

**SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

The Safety, Health, and Service Committee met Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre.

In attendance were Safety, Health, and Service Committee Members:
Chair, Mr. Kelly Ricklic
Mr. Dan Lanzer
Mr. Rob Maurer
Alternate, Mr. Dean Holland

Guests were:
Mayor Joel Day, President of Council Sam Hitchcock, Treasurer Tom Gerber,
Auditor Beth Gundy, Safety Director Greg Popham. Council Member Mrs. Aimee May, Councilmember
Mrs. Cheryl Ramos, Council Clerk Julie Courtright, Fire Chief Jim Parrish

Committee Chair Mr. Ricklic reported that the Safety, Health, and Service Committee met Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre to discuss the following items:

To discuss Resolution 13-2016 which allows the money to go from Goshen Township to buy equipment for the Fire Department.

Chairman Ricklic stated that Auditor Gundy proposed in a letter to the President of Council that this money should be used for the overtime. Fire Chief Parrish wants the money to stay for his equipment.

Fire Chief Parrish stated that money that was put into the fund was used to refurbish the ladder truck in 2010. A new ladder truck then was \$1.2 million dollars, so we went down the road of refurbishing. The cost for refurbishing the old fire truck was \$595,000.00. In 2010 we refurbished our fire engine. We did that for around \$190,000 vs. purchasing a brand new one for around \$500,000.00. The whole purpose for that fund is to continue to collect money for this type of equipment. In 2013 when all the money was used up in that fund Council wanted to delete that fund and collect all the money in the General Fund. I told them then that if that happened the fire department would be looking to Council for money for equipment. The equipment will continue to get older.

Chief Parrish gave members of Council and Administration an Apparatus Report and a copy of Goshen Township's contract, and a recommendation of equipment that needs replaced.

Chief Parrish says the cost to replace equipment goes up an average of 4% per year. This year an ambulance needs replaced. There's an uncertainty when Cleveland Clinic takes over Union Hospital. They usually do their own transports.

Mrs. Ramos asked what was paid for out of Fund 420. Chief Parrish said \$30,000 that was donated and \$15,000 in donations was used for kitchen and fire equipment. Mrs. Ramos stated that if the money goes back into the General Fund we'll have more of an option to move it around.

Mr. Zucal stated that he's opposed to anything changing with Line Item 420. He said we need to be able to fund equipment when it's necessary.

Mr. Maurer stated that we also have to think about funding overtime.

Safety Director Popham stated that in talking about overtime, the City is providing a service, and over the years that service has continued to grow. The call volume is increasing so the overtime is increasing. The only way the overtime will go away is with manpower.

Chairman Ricklic said that if we get the SAFER Grant that will help for 3 years. We need equipment, the money is there. I feel as Chairman I want to table this until the results of a recent study are in. Mayor Day said the results of the study should be in any day.

Chairman Ricklic stated that he wants to have a meeting with the Mayor, Fire Chief and Safety Director when the results of the study are in.

With no other matters to come before Committee Mr. Lanzer Motioned to Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Ricklic, Committee Chairman, Safety, Health, and Service