

SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 2, 2026

The March 2, 2026 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Safety Committee members present were Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, and Scott Moore.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Jared Lucas, Police Chief; Mike MaGinn, Fire Chief; Anne Denman; Kate Niederkohr; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$16,826.54 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$16,826.54. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the February 2, 2026 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as amended.

Mayor McColly reported that the 3-way stop controls, to be implemented by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), at the US 23/US 30 and State Route 199/North Warpole Street interchange ramp intersections will take effect on Monday, March 9, 2026.

A notice from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, for the transfer of a liquor permit from Ruth19 LLC, 612 North Warpole Street, Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351 to Mahavir Drive Thru LLC dba Upper Sandusky Carryout, 612 North Warpole Street, Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351 was reviewed. Safety Committee members agreed that no hearing will be requested on this transfer.

Chief Lucas indicated that Police Officer Faith Fox will complete her one year probation on March 10, 2026 and Chief Lucas recommended Officer Fox be retained as a full-time employee.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, to retain Police Officer Faith Fox upon the completion of her probationary period on March 10, 2026. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Chief Lucas presented a request from The Alibi Room, 128 South Sandusky Avenue, for the closure of the street in front of their business on Thursday, March 12, 2026 beginning at 4:00 p.m. for an event. Safety Committee members voiced no objections to this request.

Chief Lucas reported that police cruiser #1 is currently at Fox's Autobody, 230 South Sandusky Avenue, for repair following a deer being hit during a snow storm in January.

Chief MaGinn reported that the system at the Fire Department used for reporting the monthly runs is currently down, but there were approximately thirty (30) to thirty-five (35) runs in February 2026.

Chief MaGinn also reported that members of the Fire Department recently participated in ice rescue training at the reservoir.

Chief MaGinn further reported that he is currently working on a house burn for training and also a controlled burn for training.

Chief MaGinn noted that the Fire Department has one (1) new volunteer firefighter.

Mayor McColly reported that a meeting was held last week and discussions included a new truck for the Fire Department and the Safer Grant. Chief MaGinn indicated that applications for the Safer Grant are open thru July 2026.

Mrs. Anne Denman, representing the Elks Lodge, addressed the Safety Committee regarding two (2) community events for 2026 as follows:

- A 5K on Sunday, June 28, 2026, beginning and ending at the Elks Lodge and also traveling thru Stepping Stones Park, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the proceeds to benefit Cerebral Palsy. Safety Committee members voiced no objections to this request.
- The annual Halloween Walk-Thru at the Elks to be held on Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to schedule Trick-or-Treat to be held on Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly reported that the Public Entities Pool (PEP) has advised that risk reduction agreements be signed for events held on public properties and Mr. Ben Buckland, City Law Director, is currently working on this agreement.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Aaron Korte, Chairperson