

## Public Safety Commission Meeting

January 25, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Ed Meier, John Koester, James Christian, Barbara West, Bobby Smith, Alderman Shirley Paro, Chief Ihler, and Cpl. Piekutowski

### **Old Business:**

**Police Report:** Chief Ihler and Cpl. Piekutowski gave the Board a report on the recent shooting incident on Bellefontaine Road. Two Officers were shot, but the department issued “soft” body armor saved them both from serious injury. The Chief and Cpl. showed the Board examples of the soft body armor which the officers routinely wear while on duty. They wear tactical armor when in threat situations; it is much heavier.

Chief Ihler announced several new programs PD will be participating. Several North County Departments will be forming a task force to combat the recent increase in carjackings in the area. The Chief has proposed a Four Year Plan for improving police services in Bellefontaine Neighbors. The plan is being reviewed. The Chief intends to formally present it to the Board of Aldermen at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Bellefontaine Neighbors will be part of a consortium that is preparing a request for bids to provide body cameras for the police.

**Fire Department Report:** No report at this time.

### **New Business:**

Barbara West commended the Police and Chief Ihler for their professionalism.

Alderman Paro reported an Ordinance was passed to give police officers raises from Prop P money, but there is a question of some wording in the Ordinance which needs to be cleared up. Pay raises will be retroactive back to January 1<sup>st</sup>. The pay raises will bring our department more in line with other area departments.

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Black History Program on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Rec Center.

St. Ann will be hosting a Citizen’s Police Academy this Spring.

There is a proposal to run another CERT Training Session this Spring.

The meeting ended at 7:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 22, 2018.

John Koester, Acting Secretary