

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

SAFETY

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The Safety Committee meeting of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on August 1, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. with Mayor Procuk presiding.

Present at roll call: Council Members: Berzins, Lasky, Presot, Tommer
 Mayor: Procuk
 Clerk/Treasurer: Frank
 Law Director: Dowling
 Engineer:
 Police Chief: Meade
 Fire Chief: Stefanko
 Assistant Fire Chief:
 Service Director: Blados
 Building Commissioner:
 Assistant Building Official: Sonenstein
 Comm. Service Director: Guilfoyle
 Recreation Director:
 Soccer Commissioner:

GUESTS: Joe Presot, Special Projects

The purpose of the Safety Committee meeting is to discuss the Fire Truck being built and Flock cameras for the Police Department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- We currently have three flock cameras and it costs \$2,500 per year with a two-year contract.
- The flock camera market has exploded across the country and there are 2300 in Ohio alone. This has caused a mark up in price to \$3,000 per camera.
- Our contract is up in October and they are offering a one-time contract for \$2,500 per camera for a five-year contract including adding additional cameras.
- These cameras are very helpful solving crimes and are a proactive tool because they are notified every time a stolen car enters our Village. The Police Department was responsible for recovering six stolen cars in three days since the last Council meeting. Cuyahoga Heights has ten flock cameras and they're looking to add four additional ones and Newburg Heights has eight and will be adding two cameras. Independence has thirty cameras, Broadview Heights has eight. Brooklyn has seventeen and we've solved some of their crimes and they've solved some of ours.
- He is looking to purchase an additional five cameras, for a total of eight in our community. In addition, they now have a high-definition, live feed camera, and the technology is incredible. He would like to put it in the Upper Park and this would allow all road officers to pull it up at any time. This would have been helpful for a

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recent incident where a criminal drove a stolen car and went to our park to play basketball. It was picked up by the flock camera but when the officers arrived at the park, they couldn't determine who got out of the car and there were about thirty kids in the park the time. With the new HD camera, they could have pulled up the feed and arrested the criminal right on the spot. This HD camera is \$3,000 per year and could also be included in the five-year deal.

- The camera can be moved left to right and has a focus capability up to one mile. We would mount it so the pickelball and basketball courts and the new restroom would all be monitored. An officer can pull up the live feed and scan back and forth and the unit will revert back to its original position after 30 seconds.
- He is looking to purchase the five additional flock cameras and one HD camera and lock in the five-year deal and it would be a \$23,000 per year commitment.
- This has become a normal, useful tool for all police departments. Every department that has them is expanding them because they work so well.
- Also with the flock cameras, we are tied into every camera in the country that we want to be. We're currently tied into Independence and Cuyahoga Heights. Independence being most important because we share borders on the east side which are all monitored by the flock cameras and they pick up every stolen car, felony warrant, amber alert, silver alert, etc.
- One issue they are facing is that our current three flock cameras are on poles hooked into electricity and First Energy will not allow us to use them for new cameras. Any additional flock cameras will be installed will cost \$650 for the installation including a pole that will be cemented into the ground and a solar panel. The camera in the park is on a pole that we own. Mr. Berzins asked if any department has dealt with the cameras being vandalized and Chief Meade responded that the contract cost includes maintenance which covers any problem with the camera, if it gets struck by lightning and/or vandalism. They will replace the camera for free.
- Mayor Procuk asked if the poles would look the one in Cuyahoga Heights on 71st Street and Chief Meade responded that ours would be taller, at about 7' high. We cannot install any on ODOT-owned property and we cannot use First Energy poles or electricity. The three cameras currently on First Energy poles can remain as they are grandfathered in because they were allowed at the time they were installed.
- Chief Meade is looking for the best spots for the additional five cameras giving the most coverage of our Village. The park security could monitor the upper park from their phone while in the lower areas of the park. Mr. Lasky asked about the angles of the camera and how going back to review the feed works and Chief Meade explained that you can tilt and move the angle of the camera when live but not catch an area that wasn't in the camera view. You can zoom in on the pre-recorded feed to get fine details.

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- Chief Meade will be working on the location for a pole and the electrical needs. Utilizing the current restroom roof and the current pole that we own was discussed. It needs to be as high as possible for the most coverage.
- The HD camera is tied into the flock cameras enabling the police to review the feed.
- Mrs. Presot asked what the timeline is on receiving the camera equipment and Chief Meade responded that probably in October all can be installed and running.
- Mr. Frank asked if there were any issues with solar and the answer is that there is very little to make a comparison to because almost everyone began with electricity. He only sees that there may be an issue if we have several days in a row during the winter with next to no sunshine but it should be okay since the solar charges a battery that lasts for a week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Stefanko, Assistant Chief Lasky and Mike Florjancic went down to Columbus to look at the pre-build of the truck and look at other trucks, and make any last minute changes before it goes into production.
- Chief Stefanko distributed the list of changes they are proposing and they are mostly safety issues with an additional \$10,241 cost to the original quote.
- The additions are:
 - Heated mirrors / especially needed for winter weather and freeway driving
 - Tool mounting plate on top of the engine enclosure / this will allow them to mount equipment
 - 12V wiring for tool mounting plate / this will allow them to charge their equipment
 - Installation of 2-way radio antenna and on/off rocker switch for repeaters / they have different types of radios in the truck and this will accommodate their third camera
 - Rear camera / this will assist the driver when backing up especially into the fire station
 - Adaptors / this has to do with the inlets and outlets on the pump panel
 - Two more sets of emergency warning lights on the side of the truck / they felt there wasn't sufficient lighting to be safe through intersections
 - Changed from single-tone to two-tone paint because it matches the other fire department vehicles
 - Installation of two radio antennas
- All of the additions change the cost of the pumper truck from \$544,289 to \$554,550.
- They hoped to have the truck the summer of 2024 but it appears it will be ready in 2025.

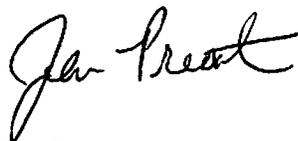
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- Chief Stefanko asked what needs to be done to accomplish this. Mr. Frank said he spoke to the bank and they advise to do nothing until we are ready to take
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- ownership of the truck. Chief Stefanko stated that what he needs now is approval for these additions.

There were no further questions and the meeting was adjourned.



Jen Presot
Safety Committee Chairperson