

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2017

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

In Attendance: S. Herron, M. Stark, F. Loucka, J. Forthofer, B. Holmes, B. Brady, B. Keller, Captain Graham, C. Stempowski, G. Fisher, T. Valerius, Mayor Bulan. Absent: L. Miggins; Fred Ostrander.

Call to Order: B. Holmes, Chairman, RESOLVED THAT this Health & Safety Committee comprised of the committee of the whole does now come to order.

TOPIC ONE: Fire Chief's Report

C. Stempowski reported the fire department responded to 15 incidents in October bringing the department's total to 223.

He noted the department received their new helmets. The wireless modems are currently being installed in all the apparatus. He tipped his hats to Chief Hartung, the police officers, and dispatchers of the police department who are doing a phenomenal job on dispatching for them. He feels it works well for the city.

He said hose testing has been conducted in-house. All the primary hoses and primary fire apparatus at both Station #1 and #2 have been tested. The aerial was inspected on October 27 and there were only minor deficiencies, and the truck is operational with flying colors. He noted the swift water boat has been ordered and they should be receiving it within the next few weeks. They are also looking for a heavy duty row boat that will take the abuse of ice chunks or things floating up and down the river. B. Brady noted how wonderful the station looks.

TOPIC TWO: Police Chief's Report

Captain Graham reported the Simko trial has been wrapped up and noted what an excellent job Steve Davis did. His hard work paid off and he was complemented by the Judge who said he was the most honest officer that he has seen testify. They won each verdict and their hard work really showed.

At an administrative level the department has been doing a lot of schooling and the department is in a good place.

M. Stark said she had numerous reports about how wonderful and thorough the mass casualty training was that was given to all the officers a couple weeks ago. She asked if the fire department will receive this type of training in the future as well. Captain Graham said the training is excellent and it is as real as they can get. The guys who ran the training are combat medics so they really know what they are talking about. Chief Stempowski said this is certainly something they will look into. There are always opportunities presented to them.

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

Next Meeting: December 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk