

Minutes of the Roads & Safety Committee of Stow City Council Meeting held on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Razor, Lowdermilk, Costello & Pribonic

Other Council Members Present: Adaska & D'Antonio

City Officials Present: Service Director Wren, Finance Director Baranek, Law Director Zibritosky, Director of Budget & Management Earle, Director of Planning & Development Kurtz, Police Chief Film, Fire Chief Stone, Manager of Information Systems Germano, Parks & Recreation Director Nahrstedt & Clerk of Council Emahiser

Press Representatives: Stow Sentry

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### **Call to Order**

Mr. Razor called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of Minutes**

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Lowdermilk moved and Mr. Razor seconded to approve the Minutes of the Roads & Safety Committee Meeting of March 22, 2018 as circulated.

Yes Votes: Razor, Lowdermilk, Costello & Pribonic

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

### **Business Items**

#### **Service & Valor Awards**

Mr. Razor stated they were giving away another Service & Valor Award for exemplary service by an employee of the City of Stow either in the Service Department or among our First Responders.

Mr. Wren stated Don Simone was a Foreman in the Street Department. On January 9, 2018, at approximately 10:30 p.m., the Stow Fire Department was called to a fire at the

Wendy's Restaurant at 1051 Graham Road. Weather conditions were difficult with temperatures below freezing which caused icing conditions throughout the fire ground.

The Shift Commander called for a salt truck to lay down salt around the building. Don Simone showed up shortly thereafter. After he salted the driveway and parking lot he also dumped a pile of salt for use after he left.

Because of the location of the fire in the ceiling it was difficult to locate and extinguish even with the four fire departments who had responded. After some time fighting the fire with little headway the decision was made to punch holes in the side of the brick and block walls in order to spray water inside the structure.

Don Simone took the salt truck back to the Service Department and returned with a backhoe. He did an excellent job opening up the structure for the Firefighters enabling them to extinguish the fire.

The conditions for Don were less than satisfactory as he had to operate the backhoe in smoky conditions with poor visibility. He never complained and seemed right at home with the Firefighters.

This fire would have continued to burn for many hours without the use of the backhoe. Thanks to Don Simone the fire was finally brought under control and extinguished.

Mr. Razor thanked Mr. Simone for his assistance. The City truly appreciated his outstanding service to the community. A Service & Valor Award was presented to him.

Mr. Simone thanked the City for the opportunity to work for Stow. He stated that they had a lot of great employees here. It was one good Service Department.

### **Adjournment**

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Pribonic moved and Mr. Lowdermilk seconded to adjourn.

Yes Votes: Razor, Lowdermilk, Costello & Pribonic

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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Bonnie J. Emahiser  
Clerk of Council

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Mike Razor  
Chairman