

**MINUTES OF THE
SAFETY & SERVICE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
Mayfield Village Conference Room**

The Safety and Service Committee met on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 in the Mayfield Village Conference Room at the Mayfield Village Civic Center. Mrs. Cinco called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Cinco and Mr. Marrie

Also

Present: Mrs. Mills, Mr. Wynne, Chief Edelman, Chief Mohr,
Mr. Metzung, Mr. Dinardo, Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Betsa

Mrs. Cinco reported, we had a Drainage and Infrastructure Committee meeting this evening. Hopefully the Minutes will be coming to Council shortly. We are going out to bid on a couple of projects and are taking a look at a couple others. I will report more on that at Caucus.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

• Euclid Creek Watershed Program Renewal

Mr. Metzung reported, their four year agreement has run out. They are looking to do a new one at \$5,500 a year. We use them for our program, the education portion. Mrs. Cinco asked if there were any questions. There were none. This item will be sent on to Finance.

• Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Mr. Metzung reported, they have to also update their program. It really has no real changes for us. There will be no extra fees, nothing of that nature. They are going to need Council's approval and all of the Councils in the County to approve it.

PARKS & RECREATION

**• Sodium hypo chlorite and muriatic acid for Parkview Pool
(Sal Chemical – not to exceed \$1,500.00 - change order)**

Mr. Thomas reported, we asked for \$6,700 in March. I estimated that based on usage. It was a hot summer, so we used more. I am going to find out from my fellow Recreation Directors if

theirs went up too. I am curious. Mrs. Cinco stated, I would. It is an additional cost? Mr. Thomas replied, yes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police service dog (K-9 – includes training) (Excel K-9 Services, Inc. - \$11,800.00)

Chief Edelman reported, this is a proposal I have had in the works for a few years. We have been discussing this with area professionals and with the gentleman behind me which I will introduce momentarily. This is for a police K-9 unit.

There are a number of reasons I wanted to bring this to the table in Mayfield Village. We have a community that this is a really unique opportunity for us. With the public reception of the police department as good as it is, I think it could be even better. Police K-9 is a way to do that. Not only will the dog provide protection for the officers and for victims of crime, he is also instrumental in finding evidence, finding lost children and adults who may have walked away from their homes. Let's face it, there are drugs in the community whether you want to admit it or not. A Police K-9 will help to deal with that as well.

Mrs. Mills complimented Chief Edelman, your chart was very interesting for comparison.

Chief Edelman asked, the types of calls?

Mrs. Mills replied, yes. That will help.

Chief Edelman continued, the initial cost outlay for this will be almost nothing to the residents because of our Law Enforcement Trust Fund. If I could, I would like to introduce Paul Shaughnessy. Paul is the owner and master trainer of K-9s. I asked Paul to come here this evening just to help me answer any questions that Council may have. At this point, before I go on, is there anything you can think of off the top of your heads?

Mrs. Cinco commented, you did a good job of explaining.

Mrs. Mills agreed.

Mr. Marrie asked, do you train for all of the police departments?

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, not for all of them, but for quite a few. I brought my card today to pass it out to everyone. Also feel free to look at my website. It's pretty extensive. I have been in

business now for 11 years. I used to be a police officer. I was a Police Sergeant for the Housing Board for CMHA. I have 16 years there and 4 years at the City of Brecksville. It gave me an opportunity to work in both an urban area and a community that's not much different than your own here.

I would say that probably the best benefit to having a police dog would be that it is a locating tool. It not only locates people and narcotics and contraband, but it's also the only tool that the policeman has that he can recall. What I mean by that is that if an officer pulls out his tazer or his gun and he pulls that trigger, there's going to be a result to that. The reason that they carry tazers and batons and mace and all these other things is so that they don't have to use deadly force. Dogs are a great tool to be able to assist the officers and not have them go to that.

I realize that Mayfield Village is certainly not the inner city, but on a daily basis you have the same elements that are in the inner city traveling through your community. Those are probably the same people that are committing burglaries and home invasions. It's hitting everywhere, from Gates Mills to Orange to Solon and everybody around. They are getting hit with burglaries and so forth and so I think that departments are realizing that by having a police service dog it's one more tool for the police department. It's also a great deterrent to deter people from coming in to your community. When the dog is there, people give up.

