

Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
September 1, 2010

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, September 1, 2010. Chairman Bring called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Bring, Elliott, Rosso

Attending: President Podmanik, Councilwomen Stark, Mayor Piskura, Service Director Smith, Law Director Graves

READING OF THE MINUTES:

*Motion by Elliott/Second by Rosso to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2010 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORTS FROM THE SAFETY FORCES:

Fire - Acting Fire Chief Langin reported Fire Fighter Walters has officially resigned and taken a full-time position in Avon Lake. Hydrant flushing is still on-going from west to east but we are knocking it out. We had a fire over on Irving Park that had a good jump on us, probably in excess of \$100,000.00 worth of damage. I would like to thank the mutual aid departments that came. The squads have been up and running pretty well and working with the Service Director to try to get a better program together for maintenance of the vehicles. Chairman Bring asked we did get the one with the brakes, that is back in service right? Service Director Smith answered yes. Acting Fire Chief Langin continued we did have an incident with establishing new policies with more people out on the road so we are emptying the station. We did have a couple of times of people coming to station and knock on the door and there is nobody there but there is a sign posted as to what to do if the station is empty. Chairman Bring asked are we directing them to the Police Department for that. Acting Fire Chief Langin answered it is either call 911 or the Police Department. Chairman Bring stated 2 things; I think we are still lacking a bigger hose right? Acting Fire Chief Langin advised a large diameter hose, we have very little in reserve – yes. Chairman Bring stated I think they said we only have one of those? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered a couple of sections in reserve. Chairman Bring stated on the fire hydrants, are they documenting the ones that are and aren't working? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes and that goes over to Mr. Smith. Chairman Bring stated we are going to see what we can before winter time? Service Director Smith stated they have been on-going. Chairman Bring stated that original list we had about a year ago, they have been working on that list? Service Director Smith answered actually from what I understand the year ago stuff was 400 hydrants that were worked on. I haven't seen that list but I know that has been an on-going thing. I am just assuming that that is what you are talking about. Councilman Elliott asked do we have any part-timers left? Acting Fire Chief Langin asked on the roster? Councilman Elliott answered yes. Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes. Chairman Bring advised we are not currently using any of the part-time. Councilman Rosso asked Bill, can we get an updated list of the fire hydrants that are out of service?

Acting Fire Chief Langin answered sure.

Chairman Bring advised on the Police – we had a robot that we had for a number of years that they used to take to the schools for educational purposes. That has been reinstated and we had a Herb Dela-Porte fixed it on his own time and money and I just want to say thank you to him. Also, September Activity for the Police Department for training as listed – Officers Goscewski, Green, Corr, Reiber and Collins. The vehicles are all equipped and running in good order. I think we got new tires on those. Also, we received a free donation of AA & AAA batteries which they have shared with other city departments. Chairman Bring asked have we got anything on the MDT's? Mayor Piskura answered at the Mayors Counsel have been talking about how to fund things like that. We do potentially have an opportunity to fund part of those computers out of our Court Computerization fund along with maybe some other miscellaneous equipment. But the problem is that we need desperately to update on court system so once we are done figuring out how much money we need to spend on the court system is money that we would like to allocate towards that. Right now I think we are just a little bit shy on the grant that we wrote, I think \$4000.00 or something like that. Chairman Bring stated we are talking about doing a better grade, like the touch screens so they can drive and do that. Law Director Graves stated my understanding is that the grant would cover a basic package and to get the upgrade is going to be an additional \$4000.00. That money might be available out of the Court Computerization money. Chairman Bring stated I know that the touch screen is a good idea as the guys are driving, it is just like texting. Also, we never heard anything from the grant for the additional Officers? Mayor Piskura answered I have never heard anything about it, as far as I know Betty Sutton's office put in a good word for us and everybody did their lobbying and I have yet to hear anything. Soon as I hear something I will make sure you know. Councilman Elliott asked you mentioned that we have some Officers getting trained, what were they getting trained for? Clerk Fantauzzi advised all Officers training which will be spread out over the 3 month period will consist of a full autopsy, crime scene photography, trace evidence and DNA via the Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office. Sgt Goscewski will attend a week long school on missing and abducted children and return as an instructor. Officers Green and Corr will be attending a free school on Hate Crimes. Chief Shepherd, Officers Reiber and Collins will be attending a full expense paid Bomb Tech School in New Mexico. Chairman Bring asked did we get the camera at the Boat Launch fixed? Service Director Smith answered yes. Chairman Bring asked was that due to vandalism? Service Director Smith answered Centurytel's server went out. Law Director Graves asked is it now doing the continuous record, there is no gaps? Mayor Piskura stated if you look at it over the internet because the requirements or whatever for speed, it does not show as a continuous clip but if you go to the computer itself, if we have an incident where we have to download the data or view it from the computer itself then it is a continuous play. It is not high quality, it is maybe a frame every 8th of a second or something like. Law Director Graves advised there was a situation over 4 months ago where there was a fight down there where that 5 minutes was wiped off. Law Director Graves stated I just wanted to mention on the part-time dispatchers – there will be legislation coming next Council meeting amending the pay ordinance for part-time dispatch because the old one was below the current minimum wage so we bumped it up to

