

## **MINUTES PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD**

**APRIL 28, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Paul Wegner at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Ron Mergen, Public Safety Board/Acting City Administrator; Andy Soine, Fire Chief; Tom Fread, Emergency Management Director, Doris Wendlandt, Jeffrey Booth, CentraCare Health Paynesville; Jeff Thompson, Steve Lehmkuhl, Paynesville Township Representative and Donnie Mayer, Paynesville Schools.

**Motion was made by Fread to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2020 Public Safety Board meeting. Seconded by Soine and unanimously carried.**

### **COVID-19 REPORT**

Soine reported that the Fire Department has 250 surgical and N95 masks. Their protocol currently is four firefighters in the rescue truck and two in the grass truck. One person goes in and determines personnel and equipment needs. Hand sanitizer is not in all the trucks.

Wegner reported that the Police Department protocol is officers are not responding to medicals as to not unnecessarily exposing anyone to COVID-19. In addition, mental health calls are increasing and those are taken to St. Cloud.

Booth reported on CentraCare's protocol and testing. They have a tent outside set up for appointment only. Booth also elaborated on the testing procedures and guidelines to be tested.

### **FOUR WAY STOP AT BUSINESS 23 AND STATE HWY. 55**

The intersection is still dangerous as people are still not seeing the stop sign, mainly from Hwy. 55 South or east bound traffic. It was questioned why MNDOT did not install the flashing stop signs. MNDOT prioritizes on a criteria which is based on accidents and the severity of the accidents. Staff was directed to follow up with MNDOT on the flashing stop signs.

### **REVIEW HAZARDOUS MITIGATION GOALS**

The goals have already been completed.

### **2020 NIGHT TO UNITE**

Members discussed if the event should be cancelled as it would be very difficult to manage social distancing at this event. In addition, if businesses cannot be open the City should not host an event that would encourage gatherings. Members agreed to wait to make any decision on this event.

## **HWY. 55 AND LAKE AVE.**

Wegner mentioned that a “NO Right Turn” sign should be posted on Hwy. 55 east bound prior to the intersection. Also discussed was the future roundabout proposed by MNDOT. Members asked staff to follow up with MNDOT on the signage and the status of the roundabout.

## **SPEED SIGNS**

Wegner reported that the one on Lake Ave. is in operation. The Hwy. 55 unit is still in the permitting process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.