



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council
Safety Forces Committee

Monday, August 12, 2024 at 8:30 AM
Council Chambers
4230 Lake Avenue

Minutes

Opening of Committee Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Committee Chair Roskovics.

Roll Call

Members Present: Chair: Council President John Roskovics, Vice Chair: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Member: Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero

Absent: None

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, Clerk of Council Ashley Bell

Ashtabula Department Heads Present: Police Chief Robert Stell, Fire Chief Shawn Gruber

Visitors: Ken Vanyo

Sunshine Law Certification

A quorum was established as defined by the Ashtabula City Council Rules of Order. The meeting met the requirements of the Ohio Sunshine Laws Open Meetings Act.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors

Special Guest Presentation

Police Department – Chief's Report

Chief Stell provided the report. Ashtabula Safety Town took place July 15-19 and July 22-26. In 2023, 52 children registered for the program. In 2024, 82 children registered for the program. The program was successful. Plans are underway for next year's event. The event is sponsored by local businesses and organizations.

Report and Call Statistics July 2024

Fire Department – Chief's Report

Chief Gruber provided the report. The increase in the fire loss amount is due to the ship fire that occurred in March 2024. There are approximately a dozen boarding houses in the city of Ashtabula. The enforcement of boarding houses is regulated by the County Building Department. The Chief Building Official for Ashtabula County works part-time and scheduling conflicts make it difficult for that department to regulate boarding houses in the City.

Ashtabula Fire Department Statistics

City Manager's Report

The City Manager stated several members of the Police Department would retire soon. Several lateral requests have been made in the department to fill positions. The Civil Service Commission will proctor exams for the Police Department.

City Solicitor's Report

No report.

Unfinished Business

No report.

New Business

Ken Vanyo is requesting an ordinance for golf cart operation in the city limits. A suggestion was made that golf carts should be not be used in winter. The City Manager will research other municipalities' ordinances regarding golf carts.

Next Meeting

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m. by Committee Chair Roskovics.