



Rochester Hills Minutes - Draft

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Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee

*Jason Carlock, Jayson Graves, Greg Hooper, Walter Johnson, Tom Stephens and Scott Struzik,
Vacant Position*

*Council Members: Dale A. Hetrick,
Jenny McCardell*

Youth Representatives: Jessica Hrynkiw and Aden Smith

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnson called the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Jayson Graves, Dale Hetrick, Greg Hooper, Walter Johnson, Jenny McCardell and Scott Struzik

Absent 2 - Jason Carlock and Tom Stephens

Others Present:

*Nancy Butty, Fire and Life Safety Educator
Michael Dyki, Stonecrest Senior Living Facility
Todd Gary, Deputy Fire Chief
Jessica Hrynkiw, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative
Tim Matz, Captain/EMS Coordinator
Lee Mayes, Captain/Assistant Fire Marshall
Tim Pollizzi, Water Resources Coordinator
Aden Smith, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative
Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer
Mark Tisdell, City Council Member*

Also present as guests were:

*Thomas Blackstone
Jeff Duperon
Michael Dyki, Stonecrest Senior Living Facility
Kathy Forzley, Director of Health and Human Services - Oakland County
Ryan Smith*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson Johnson stated that this meeting would be his last meeting as a Member of the Committee. He shared that it had been his pleasure to be of

service to the City and the Committee for approximately nine or ten years and that he is proud of the Committee's achievements.

Member Hetrick thanked Chairperson Johnson for being one of the original members of the Committee that significantly accomplished many goals.

Chairperson Johnson suggested that the Committee's Meeting Agenda be modified to discuss the Legislative File Number 2017-0292 - Fire Department Update on Improvements and Staffing Levels before Legislative File 2015-0259 - Discussion for Funding Storm Water System Maintenance.

The Committee Members were all in agreement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2017-0293 Approval of Meeting Minutes - May 24, 2017

Attachments: [052417 Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Hooper, seconded by Graves, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Graves, Hetrick, Hooper, Johnson, McCardell and Struzik

Absent 2 - Carlock and Stephens

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee Meeting held on May 24, 2017 be approved as presented.

2017-0437 Approval of Meeting Minutes - June 21, 2017

Attachments: [062117 Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Hooper, seconded by Graves, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Graves, Hetrick, Hooper, Johnson, McCardell and Struzik

Absent 2 - Carlock and Stephens

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee meeting held on June 21, 2017 be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2017-0292 Fire Department Update on Improvements and Staffing Levels

Attachments: [Supp Fall Prevention and Public Safety Committee.pptx](#)
[Supp Status Quo - Proposed - Difference.pdf](#)
[Fire Operational 2014-2017.pdf](#)
[Supp Fire Overtime Hours Trend.pdf](#)

Chairperson Johnson introduced Todd Gary, Deputy Fire Chief for the City's Fire Department Presentation to the Committee.

Deputy Gary introduced Nancy Butty, Fire and Life Safety Educator, Captain Lee Mayes, Assistant Fire Marshall and Captain Tim Matz, EMS Coordinator.

Officer Butty stated that the City's Fire Department had recognized that there is a 'fall problem' with the City's residents and have been working for a number of years to provide education, safety and fall prevention assistance to the City's residents to significantly reduce the number of fall incidents. She summarized the information provided on the power point:

- City's total population is approximately greater than 73,000
- City's population aged 65 and over is approximately greater than 11,000
- One in four people over the age of 75 are expected to fall and the number of incidents increase as the individuals become 85 or older
- Approximately 23 senior facilities in the City, approximate capacity of 3,200 people which does not include seniors living independently at private residences
- Two have not opened as of this date
- Google hits for fall prevention programs are over 5 million
- 2015 National Fire Protection Association Remembering When Program - 8 messages each for fire safety and for fall prevention
- Local hospitals host Matter of Balance Program
- Collaboration with home health care agencies, neighboring cities, hospitals, schools, churches and senior facilities
- CHIPS - community health and injury prevention services; train the trainer
- Saturday, September 22, 2018 - National Fall Prevention Day
- Home surveys - 16-step procedure to aide in homeowner safety
- Community partner(s) for funding night lights, smoke alarms, etc. for residents in need
- Crittenton and Beaumont Hospitals' group presentations by occupational and physical therapy staff
- 2014 - approximately 29 million falls; prediction for 49 million falls in 2030 - does not include the breakdown of injuries vs. fatalities
- Two (2) different categories of falls - simple lift assist or fall with injury

Mr. Mark Tisdell then introduced Kathy Forzley, Director of Health and Human Services - Oakland County.

Ms. Forzley commended the City for being so lucky to have Officer Butty and the Fire Department Programs. She stated the following:

- There is a need to create a wider scope of awareness multi-generationally for fall prevention;
- She expressed concern about cancellations and/or low attendance rates at the Matter of Balance classes;
- Class cancellations or low attendance possibly due to individuals beginning the class but not completing the class because of location, navigation of a difficult parking lot, inclement weather or attendees not following through on a commitment to the class;

- She expressed a desire to see collaboration by all community team members on a county-wide campaign to engage all age groups to encourage the importance of safety practices;
- She felt that by only concentrating on the senior population, the seniors themselves may not be aware of potential situations. She commented that by broadening the scope of the awareness campaign, future seniors are educated sooner about safety and prevention as well as development of a sense of community looking out for each other to prevent situations;
- She described Oakland County's Health Division - Senior Advisory Council being a valuable resource for all communities;
- She stated that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention had discussed the correlation between senior citizens' low levels of Vitamin D, drug interactions, type of diet and dehydration, muscle aches and pains, inactivity and lack of core muscles – may all contribute to falls. Falls lead to fear and which leads to inactivity and limited mobility;
- The importance for relatives to go to doctors appointments with senior relatives; and
- She would like to see a county-wide 'Prevention Day' - collaboration with local and county government and senior residential communities.

The Committee Members discussed the various events and schedules located throughout the community and the fact that Older Persons' Commission have referral sources to assist seniors with the installation of grip bars, etc. It was suggested that with the addition of a community engagement officer to the Oakland County Sheriffs Office, that a collaborative effort with the City's Fire Department would assist in educating the City's residents in incident prevention.

Mr. Tisdell introduced Michael Dyki, Executive Director of Stonecrest of Rochester Hills, Senior Center.

Mr. Dyki stated that in most assisted living centers, fall prevention is a key component for the safety and retention of residents. He stated that the facilities are tasked with implementation of fall prevention and training programs for the team of employees (caregivers, housekeeping, etc.) and led by the directors and the nursing staff. He commented that the independent living facilities may outsource some of the care and may not have the level of training as found in the assisted living facilities. He stated that residents are living at assisted living facilities longer, through progression of dementia, alzheimers, etc. He noted a direct correlation between the number of fall incidents and the improper use of mobility devices, and/or use of the wrong mobility device. He stressed the importance of partnerships with therapy companies to ensure the proper use and settings of mobility devices.

Deputy Gary discussed the enactment of an ordinance to bill assisted facilities for lift assists but that it does not address the issue of single-family homes and seniors living independently. He stated that the Fire Department has been researching other municipalities' practices but there was concern that if residents cannot afford the charge, they would choose to remain on the floor until a family member can assist them which could result in more dangerous situations. He reported that 70% of the trauma incidents are from fire-related calls, not 70% of the EMS calls.

Discussion ensued by Committee Members to brainstorm with the City's Fire Department, Oakland County Health Division's Senior Advisory Council and the assisted living facilities to create and implement some programs such as 'Train the Trainer', Home Safety Surveys and Inspections as well as other community prevention education.

2015-0259 Discussion for Funding Storm Water System Maintenance

Attachments: [Supp Executive Summary.pdf](#)
[PSI Presentation - Rochester Hills - May 24 2017.pdf](#)
[RH - Cost Table.pdf](#)
[SUPP SAG 2 Presentation - Rochester Hills.pdf](#)
[SUPP SAG 1 Presentation - Rochester Hills.pdf](#)
[SUPP 2015-1013 SAW Grant Update.pdf](#)
[Stormwater FAQ.pdf](#)
[S.E. Michigan Stormwater Discussion.pdf](#)
[Senate Bill No. 256.pdf](#)
[Ann Arbor Case Study.pdf](#)
[City of Ann Arbor Stormwater Utility Ordinance.pdf](#)
[City of Berkley Storm Water Utility.pdf](#)
[Funding Mechanisms.pdf](#)
[Jackson Case Study.pdf](#)
[St. Clair Shores Stormwater Utility Ordinance.pdf](#)

Chairperson Johnson reported that he had made inquiries as to storm water legislation with the 45th District - House Representative - Michael Webber's Office and that there may be legislation activity in the Senate.

Member Hetrick responded that there are several lobbying groups, the Michigan Municipal League, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and consultants working with Lansing to get movement on legislation.

Joe Snyder, City Chief Financial Officer, commented that his sources suggest that there might be traction on the senate side and that Senator Marty Knollenberg has multiple districts including Berkley and Royal Oak that might be motivated for this type of legislation due to the flood history of those areas.

The Committee Members discussed many communities coming together to create movement on storm water legislation to possibly create a type of utility to identify a funding source for the maintenance of storm water management in communities.

Tim Pollizzi, Water Resources Coordinator, discussed the City's Asset Management Plan and the monitoring conditions of the City's storm water sewers and private storm water sewers. He stated that the Saw Grant is advantageous to the City as an educational tool for the City's residents.

Member Hetrick suggested that the educational program could be presented at the homeowners' association meetings.

Mr. Pollizzi responded that an educational component could also be published in the Hills Herald.

Member McCardell suggested presentations could be made at schools to different parts of the City.

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members as to presentation(s), assistance by City Staff and Committee Members, educational content and structure.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- To Be Determined.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee, Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Walter Johnson, Chairperson

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