine if they meet the City's satisfaction.

A motion was made by Mr. Shumaker, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to allow Thiel's Wheels to utilize the cul de sac on Tarhe Trail for their annual Backyard Barbeque to be held on Saturday, August 23, 2014. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Mark McQuown, Upper Sandusky School Board, addressed the Safety Committee concerning traffic issues in the area of Union Elementary/Upper Sandusky Middle School. Mr. McQuown presented requests from the Board of Education as follows:

Request A: That Hazel Street, commencing at the Wyandot Avenue traffic light and concluding at the Finley Street intersection, be changed to a one way street (south to north traffic flow) between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of:

1. Improving student safety at the crosswalks of Walker and Hazel Streets.
2. Improving student safety along Walker Street between Eighth and Hazel Streets.
3. Creating a new drop-off and pickup area on Hazel between Walker and Finley Streets.
4. Releasing traffic pressure from Walker Street by assuming some of the traffic onto Hazel Street between Walker and Finley Streets.
5. Creating less frustration for residents on Walker Street during morning and afternoon hours.
6. Permitting the school to distribute student flow more evenly around the perimeter of its facilities.

Request B: That Walker Street, commencing at the Hazel Street intersection, be changed to a NO LEFT TURN and NO RIGHT TURN intersection (westerly thru-traffic only) between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of:

1. Improving student safety at the crosswalks of Walker and Hazel Streets.
2. Improving student safety along Walker Street between Eighth and Hazel Streets.
3. Improving traffic flow on Walker Street as the student crossing the vehicle sightline for drivers on Walker Street will be reduced and improved.
4. Eliminating the forever-dangerous "third lane" on Walker Street during the drop-off and pickup hours.
5. Creating less frustration for residents on Walker Street during morning and afternoon hours.
6. Permitting the school to distribute student flow more evenly around the perimeter of its facilities.

Request C: That the City, in partnership with the Board of Education, work together to communicate the changes to residents who will be affected by the proposed changes as well as work together to produce the required signage needed to effectively enforce the proposed changes by local law enforcement and/or school personnel.

Mr. McQuown added that the Board of Education is willing to pick up the cost of additional signage needed in the area. Mr. McQuown explained that students will be assigned entrances and exits at various locations at the school based upon whether they ride a bus, what grade they're in, and if they have younger siblings. Individuals dropping children off will have certain streets where they should travel and certain areas where they can drop children off based upon the grade of the youngest sibling being dropped off. Safety Committee members expressed their preference of Hazel Street, from Wyandot Avenue to Finley Street, being one way at all times instead of during certain hours.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to make Hazel Street, from Wyandot Avenue to Finley Street, one way from south to north; to require westbound traffic on Walker Street at the intersection of Hazel Street to continue west on Walker Street as thru traffic only; and to allow traffic heading east on Walker Street, from Warpole Street, to turn left only at the intersection of Hazel Street. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Shumaker, to elect Mr. Scot Swinehart as Chairman of the Safety Committee. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The motion carried.

Safety Committee members reviewed a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new liquor permit from Joshua Ross Boes and Elaine Boes Thomson for Cheers 2U LLC (dba Violas) to be located at 119 North Sandusky Avenue. Safety Committee members voiced no objections to this request.

Chief Yeater reported the following:

- The Fire Department's annual chicken barbeque went well with 1,050 meals being sold.
- The new fire truck is being prepared for delivery.
- Ground ladder testing has been completed and all but one 40' ladder passed. That ladder has been taken out of commission.
- Hose testing is upcoming.

Officer Howell reported the following:

- Parking citations are being written under the City's new parking regulations.
- The new police cars have been delivered and they will soon be taken to D.R. Ebel for outfitting.

Mayor Washburn and the Safety Committee thanked the Fire Department for their assistance with the annual fireworks display.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Scot Swinehart, Chairman