minimum wage. Councilman Rosso stated back in July there was a very lengthy conversation on cross-walks and Joe was going to get some sort of information and come back and one of the many lines in here says – asking David for a legal opinion on cross-walks. So I guess from July was, do we need other signage? Chairman Bring advised the problem we were having is people were walking right out in front of cars, in their minds thought that just because they were in the cross-walk that the cars had to stop. According to the Officers, you have to be at a reasonable distance and you can't just walk out in front of a car and expect them to stop – that is not what the cross-walks are intended for. We have no flashing light and we don't have the fold-out things for the state stating that you have to stop. You have to be reasonable when you walk out there and they were misunderstanding that and just walking out there and then other people are walking beyond the cross-walk walking in front of cars thinking that they were able to do that too. Councilman Rosso stated Joe's feeling was the signs we have are the right signs but they have to be 30 feet before the cross-walk? I don't know if that is right or wrong, I am just repeating. Now I think though which is always the one that really comes under discussion is the one by Lake Breeze at the light there and I believe that light takes precedence on a cross-walk. So pedestrians do not have the right of way ever where there is a traffic control device, a stop sign or a stop light but again that is the way I interpret it. Law Director Graves stated I will look into that for you. Chairman Bring stated I talked to one of the Officers and the Officer said if they are half way into the road, the other half can still go by and then once they got to the other then the other half could by but these people are thinking that traffic had to be stopped completely and everybody was upset about it.

Chairman Bring asked we haven't had any issues with the wind turbine? Service Director Smith answered everything is fine.

Councilwoman Stark asked on the sexual predator law, does it include parks? Law Director Graves answered yes. Councilwoman Stark advised on Guenther Park, there are supposedly some non-registered offenders that are living close to the park so I was questioned by neighbors whether or not they are allowed to be within the 1000 feet established. Law Director Graves advised state code prohibits any sexual offender from establishing a residence within a 1000 feet of school. The local ordinance extends that, you are not allowed to establish a residence within a 1000 feet of a school, any city park or library if you are a repeat sexual offender or a child-victim sexual offender and anyone that was already living there when we adopted the ordinance was grand-fathered in. That has gone through several different modifications in trying to keep up with the change from the old Megan's Law to the Adam Walsh Act and now portions of the Adam Walsh Act have been found to be unconstitutional as well. As it presently stands, if there are registered sex offenders within a 1000 feet of a park they are probably not a repeat offender or not a child-victim offender or they were there and grand-fathered in when we adopted our ordinance. We do keep very close track of that, Officer Schmidt does a monthly report for us and does a very good job. We recently obtained an injunction and forced one sexual offender in the city to move and I was able to have another one relocate just with some phone calls and letters. So I have had 2 recently have to move. Councilwoman Stark stated I know there was one that was on the county list and now all of a sudden he is not there but he still lives on our street, so that is where the questioning was coming in. Law Director

Graves advised I think that is the one that we had the injunction against and I think he is now registered as homeless but maybe he is a frequent visitor. Councilwoman Stark answered he has a kid and the kid lives on the street with him and gets on the bus. Law Director Graves advised he did re-register as homeless if we are talking about the same one.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, Motion by Elliott/Second by Rosso to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Yeas all.

CLERK OF COMMITTEE AFFIRMATION: This Meeting Of The City Committee OF The City Of Sheffield Lake, Ohio Was Held And Conducted Under All Rules And Regulations Governing The Sunshine Laws Of The State Of Ohio AS They May Apply. All meetings are recorded and available in council's office.

CLERK OF COMMITTEE

Kay Fantauzzi

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Committees of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of Committee of September 1, 2010.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Dennis Bring

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Edward R Podmanik

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Richard Rosso