

**HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**September 20, 2021**

**In Attendance:**      **Vermilion City Council:** *Steve Herron, President of Council; Monica Stark, Council at Large; Emily Skahen, Ward One; Frank Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Holovacs, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five*

**Administration:** *Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Tony Valerius, Service Director*

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

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

Mayor Forthofer reported on behalf of Chief Hartung by stating they have received \$7,025.00 from the Lorain County Prosecutor's office as part of the forfeiture of illegal gambling assets involved in the Triple 7's Paradise case. These funds are for the Law Enforcement Trust Account for further criminal investigations.

Secondly, he reported that Kyle Ancog has been released from his field training in order to work solo as a policeman. He showed exceptional skills and abilities during his training, and they look forward to his career in Vermilion.

He said the schedule is set for the bridge closure and they are ready to go with two officers operating out of Station #2 and two out of the Vermilion Police Department on each shift.

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

Mayor Forthofer reported on behalf of Chief Stempowski by noting that in August they had 22 incidents for a total year to date of 189 incidents. He said Heavy Rescue truck 98 is now in service and it was delivered on September 2, 2021 and placed in service on September 13, 2021. He noted after the accident the equipment was scattered all over Route 2 and some had to be repaired and reconditioned and reinstalled in the new truck.

He said the Chief has been meeting with the command staff in preparation for the bridge closure and they have a plan in place.

He said CPR classes are nearly completed – approximately four more personnel need to complete their course.

The Fire Department has applied for a regional grant for assistance (in conjunction with Lifecare) and they were awarded \$610,000 for communication equipment.

Lastly, Fire Prevention Week is October 3 – October 9 and the Vermilion Firehouses will be open October 9, 2021 from noon to 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to come.

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

*Next Meeting: October 18, 2021 @ 7pm at the Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio*

*Transcribed by:  
Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk*