

Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting  
**Sheffield Lake, Ohio**  
May 4, 2011

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, May 4, 2011. Chairman Bring called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Bring, Elliott, Rosso

Attending: Fire Chief Card, Law Director Graves

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

\*Motion by Elliott/Second by Rosso to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2011 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

*Letter of Commendation for Sergeant Kenneth Keenan and Patrolman Jason Melda –*

This is regarding a potential suicide they were able to stop – I would like to thank both of them for their service which worked out in everybody's favor. Again I would like to thank them – great job.

**REPORTS FROM THE SAFETY FORCES:**

*Police* – Chairman Bring advised Chief Shepherd is not here but we have attached grants; hire Officers. Law Director Graves advised one of the things that the Mayor touched on in his email was he states that we will not be submitting for a COPS grant because of the future commitments attached with the acceptance of the grant. The primary consideration there is that if we were to receive this grant it would fund an Officer for 3 years but the city would be obligated in year 4 to pick up that costs of paying for a full-time Officer. At this point there is no way the city could afford that, there is just no way to be assured. There is talk that some Officers might be retiring but that is not anything that is etched in stone. At this time we are not going to be pursuing that grant because the city is not going to be able to afford that. There was a brief discussion of options within the grant. Councilman Rosso asked do you have an idea what an annual costs to have a full-time Officer? Chairman Bring answered Tammy said it is about \$100,000.00 with benefits roughly. He advised Fire Chief Card on same grant that he would need consideration of and that the Mayor would have to consider that also. He continued we got the SOS program and the LEADS for the cars and the additional monies for the computers. They are looking into that and I think Mr. Gardner is looking into an additional grant. I think it was a total of \$5700.00 and I believe Tammy gave Larry an okay for that. Law Director Graves advised I believe the new police cars should be here by June. Councilman Rosso asked do we have the \$5700.00 to get them out on the road without radars? Chairman Bring answered apparently Tammy said that she found some funding on it. I am not 100% sure on this but I kind of overheard her tell Larry that she did find the money. There was a brief discussion on whether the 3 older cars will stay in service. Law Director Graves stated I think they will continue the practice of moving

those to the Building Department. Mr. Gardner will also be applying for the Live Scan grant for fingerprinting ID. That is going to require about a \$1000.00 match and I think that they have talked to Larry about that and they would be able to find some money for that. This is an additional system. Chairman Bring stated I think it is in the works that they are going to 3 different schools with this. We do have the vehicle maintenance that Shawn does weekly. Chairman Bring asked Fire Chief Card to consider also doing this for their vehicles.

Law Director Graves advised the only other thing the Mayor put in his email was regarding the police boat – the Mayor has determined that it does not make sense to spend a great deal of money on the boat when we really have a hard time finding the money to pay Officers to man the boat. He has intended to be in the process of giving the boat back. If you remember when that boat was donated to the city one of the provisions was if it was ever determined not to be used as a police boat that it would need to be returned. We just don't have the resources at this point to man it and so it does not make sense to put the money into and so we will be looking at returning the boat. There was a brief discussion on the issues and repairs needed and monies needed versus monies for manning the boat. Law Director Graves advised looking for a grant for a possible jet ski for the city that would be more practical and could be used for rescue. Chairman Bring advised cameras at boat launch are back up and running but we are still having some issues with the cameras in the Police Department. Law Director Graves stated my understanding is that they can see what is going on but it is recording.

**Fire Chief** – Fire Chief Card advised I have attached a proposal for the truck. Chairman Bring advised we got a Fire Department vehicle replacement, this would be replacing T66 with an 2011 F350. Fire Chief Card advised in speaking with the Finance Director on the different lease proposals and she likes the 4<sup>th</sup> one the best. This is from Middletown Ford, this is the state bid dealer for trucks. There was a brief discussion on leasing programs available. He advised the Mayor had asked me to get a difference between F250 and an F350 and I got that and the difference is \$644.00 between the two as attached. Law Director Graves advised the Mayor sent out an email out this evening which he read – he is waiting on additional quotes before making a formal decision on purchasing a utility vehicle for the Fire Department. Councilman Rosso advised this is already in the budget and the money is appropriated, the only thing Council just needs to pass the legislation to approve buying it or lease contract. Councilman Elliott stated I don't want you to get the wrong impression Chief Card because I am always for replacing the vehicles we need to replace. However would you say that we are more in dire need of an ambulance? Fire Chief Card answered I need them both really. Yes we do need to figure out how we are going to replace the ambulance. Councilman Elliott stated I would just like to see us put our money towards what we more urgently need. Law Director Graves stated along those same lines, if we were to explore a new ambulance – could the old ambulance be converted to a utility vehicle? Fire Chief Card advised I could look into it but that is kind of a bigger vehicle and the reason for a 4-wheel drive is for getting around in the winter. Councilman Rosso stated you think we have enough money to buy an ambulance? Councilman Elliott stated no but I am saying I would much rather see us buy an ambulance next year then us buy this truck this year. Fire Chief

Card stated the ambulance is a big purchase, the last ones we bought I believe we did a levy to get them. I don't know if that is something we are going to have to do again. Chairman Bring stated part of the money is supposed to come from the internet cafes, however long they last and what is going on with that. There was a brief discussion on monies from internet cafes and also costs of proposed ambulance which was limited at that time. Fire Chief Card advised we just had to have the axle and carrier bearings replaced on S72 last week. He advised we have lots of equipment sitting on a shelf that we have no way of transporting to a scene. That is what this vehicle would do among other things. He continued the narrow band license is in progress, Vasu is working on that right now and they are also working on prices for a new base radio. We should have that by the next meeting. Chairman Bring asked we also talked about the older radios and possibly doing something with the Service Department, did Vasu say anything about that. Fire Chief Card answered did not get to speak with Vasu on that. I believe we still had some of the mobiles as well for the trucks. He advised we will have dive training on June 2<sup>nd</sup>/Police and Fire at the boat launch. Today we just had our ACLS class, so we are all up to date on cardiac life support. Chairman Bring asked are we checking the fire hydrants? Fire Chief Card advised that is one of the issues we have with not having T66, we have not been able to complete the hydrants every year. We don't start doing those until the weather gets better. We blow them and check them and as we find a broken one we notify the Service Department and they fix them and we mark them on our map. Chairman Bring advised I know that you and I had talked about that one building on Abbe Road, did you guys get a chance to go over? Fire Chief Card answered yes I went over that day and I advised him that he needed keep a 20-foot fire lane for us to get our trucks through and he did that. I sent my Fire Inspectors over on Tuesday and they went along with the Building Inspector and they did a whole inspection of the property. We had quite a few violations in there/between the fence and the building needed to be all cleared up. Thad told me that that was being cleaned up. The north side of the building with junk cars must be cleaned up too/at least 15-feet from the building. Chairman Bring asked is there a time frame to get that done? Fire Chief Card answered normal is the 30 days and when we come back whatever he hasn't fixed, we can give additional time if we think it is needed or we can start the process of citing. It is a long process with citations which he explained.

**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 7:35 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.

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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 May 4, 2011.

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CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

*Dennis Bring*

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Edward R Podmanik*

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COUNCIL PRO TEM

*Richard Rosso*