It's also a great tool for public relations. Public relations mean a lot of different things to different people. When I worked in the housing projects, I first looked at my support people or my stakeholders in the community. They were really small children that were under the age of 12 and 13 and the people over 55 that were stuck. If you were in public housing at 55, you probably weren't going to go anywhere else. I targeted those two groups for public relations. I went out and handed out business trading cards with the dog's picture on it. On the back of the card, we put a bunch of information about the police department with a tip line. Then you go out to the different groups in the different neighborhoods and walk around. People come up and talk to your dog. They want to feel a little safer. At the Housing Authority we had 27 high rise buildings. What we would routinely do is we would go to 55th and Chester and take the elevator up to the top floor and kind of zig zag each floor. On each bulletin board outside of the elevator, you put the dog's business card with his picture on it. You stick it on the wall on the bulletin board. All the high rises are senior buildings. It was just overwhelming support because then they felt somebody was there to look in on them and check on them at night.

Chief Edelman stated, this is something along the lines I envision for this dog. We can take the dog to Governor's Village and introduce him around to some of the patients there. I know from personal experience in having an elderly parent who is ill, having the dog there is a tremendous

thing to make them feel better and give them a better quality of life so that they can see, here it's only a dog, but it's there because it cares about them.

Mrs. Mills stated, I had a service dog. I would take him down there. What about your liability insurance? As an owner of a service dog, I had to have liability insurance.

Mr. Shaughnessy stated, I think you will find that within your city your liability insurance will be the same as if you add an officer. I have worked with numerous other departments across Cuyahoga County and certainly across the State and other States. That is what the general consensus is. There's no more liability than hiring another officer.

Mrs. Mills asked, is this dog going to be a German Shepherd or a Belgium, or what?

Mr. Shaughnessy responded, we have not quite decided that yet. Hopefully we will get to that point. We offer German Shepherds, Belgium and dogs that are crosses. What I really look for is the best quality dog for the environment which that dog is going to work. I have been over to Europe. I have some different vendors that I deal with in Slovakia and Holland. When I tell them I want dogs; right now I have 6 dogs for 6 different departments, I tell them what I am looking for. They bring the dogs. One dog is going to Brecksville, one to Mantua Township. Bainbridge is getting a second dog. Lorain Police Department is getting a dog. Euclid is getting a dog. Clinton Township out of the Columbus area.

Chief Edelman stated, the dog in Euclid wouldn't necessarily be the same as the dog in Mayfield Village.

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, no.

Mrs. Mills stated, I had a Belgium. He was an excellent guard dog.

Mr. Shaughnessy stated, there's a lot of dogs that have different personalities. What I do is I do an awful lot of time, about 2 months, 6 weeks of pre-training with the dogs. That gives me an opportunity to see, well, who's good in the house, who's really social? The dog that is going to Brecksville is certainly not even a candidate to go to Euclid. Why? Because those two communities are the opposite. They are very different. They have different problems, different priorities and different issues.

With regard to how they do with other animals, Mr. Shaughnessy stated, I have about 30 some dogs in St. Martin in the Netherlands. They wanted a search and rescue dog after Natalie

Holloway came up missing. Different departments started buying these search and rescue dogs. I was training a dog for them. It was a Labrador. I trained it for a couple months. I took it there. I am doing a training class there. What do you know we are in a rock quarry doing a mock scenario with a victim hidden two miles into the quarry. All of a sudden what do you know, here comes a herd of goats. That dog looked at the goats and started running after them. He came back after about 100 feet and I was like, I never trained him on goats.

Mr. Marrie asked, will this dog live with the officer?

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, yes. The dog would go home with him every day. We select social dogs, meaning that when the dogs come in, we are immediately pulling on their tail. The six dogs I have I could pick them up by their tail. They are not going to bite me or snap or anything else. That's an important thing for me as the trainer.

Mr. Marrie replied, you know that and I know that. But does the dog know that?

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, we pull on their ears. While they are eating, we go in and take food out of their bowl. The reason I do all these things from a training aspect is if the dog shows either fear or aggression or whatever else, then I know, okay, this is probably the dog to go here and this is probably the dog to go here and so on and so forth. We really try to team up the dogs with the community. All of the dogs are going to have a two year health and workability guarantee. What that means is if a dog comes down with hip dysplasia, cancer, elbow issues or some other debilitating disease in the first two years, no questions asked to the program, you bring the dog back and we replace the dog. With a new dog and new training at free of cost.

Mrs. Mills asked, at what age do you start training?

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, just about a year old. Your new dog would be between one and two years of age. I also offer a workability guarantee. We train that dog for drug detection. Your officer completes the class. At the conclusion for the next two years, we guarantee that your dog will be able to pass certification standards in narcotics detection. If the dog can't do that, I will either retrain the dog for free or I will replace the dog. If I can't fix the problem, I will replace it. We spend a lot of time and energy to make sure.

Mr. Marrie stated, I know nothing about this, but when I see it on TV and they show some of the dogs in action, the one thing that always concerned me was the German dogs; when the commands are in German. That always scared me because that's all well and good for the officer with him, but what about everybody else because he doesn't understand English commands?

Mr. Shaghnessy replied, you are absolutely right. One of the reasons we train the dog in different language is because not so much in Germany, because there are actually criminals in prison who learn what the different commands are and how to defeat the police dog. We have had several incidents where maybe the dog is used and is attacking the officer. As the dog comes in, they will slide their coat off and try to give it to the dog hoping that the dog will deal with their coat or their sweatshirt. We actually do training to get the dog to bypass that and that the fight is really with the suspect and it's not with the piece of clothing. Another reason is that, let's say that your officer is out on patrol and he has assaulted someone. He's getting beat up. The dog comes out of the car and apprehends the criminal or maybe it's on a building search, who knows where. The first thing the Chief would do when the person came in to make a complaint would be, write down everything you heard the officer say. What did he say to that dog? When he says, I told that dog to get him, bite him, kill him, and the dog just lays there sleeping then you know that that person is lying. That's a good reason why. The other reason is and the way I used to use my dog an awful lot is I come in and tell the dog to lay down in another language and really all I did was tell him lay down and stay but then I could say to you, the criminal, I told my dog, don't fight, you better not fight, the dog's watching you.

Mrs. Mills asked, do you ever do just hand signals?

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, we do hand signals. A down and a sit and a stay. I do have some experience training some therapy dogs. I have had numerous dogs that work at the Cleveland Clinic.

Mrs. Mills stated, those dogs really get stressed out doing that. People don't understand that. You can't keep taking them to these places because something happens to the dog. They shut down like a person. I guess they get involved.

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, they might get depressed.

Mrs. Mills asked, the officer you have chosen, is he a dog person?

Chief Edelman replied, he is. He has another dog at home that we are taking into consideration.

Mr. Marrie asked, when you train a dog, do you train him separately for search, separately for drugs, separately for explosives? Or is it multiple training?

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, good question. The dog is certainly capable of sniffing out all those different odors. There's four basic narcotic odors. That would be marijuana, heroin, cocaine, and

methamphetamine. We also train them on ecstasy as well. There's no reason to possess any of those, at least under our State government laws. But for the explosive odors, there's 7 basic odors.

We don't cross-train the dogs. Really the reason is that not that the dog is not capable, but if the dog was searching a car and sat giving the officer the indication that there is something inside the car, then if it was a drug dog, you are just going to look inside the car because you have probable cause. If it's an explosive detector, then you are going to leave the scene and call an area bomb squad and let them come in and deal with that problem.

Mr. Marrie asked, what are we looking at?

Chief Edelman replied, a patrol and narcotic dog.

Mr. Marrie asked, so we have a child lost in the park?

Chief Edelman replied, the dog will be trained in human tracking. That's part of the patrol training.

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, they would be trained for tracking a child, an Alzheimer's patient, someone distraught or someone who got in a fight with their wife who says, hey, I am going to go out and do myself in, where are they going to go, they go to the park.

The dog will also be trained in evidence recovery. They will look for something that maybe was from a burglary and someone is running down the street with 5 CD's and they drop them. Nowadays finding evidence and recovering it in a safe manner is so important. The dog would locate it. We would send it to the crime lab and get DNA off of it and may tie it to something that is really a major crime. That's certainly happening more and more around the country.

I always try to look at where your community is, not so much today and I know that Mayfield Village is a nice safe community. I live right next door. But where is it going to be in 5 years? As the surrounding communities are changing, certainly over the last 5 years, the City of Lyndhurst has changed. If Lyndhurst changes, well, you are right next door to us. It's just how life is.

Chief Edelman stated, we would like to think otherwise.

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, I know. It's just reality. Do you have the right tools to be able to take care of whatever that might be? The dog is certainly not a sure-all tool but it is a great locating tool. It is a great PR tool. All around you can have a great program and bring more respect to the community.

Mrs. Mills asked, do you muzzle the dog?

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, sometimes. It's actually part of the training to wear a muzzle. First on the bite work end we teach the dog to bite a rag, then an exposed sleeve, then a full body bite suit, then a hidden sleeve that goes underneath a jacket. In reality, the dog is looking for a piece of equipment. You are going to be a little bit puffier. We do some muzzle training where the dog can go in and search a building or deploy from a car or do different scenario where we put a muzzle on him and no one needs to have any equipment on them. It is a bit more realistic in working around other officers and outreaching a building or a house knowing that we can do this safely. That's the only time the dog would wear a muzzle. Certainly he should have no reason to wear the muzzle on patrol for any reason.

Mrs. Mills replied, if the dog is training properly, you shouldn't have to use a muzzle.

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, it's very humane, it's just when you have your whole SWAT team and everybody bumping into it with live gunfire and all kinds of other things where you don't have to worry about anybody getting injured because the dog is muzzled. That's the only time we do it.

Mr. Marrie asked, does more than one officer get trained?

Chief Edelman replied, no, just one officer. It's a life partner.

Mr. Shaughnessy stated, it's certainly feasible to retrain a police dog with a second man if something was to happen. Certainly if that officer was to leave or something, the dog would still be property of the Village and you can certainly take the dog and retrain it with somebody else. People say, how could that ever happen? If you went to the pound and picked out a dog, you take it home and feed him two or three days and he is going to be your best friend.

Mrs. Mills asked, what is the age that the dog lives?

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, 10, 12 years old. You are safe at saying 10. We can't guarantee that. It really depends on what the dog does. If the dog is working in the City of Cleveland on a daily basis doing building searches and getting punched and kicked and everything else, or working in

Lorain which is not any better than Cleveland, it's going to take a toll on the dog. Just like it would with other people.

Mrs. Cinco asked, are there any other questions?

Mrs. Mills asked, are you going to stay for Caucus? That would be nice if you would.

Mr. Shaughnessy replied, whatever I can do.

Mrs. Cinco stated, thank you.

. **K-9 insert for Crown Vic Police Car and K-9 equipment (Hall Public Safety Co. - \$5,657.05)**

Mrs. Cinco stated, this item will probably depend on how it goes with the dog. This will go right on to Finance.

Mrs. Cinco asked, does Chris get extra pay because he is keeping the dog?

Chief Edelman replied, the FLSA requires that a dog handler stay with his Service Dog 24/7. You are entitled to some compensation. I talked to some of the other police chiefs. What they have done is given the officer certain hours of time off to make up for that.

Mr. Marrie asked, instead of pay?

Chief Edelman replied, yes.

Mrs. Cinco stated, then that takes the dog out of service because the officer isn't working.

Mrs. Mills stated, they would be taken out of service, but would come in when needed.

Chief Edelman replied, one of the criteria for selecting the officer is that he only lives 10 minutes away.

Mr. Marrie asked, who is it?

Mrs. Cinco replied, Chris Cross.

Mr. Marrie asked, so there's no extra cost?

Chief Edelman replied, no. There would only be overtime if there were an emergency and he had to be called.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

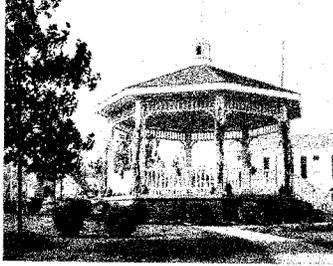
Mrs. Cinco asked if there were any further matters. There were none.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next Safety and Service meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Mayfield Village Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted,



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