



Village of South Russell

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SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA MINUTES September 18, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. @ SRPD

Staffing Update

The Chief recommended filling the vacant full-time position and interviewing and additional part-time applicant. Chief proposed conducting interviews possibly at the next Safety Committee Meeting on October 16th.

Chief recommended promoting a Sergeant after the announcement of the upcoming retirement of Sergeant Ed Svoboda. The committee agreed and recommended to proceed with the process.

Tree Trimming Proposals

The Chief provided 4 quotes for tree trimming around the school zone solar array. The best price was quoted by Falls Tree Experts in the amount of \$1,375. Committee recommended to proceed.

Fire Contract (Mayor)

Mayor introduced the topic of the fire contract. The Safety Committee advised the Mayor to obtain a quote from Russell Fire Department.

Bel-Meadow Mutual Aid (Mayor)

Mayor asked what agencies responded to South Russell for an incident which occurred back on July 12th. The Mayor indicated that he was going to attend a trustee meeting in Russell and intended on thanking them for responding to this particular call.

Old Business

Chief briefly discussed the upcoming budget session and offered information on the necessity to replace the existing phone system which has reached "end of support."

New Business

1. Councilman Bell wanted to verify the date for this year's Trick or Treat. Chief advised that that motion was handled earlier in the year, and it was determined that the event will be held on Friday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
2. Chief informed the committee that in the process of the police department's radio upgrade, it was discovered that the Service Department's radio license was going to expire. The Chief is working with the radio vendor and the FCC to renew the license.



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3. The Chief was asked if he was aware the Service Department employees were not wearing safety belts while operating Village vehicles. Chief advised the committee that it is the Police Department's policy, and it is also State Law.

4. The Geauga County ADP Cyber Security Policy was briefly discussed and was to be added to the council agenda for further discussion.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:40 a.m.