

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

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

In Attendance: **Vermilion City Council:**
S. Herron, President of Council; Monica Stark, Council at Large; John Gabriel, Ward One; Frank Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Holovacs, Ward Three. Absent: Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five

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

Call to Order: John Gabriel, Vice Chair, RESOLVED THAT this Health & Safety Committee comprised of the committee of the whole does now come to order.

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

Chief Stempowski reported the fire department responded to 15 incidents in the month of September for a total of 164 responses year to date. He noted that 30,825 feet of hose testing has been completed and five sections failed. He said pump testing has been completed and all pumps passed. He reported they received the parts for engine 81 which was involved in the incident at Station #2 in July. The engine is scheduled to be repaired starting next Monday and it should be out of service for three or four days. He said engine 90 (aerial) repairs have been completed for the recertification and pickup #97 needed various repairs which was completed. He reported they had an issue with a bay door cable at Station #1, so the door and cable were repaired.

He announced that Fire Prevention Week was held October 7-13 and they only provided two smoke detectors during the pizza delivery program, which is a good thing.

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

Chief Hartung stated he has had three inspections of golf cart/utility vehicles since the ordinance was amended. He pointed out that a few people have tried to minimize their insurance coverage and reminded everyone they need to follow Ohio's limits and he would strongly recommend conversation with insurance agents on whether you have sufficient coverage. He reminded residents that if you have a side by side utility vehicle there is a muffler requirement and you shouldn't have an overly loud muffler.

He said now that Woollybear is over they are going to commence on the "No Knock" registration that Council passed recently. They had beta testing for an online submission where residents can submit their desire to be put on the registration list. Once this is formally in place they will make necessary advertisements letting the community know.

He said a few part time officers will probably be leaving them soon for full time positions and upcoming retirements will begin in 2019, so over the next couple years there will be a large turnover in the agency and they are getting prepared for this.

He reminded the community that Trick-or-Treat will be held on October 31 from 6 – 7:30 pm. The FOP in years past volunteered their time to patrol the neighborhoods and they will be out again this year. He warned the public to use extra caution this evening when traveling.

He reminded the community that if they want to submit anonymous tips to the police department they can do so through tips@vermilionpolice.com.

J. Gabriel adjourned the meeting after no further discussion came before the committee.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk