

**HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**OF JULY 20, 2020**

Municipal Council of the City of Vermilion

**In Attendance:**      **Vermilion City Council:**  
*Steve Herron, President of Council; Monica Stark, Council at Large; Emily Skahen, Ward One; F. Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Holovacs, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five; Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk.*

**Administration:**  
*Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Chris Hartung, Police Chief; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Chris Stempowski, Fire Chief*

**Call to Order:**      Chairman Brian Holmes, RESOLVED THAT this Health & Safety Committee comprised of the committee of the whole does now come to order.

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**TOPIC ONE:      Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Stempowski reported the department responded to 12 calls in June for a total of 94 through June 30. Recently they experienced a landline issue at both stations (967 line) and when they went down their alarm systems also went down, so thanks to the City IT department they got right on it with CenturyTel and got the phones back up and running. They found some alarm system issues that were addressed as well and everything appears to be functioning. It was advised there needs to be some improvement on the phone systems, and they are in the process of working on this city-wide.

The computers at the station and the MDT's in the trucks are still a work in progress and they are still struggling with those, but he will be addressing this issue.

He said this is the time of year where they will have a lot of pump tests, truck tests, ladder inspections, and hose testing, and in light of everything that is going on they will do this as safe as they can when working with vendors.

He said on July 1 there was a ceremony for the new station and the building is coming along great. He believed they are under budget and on schedule if not ahead.

**TOPIC TWO:Police Chief's Report**

Chief Hartung addressed the Verizon upgrade as it has made a remarkable difference in their connectivity for their data terminals and GPS tracking in their vehicles.

He said they are still dealing with COVID and they are working with different agencies in getting the protective gear that is necessary to get through this.

B. Holmes adjourned the meeting after no further discussion came before the committee.

*Next Meeting: August 10, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. at Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio*

*Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk*