ROADS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Council Chambers
3760 Darrow Rd.
Stow, OH

NOVEMBER 5, 2026

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

Committee Members: Cyle Feldman, Chair; Kim Young, Vice-Chair; Mario Fiocca, and John Baranek

The meeting will begin immediately after the Planning Committee meeting.

Meeting will be Live Streamed and Archived on the City Council webpage https://stowohio.org/244/City-Council or Subscribe to the City of Stow YouTube page.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

   a. Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2026
   2026-09-24 Roads and Safety Committee Minutes - DRAFT.pdf

   b. Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2026
   2026-10-08 Roads and Safety Committee Minutes - DRAFT.pdf

4. **City Officials Reports**
   Police Chief / Fire Chief / City Engineer

5. **Consideration of Business Items**

   a. Presentation: 2026 Road Maintenance Plan and Road Improvement Plan

   b. Recognition: Detective Ryan Schulz

   c. 2026-176 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE AND ENTER INTO A PROSECUTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF TWINSBURG AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
   2026-176 Twinsburg - Prosecution_Contract for 2027 and 2028.pdf

6. **Public Comment Period**

7. **Adjournment**

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Minutes of the Roads and Safety Committee held on Thursday, September 24, 2026, 5:45 pm

Call to Order

Roll Call

Council Members Present:	Cyle Feldman, Kim Young, Mario Fiocca, and John Baranek
Council Members Absent:	None.
City Officials Present:	Kyle Herman, Matt Riehl, Kelly Coffey, John Pribonic, Jim McCleary, Kelly Toppin, Angela Revay, Drew Reilly, Steve Hooten, Bryan Snavely, Mike Lang Jr., and Sonya Mottram

City Officials Reports

Captain Snavely said the department remains busy. He will present the annual Police report later in the meeting.

Cheif Lang said there had been significant changes at the fire department. He thanked those who had attended, described the week as hectic with long hours and plenty to do, and said he was excited to begin the new fire administration with Chief Kozak and serve the community. Mr. Baranek asked whether there had been an update on the crosswalk at Fishcreek near the new fire station. He recalled that it was being reviewed to determine whether the angle was correct. Mr. McCleary said they were working on it that day.

Mr. McCleary represented the Engineering Department. He has nothing to report. Mr. Feldman shared that council had received a kind email recognizing progress on the Young Road sidewalks, which would help families walk to Silver Springs Park. He appreciated the feedback and noted that waiting at the stoplight could be frustrating.

Consideration of Business Items

- Presentation: Stow Police Department 2025 Annual Report

  2025 - Annual Report - Stow Police Department.pdf

  Captain Snavely presented the police department's 2025 annual report. He said the department had about 100 staff members and handled just over 22,000 calls for service, an 8% increase from 2024. He described the transition from Chief Film to Chief Prusa as the year's most significant change and reported that crime remained relatively low, though calls, crime, and arrests were trending upward in 2026. He

also outlined department changes and investments: a move from eight-hour to 12-hour patrol shifts, four new officer hires, updated handguns, scheduling software, a new BAC machine, drones, safety-building improvements, and ongoing training. He highlighted the department's community engagement and thanked the public, council, and city administration for their support. He invited people to a senior safety event and to the safety forces open house on October 1, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.
The presentation was attached to the minutes.
Mr. Herman asked how the police department balanced public safety with privacy concerns about Flock cameras and whether their use could undermine residents' trust. Captain Snavely said Flock had helped protect public safety and that the department had policies, procedures, and audits to ensure appropriate use. Herman then praised the department's safeguards and asked what limits it placed on data sharing with outside agencies. Captain Snavely began explaining that law-enforcement technology and its safeguards were continually changing.
Ms. Young commended the police department's thorough annual report and praised Officer Paxton's use of Flock to help locate someone connected to a suspected credit-card theft or fraud case. She then asked how traffic crashes were trending in 2026, noting that crashes had risen 17% in 2025 to 1,013, a five-year high. She also raised concerns about speeding and drivers running red lights and asked what the department was doing to increase enforcement. Captain Snavely said traffic enforcement was a frequent public concern. He noted that crashes had reached a five-year high in 2025 and continued to rise into 2026, partly as traffic returned to pre-pandemic levels. He said the department had increased proactive traffic enforcement and responded to complaints while working to improve safety throughout the community.
Mr. Feldman asked why officers issued 5,301 warnings compared with 2,015 citations. Captain Snavely replied that the department had generally operated that way and did not want to be known as "Ticket City." He went on to say that the officers use discretion at a traffic stop. He also noted that many times a warning could change people's behavior.
Mr. Feldman asked why there was so many thefts. Captain Snavely said theft was commonly the most frequent crime and ranged from shoplifting to large-scale fraud. He explained that the department worked to deter theft through visible patrols and investigated incidents when they occurred. Officers also left residents "poor security" notices as friendly reminders—for example, when they spotted an open garage door at night.

- 2026-158 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MIGCHELBRINK INC FOR CONCRETE RISERS, LIDS, AND SUPPLIES FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF PUBLIC BIDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2026-158 Migchelbrink Inc.pdf

2026-158 FC Memo - Migchelbrink.pdf

Mr. Brooker explained that while inspecting catch basins ahead of street paving, the Street Department found many in older neighborhoods that needed significant repairs or replacement. The work had expanded beyond expectations, but a vendor was quickly making custom basins to fit different sizes and configurations. Mr. Brooker said the department expected to replace up to 71 catch basins that year, compared with about 12 to 15 annually, improving the finished paving work.

Motion made by John Baranek, seconded by Mario Fiocca, to forward to this evening's regular council meeting. Vote – Yeas: Cyle Feldman, Kim Young, Mario Fiocca, John Baranek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments this evening.

Adjournment

Motion made by John Baranek, seconded by Mario Fiocca, to approve. Vote – Yeas: Cyle Feldman, Kim Young, Mario Fiocca, John Baranek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Clerk

Chairman

Minutes of the Roads and Safety Committee held on Thursday, October 8, 2026, 5:45 pm

Call to Order

Roll Call

Council Members Present:	Cyle Feldman, Kim Young, Mario Fiocca, and John Baranek
Council Members Absent:	None.
City Officials Present:	Kyle Herman, Matt Riehl, Kelly Coffey, John Pribonic, Nick Wren, Mike Jones, Kelly Toppin, Angela Revay, Drew Reilly, Steve Hooten, Heather Prusha, Bryan Snavely, Mark Kozak, Tou Xiong, and Sonya Mottram

Approval of Minutes

- The Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2026

  2026-09-10 Roads and Safety Committee - Draft.pdf

  Motion made by John Baranek, seconded by Mario Fiocca, to approve. Vote – Yeas: Cyle Feldman, Kim Young, Mario Fiocca, John Baranek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

City Officials Reports

Chief Prusha reported that the city had held a successful open house and first responders memorial ribbon cutting. She continued by saying the Police Department participated in a recent senior expo. She said these events helped the department engage with and educate the community. She also noted that the city had received its final vehicle planned for 2026, a police Ford Explorer that would be upfitted later that month.

Asst. Chief Kozak said Fire Prevention Week had focused on lithium-ion battery safety and noted that the Junior Firefighter Academy was scheduled for Saturday at Fire Station 3. He reported that four candidate firefighters had been sworn in and that Lt. Cal Davis had been promoted to captain and would take over fire training. He continued with call volume had reached about 4,800 through September, 155 more than the previous year's record pace. He also explained that a planned ambulance purchase would replace a 2017 vehicle with 155,000 miles, but supply-chain delays meant delivery could take until 2029 or 2030.

City Engineer, Mike Jones, reported that the Seasons - Allen Signal Project had entered

flashing mode and was expected to become fully operational on October 14. He said signs had been posted to alert motorists and urged drivers to slow down and obey the signal.

Consideration of Business Items

- Discussion: 2026 Road Maintenance Plan and Road Improvement Plan

  Mr. Feldman introduced the 2026 road maintenance and improvement plan, noting that catch-basin and curb work preceded paving. Mr. Wren said the work had fallen behind because crews had replaced or were replacing 71 catch basins. Seasons Road had been paved first, and crews had moved on to Ward 3. Mr. Wren said he would provide a fuller update at the November 5 meeting. Mr. Feldman asked whether the city would increase its pace beyond the roughly 12 catch basins per year it had averaged; Wren replied that crews were focused on catch basins and had only about three weeks before the leaf program began. When Mr. Feldman asked whether the road program would fall behind, Mr. Wren said it had not yet. Mr. Brooker would be available to report on November 5th.

- 2026-162 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PFUND SUPERIOR SALES CO INC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2029 FORD E-450 CUSTOM SUPERLINER TYPE III AMBULANCE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF PUBLIC BIDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

  2026-162 Pfund_Superior_Sales.pdf

  2026-162 R&S BOC Memo Pfund Superior - 2029 Ambulance.pdf

  Asst. Fire Chief Kozak presented the planned ambulance purchase, which was part of the 2026 capital plan and would replace a 2017 ambulance. He said delivery was expected around the end of 2029. Because of supply-chain delays, ambulances were taking about 10 to 12 years to rotate out instead of the intended 10, and the ambulance being replaced could have 175,000 to 200,000 miles by then.
  Mr. Feldman asked about the city's five active ambulances and the differences between ambulance types. Asst. Chief Kozak explained that Type 3 ambulances had a van-style front connected to the patient compartment, while Type 1 ambulances had separate cab and rear sections and Type 2 ambulances were van-style vehicles commonly used by private services. Mr. Feldman confirmed the city was purchasing a Type 3, and Asst. Chief Kozak said the city's ambulances were Type 3 gasoline models.
  Ms. Young asked whether electric ambulances were available. Asst. Chief Kozak said electric fire trucks were beginning to be produced, but electric ambulances were not really on the market. He explained that ambulances needed to stay in service and that stopping to recharge could take them out of service; most available models still used gasoline or diesel.

  Motion made by John Baranek, seconded by Mario Fiocca, to forward to this evening's regular council meeting. Vote – Yeas: Cyle Feldman, Kim Young, Mario Fiocca, John Baranek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

- Discussion: AED locations and plan for additions at parks

  Ms. Young said she had raised the AED discussion after a resident asked where AEDs were located and how many the city had. She had contacted Mr. Marc

Anderson, and he and Nick Wren had provided a list showing AEDs in 10 buildings. She appreciated the information and video and asked about the timeline for adding AEDs to athletic fields, pickleball courts, and other outdoor spaces.

Mr. Wren said the city had received five AED bids, ranging from $800 to $5,000, and planned to purchase four for outdoor athletic areas. Ms. Young confirmed the proposed locations: Silver Springs Soccer Field, Oregon Trail Soccer/Baseball Fields, Adelle Durbin Tennis Courts, and Oregon Trail pickleball courts. Mr. Feldman reviewed existing AED locations, and Mr. Wren confirmed them. Mr. Feldman asked who maintained the AED batteries and pads. Mr. Wren said Swift, the city's first-aid-kit contractor, checked them when servicing the buildings.

Mr. Baranek supported adding additional units at the parks. Mrs. Coffey said she had recently completed AED and CPR training, which had reinforced how important AEDs were during the critical minutes before life support arrived. She supported adding them to the outdoor locations.

Public Comment Period

Patrick Crawford, 3499 Red Wing Circle, thanked the committee for looking into AEDs. He said the Parks Board had recommended them for several locations in 2022 and noted that Ohio law required cities of Stow's size to provide AEDs at recreational facilities, including outdoor areas. He was pleased the city was moving forward and hoped the AEDs would be installed soon. Mr. Reilly confirmed the units were required by Ohio Revised Code.

Moe Al-Sharif, 5462 Young Rd., asked whether the lack of a crossing on Young Road at Sierra Vista was an oversight or whether one was planned for later, following the recent sidewalk installation.

Mr. Jones said the city did not recommend a mid-block crossing on Young Road and had no plans for one at Sierra Vista. He said crosswalk striping and signage would be installed at Duquesne Dr. in the coming weeks. When Mr. Feldman asked where someone walking from the east-side sidewalk toward Silver Springs should cross, Mr. Jones directed them to Duquesne Dr., south toward Silver Springs.

Adjournment

Motion made by John Baranek, seconded by Mario Fiocca, to adjourn. Vote – Yeas: Cyle Feldman, Kim Young, Mario Fiocca, John Baranek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Clerk : Sonya Mottram

Chairman : Cyle Feldman

REQUESTED BY LAW DIRECTOR
APPROVED BY ROADS & SAFETY
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-176 INTRODUCED BY FELDMAN

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE AND ENTER INTO A PROSECUTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF TWINSBURG AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Law Director has requested authorization for the Mayor to enter into a two-year renewal prosecution services contract with the City of Twinsburg; and

WHEREAS, under this Prosecution Services Agreement, the City of Stow will provide prosecution of misdemeanor and traffic offenses through the Stow Municipal Court and police legal advisor services to the City of Twinsburg Police Department, and the City of Twinsburg will furnish to the City of Stow the amount of $57,000.00 for **2027** and $59,000.00 for **2028**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOW, COUNTY OF SUMMIT AND STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to make and enter into a prosecution services contract with the City of Twinsburg for a two-year term, beginning on January 1, 2027, and expiring on December 31, 2028.

SECTION 2. The Finance Director is authorized to invoice and accept payment from the City of Twinsburg for such prosecution services.

SECTION 3. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees or subcommittees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance was adopted pursuant to Section 4.11 Charter, and is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety for the reason that this contract will increase efficiency of justice at the Stow Municipal Court and, pursuant to Section 4.13 Charter, shall take effect upon its adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.

Fund Account Number – 101 General Fund

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL_____

ATTEST

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Sonya Mottram, CLERK OF COUNCIL Kyle Herman, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH MAYOR _____ APPROVED_____

John Pribonic, MAYOR

FILED WITH CLERK _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM EFFECTIVE DATE_____

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Steven M. Hooten, ACTING LAW DIRECTOR

I, Sonya Mottram, Clerk of Council, do hereby certify that copies of the foregoing were posted in accordance with Section 4.12 of the Charter and 125.01 C.O.S.

Fund Account Numbers – 799 Capital