

March 4, 2022 Minutes
Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting

Members In Attendance: Co- Chair Larry Frankel, Co -Chair Mike Pinto, Council Rep. Craig Steinbrink, Fire Chief Tom Robinson, Police Chief Gregg Minichello, Service Director Dave Biggert, Charlie Baker, Patrick Daugherty

In Attendance: Mayor Schneider, Village Finance Administrator Janet Mulh, Sandra Turner (Council)

TOPICS DISCUSSED

BODY CAMERA AND DASHBOARD CAMERA IMPLEMENTATION: 6 Body cameras have been ordered and will be in place and active in the very near future. The cameras will be integrated into the police car camera system. Video information will be stored at CVD (Chagrin Valley Dispatch) These have been paid for by a grant and by generous donations to the GM Safety Fund.

MAYFIELD ROAD AUTOMATED TRAFFIC CAMERAS: Site surveys for the traffic cameras have been completed and cameras should be in service by the early part of summer. Notifications of camera usage will be disseminated prior to going live and cameras "IN USE" signs will be posted.

CHAGRIN RIVER ROAD/BUSINESS DISTRICT SIGNAGE: Additional signage will be posted to remind drivers to slow down on River Road from Rogers Road to Old Mill Road and in the Business District. These will be provided by the State.

FULL TIME TRAFFIC OFFICER: Discussion for the possibility of adding a full-time traffic officer beginning in 2023. Staffing issues were discussed as we are having difficulty finding part-time officers to fill in for our full-time staff.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Robinson discussed the new 2022 Fireworks regulations and changes to the previous law. The Safety Committee unanimously agreed that Gates Mills Village should opt-out of the new legislation and recommends that legislation is created to that effect. IF Gates Mills does not opt-out we can expect over 20 days and nights of fireworks yearly. This would create hazards that include excessive noise, bodily harm injuries, fires, and hazardous conditions for our fire fighters due to the new law allowing for the discharge of fireworks. An additional hazard would be created by allowing fireworks to be stored in homes and structures in the village.

GM WEBSITE: So that Villagers keep current with police and fire activity both Police Chief Minichello and Fire Chief Robinson will post their monthly reports on the Village web site following the monthly Council meetings.