



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

Public Service & Safety

Office of the Clerk of Council
200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

*Jamie Leeseberg, Chair, Ryan P. Jolley,
Michael Schnetzer*

Kimberly McWilliams, CMC, Clerk of Council

Monday, February 9, 2015

Council Committee Rooms

Immediately Following Committee of the Whole

Members -

Present 3 - Jamie Leeseberg, Michael Schnetzer, and Ryan P. Jolley

Additional Attendees -

Present: Mayor Becky Stinchcomb, Clerk of Council Kim McWilliams, Niel Jurist, Chief Murphy, Dottie Franey, Rob Priestas, Press, Residents.

Leeseberg called the Public Service and Safety Committee to order at 8:19 p.m.

UPDATES:

Tim Taylor, Fire Chief of Mifflin Township

Brad Shull, Fire Chief of Jefferson Township

ITEM - From the Chief of Police

Chief of Police Supporting Documents

1. **Municipal Fire Safety Inspectors**

Chief requested Council confirm appointment of two Fire Chiefs as Municipal Fire Inspections, Tim Taylor and Brad Shull; to be on the Consent Agenda; introduced Rich Courter Vice-Chair from Jefferson Township Trustees; Courter brought forth an update; Jefferson Township successfully passed a levy last fall that helped the Fire Department; noted levy assisted with moving goals forward;

introduced Bill McCullough, 1 Unit Battalion Chief; spoke on behalf of Chief Shull; thanked Council for inviting Courter and himself; noted past failure of levy took equipment out of service permanently; went back to core as Fire and EMS protection is concerned; is an always evolving Fire Department; Jefferson Fire and EMS is in a unique situation as they cover three school districts in Jefferson Township; will be in the schools soon for Fire Prevention week; goal is to make more annual school appearances outside of Fire Prevention week; additionally making improvements to Fire Prevention Program; Larick inquired how many fire houses; McCullough replied they have one Fire Station; Larick inquired how many square miles do they cover; McCullough noted a little over 14 square miles; noted census population coverage from 2010 is around 11,000 residents, but factoring in growth it is probably around 13,000 residents; cannot answer specific houses; Courter noted it is around 8,800 voting households; potential for new developments and growth soon; no significant commercial growth, mainly residential growth; Larick inquired how many runs; McCullough replied roughly 2,200 runs per year; Larick inquired what is the ratio for Fire to Emergency runs; McCullough replied about 55% EMS, 45% Fire Emergencies; Leeseberg noted his appreciation for McCullough and Courter coming to Committee; Kneeland inquired what are the biggest challenges faced when providing Fire & EMS protection to Jefferson Township; McCullough noted keeping up with the expectations and growth of the communities; noted all emergencies come to either fire or police; responds to a plethora of emergencies and keeping up can be difficult as growth continues; Angelou inquired how many firefighters are on staff; McCullough replied 21 full-time Firefighters and 22 part-time Firefighters; attempting to get to supplemental staff, which would reduce reliance on part-time staff to cover the needs of the Township; most of their part-time Firefighters work full time jobs in addition to Firefighting; good cost saving to community; There are no volunteer Firefighters; 7 or 8 Firefighters per day on staff and the lowest per day can be 6 Firefighters; Leeseberg thanked McCullough and Courter again; would like to have them visit quarterly or monthly to update Council; McCullough noted can provide metrics information as requested.

RECOMMENDATION: Legislation to approve the appointment of the Municipal Fire Inspectors on the Consent Agenda.

Adjournment -

Leeseberg adjourned the Public Service and Safety Meeting at 8:31 p.m.