



Village of South Russell

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SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES **November 12, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. @ SRPD**

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Chief requested Council to formally adopt the Geauga County Hazard Mitigation Plan at the next Council Meeting as requested by the department of Emergency Management. Chief will forward the request to the Fiscal Officer for addition to the agenda.

Update Chapter 476.01(b) of the South Russell Codified Ordinance

A proposed update to Chapter 476 to include "dirt bikes" into the definitions, approved by Safety in a previous discussion regarding all purpose vehicles.

Budget Discussion

Proposal to sign the agreement with Motorola Solutions for the 2026 purchase of replacement Body Worn Cameras and In-car Video Systems

Speed Limit Signs in Country Estates

Country Estates Homeowner's Association would like to remove all speed limit signs other than those posted at the entry points into the development. (Countryside, Spring, and Hazelwood) Chief indicated there may be requirements regarding the placement of speed limit signs dictated by the Ohio Manual of Traffic Control Devices. The committee advised the Chief to contact the Solicitor.

Representative to CVFD

It was determined at the November 10th Council Meeting That Councilman Bell will be the representative to the Chagrin Valley Fire Department until further notice.

Police Building Maintenance

Mayor requested to view the areas where the carpeting was to be replaced.

Old Business - None

New Business

Visitor Misha Alexander inquired about the funding and intent of the traffic study and crosswalk at Bell & Sugarbush Lane. The Chief explained that in preparation for crosswalks at State Route 306 & Bell Road, and the possibility of the trail, he made a proposal to Council earlier in the year to consider a reduction of the speed limit within the Village. The Safety Committee originally agreed that a reduction from 45 MPH to 35 MPH was reasonable.



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It was further explained that other jurisdictions along S.R. 306 have similar reductions such as Bainbridge and Chester Township where vehicular and pedestrian traffic increases as you approach the center of those townships. Engineer Haibach was engaged previously to determine the process for making such a request and advised that a traffic survey would need to be conducted to initiate the project. It was later determined that the traffic survey should cost approximately \$12k. The Chief will ask ODOT for some additional details on the timing of the proposal should we move forward.

Chief also offered a brief overview of the original request for a crosswalk at Bell & Sugarbush for access to Gurney Elementary. It was further explained that after re-evaluation, it was determined to install the crosswalk at the Village Park instead of Sugarbush due to the higher activity at that location.

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:26 p.m.