



Village of South Russell

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SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

November 6, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. @ SRPD

Golf Carts, Micro Mobility Devices, Etc.

Chief updated the committee regarding concerns for allowing golf carts to cross intersections of higher speeds. Chief was instructed to follow up with Solicitor.

Gurney Traffic Update

At the October 17th Safety Committee Meeting, the Mayor felt there was a traffic condition at Gurney School which appeared to indicate difficulty for school busses exiting onto Bell Road at dismissal. The Chief did a follow up with Bus Garage and Gurney Staff who reported having no specific complaints or issues exiting the campus. Officers will continue to monitor the conditions.

Chagrin Boosters Turkey Trot

A representative will be attending next Council Meeting requesting permission to hold the Annual Turkey Trot 5k in South Russell on Thursday, November 28th at 9:00 a.m.

Transition to Geauga County

Chief reported that the police department has transitioned to the Geauga County Records Management System (RMS) and it is currently working as expected.

Chief acknowledged Council's desire to ask the executive committee for an exception in the current contract, but it is unknown at this time when that meeting could take place. Furthermore, the Chief reported that in his discussions with Director Dicicco, it was stated that if the committee makes an exception for one municipality, they will need to do it for all municipalities. There are 18 municipalities that will be seeing an increase in 2025, totaling approximately \$1.6 million dollars.

The Chief further stated that we should, in fact, make the attempt to ask for an exception, however, the proposal to transition to Geauga County should move forward regardless of the decision of the executive committee. The maximum cost billable to SRV for 2025 is just over \$40k unless the executive committee agrees to make an exception. In an effort to ease the burden of the \$40k impact to the Village, the Chief is offering to remove video system upgrade from 2025 budget which would free up approximately \$46k

Councilman Canton inquired if the agencies that are currently served by Geauga County Dispatch are satisfied with the level of service being provided. The Chief stated that four of the seven agencies that are served by Geauga closed their own dispatch centers several years ago and are still currently being served by Geauga, Chardon was the most recent closure which occurred in 2023.



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The Chief requested the Safety Committee to consider a motion at the November 12th Council Meeting to initiate the transition to Geauga County Dispatch effective December 1, 2024, to allow sufficient time for transition and operational changes. The Safety Committee agreed that it would be in the best interest of the Village to move forward with the proposal.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Meeting Adjourned at: 3:37 p.m.