

Safety Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
June 5, 2017

The Safety Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday, 30, 2017 following the Finance Committee with these members present:

Mark Fraizer, Chair	Curtis Johnson
Jeremy Blake	Carol Floyd
Jeff Rath	

We wish to report:

1. Chief Connell discussed the Police Department's Annual Report

Chief Connell gave a summary of some of the high points of the annual report. One of which was in June 17 of last year they instituted NARI, Newark Addiction Recovery Initiative. It looks like they will have 100 participants by their 1 year anniversary and it has not cost the City of Newark any money. The salary of the officer is paid for by a Federal Grant. They instituted a Community Initiative Officer and Community Initiative Sergeant both positions are funded by a Federal Grant which brings them up to their target number of sworn officers to 72. Those two officers work on community outreach projects which includes addiction initiatives. They have hired a civilian who is an IT specialist for their Division instead of using an officer who was converted to an IT specialist. A group of Officers and sergeants got together and created a new badge specific to the City of Newark and the Officers paid for their own badges out of their quarter master fund. There have been 8 new people hired and some promotions.

Mark Fraizer, Chair