

**HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**OF APRIL 8, 2019**

Municipal Council of the City of Vermilion  
Municipal Complex, 685 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio 44089

**Attendance:** *Steve Herron, President of Council; Monica Stark, Council at Large; John Gabriel, Ward 1; Frank Loucka, Ward 2; Steve Holovacs, Ward 3; Barb Brady, Ward 4; Brian Holmes, Ward 5*

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

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

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**TOPIC ONE:           Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Stempowski reported the department responded to 15 calls in the month of March for a year to date total of 46. He said they have another application that is going through the hiring process. He noted they had five people attend Regional Fire School at Bowling Green State University the weekend of March 23 and 24.

**TOPIC TWO:           Police Chief's Report**

Chief Hartung reported the Civil Service Commission is conducting the initial entry testing on April 13 for the position of new patrolmen. The first focus will be for the second SRO position for the schools, so he is compiling a list of interested individuals and he will let School Superintendent Phil Pempin interview and make the determination on who he wants.

He conveyed the new police cars will arrive the week of April 29. Next week they will start stripping the older vehicles and the Service Director will determine which city departments need cars replaced.

He reported the Lorain County Drug Take Back initiative will be held on April 27. If anyone has prescription medications, they can drop them off at the police department. The week of May 20 is going to be a Range Fire and he extended an invitation to the Vermilion City Council members to attend. This will be held at the Northern Ohio Tactical Training Center on Cooper Foster Park Road.

He reported that Corporal Ricky Riggs last day with the VPD is July 12. He has been with the VPD since 1986. Also, Sergeant Jeff Chandler will be retiring in August and he has been with the VPD since 1989, and Dispatcher Cindy Stepp, retired full-time dispatcher who had come back working as a part-time dispatcher will officially be retired with the department on April 19. She has been with the VPD since 1976 and they will be sad to see her go. He encouraged everyone to wish these individuals well.

He reported the Annual Report for 2018 will be emailed to City Council probably next week. If anyone has questions, they can address them at next month's meeting.

Lastly, he said the burglar involved in the rash of commercial entries was kind enough to leave his blood over the last crime scene. Therefore, they received a good DNA profile from BCI and they identified the suspect and interviewed him. He said Detective Davis did an excellent job in wrapping up this case and they will have a full report soon.

M. Stark asked how many applicants signed up to take the Civil Service exam. G. Fisher said it's around 34 to date, but there could be more coming in. The postmark date deadline was April 3.

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

*Next Meeting: May 13, 2019 @ 7pm*

*Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk*