

Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting  
**Sheffield Lake, Ohio**  
January 4, 2012

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Chairman Rosso called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Rosso, Stark, Belaska

Attending: Mayor Bring, Law Director Graves, Fire Chief Card

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

\*Motion by Stark/Second by Belaska to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2011 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**CORRESPONDENCE: *Correspondence from Police Chief Shepherd –***

Part-time Dispatcher Bretti has resigned. Also there is a memo from Police Chief Shepherd to Mayor Bring informing him that he is going to begin utilizing his accrued sick time and vacation time beginning Monday January 30, 2012 and when that is exhausted he will retire from the force. He will be informing the Finance Director on the exact date as it gets closer. I would like to wish Chief Shepherd the best especially with the recent condition of his wife and her improvement. He was a good employee and I think he has done a great job as chief and in the long run I think he will be missed.

**REPORTS FROM THE SAFETY FORCES:**

**Police –** Mayor Bring stated I spoke with Larry today and he didn't give me anything or say that he was coming but I would elaborate on one thing that we are going to do. I have been actually working on this for about the last 3 months about the monitors in the dispatch area. We had received a quote that was in excess of \$12,000.00. I recently went to the Village and went in their dispatch area and the monitors that they had are actually flat screen TV's – 42" with divided screens. I inquired about that over here and was told that yes we can do that, flat screens are very inexpensive. We can do a 32" LCD for \$229.00, if you get an LED it is \$299.00, if we get a 42" – that is around \$400.00. So if we get 2 of those and put them up and mount them to the walls instead of having them up in the air because they have to actually sit back and look up. So that is something that we are going to do. We are also looking at the monitor for the boat launch where we can do the same thing. Very, very inexpensive – I am talking really inexpensive and we are also talking about changing the cameras out and again the expense is very minimal. We are probably looking at about \$1200.00 versus \$12,000.00. Also at the boat launch for security reasons, we have got the cameras over there and one of the cameras points towards Apples right now and if you look at that it is basically useless. You can see cars but you can't tell what is going on over there so we are going to flip that around and point that towards the boat launch and that will pick up the binoculars that were donated by the Piskura Family. There is no sense in having that

camera pointed that way if it is not doing anything, so this way we will be able to monitor that too.

**Grants:** Mayor Bring advised I asked Mr. Gardner before he left if there were any grants coming up and the only thing that he had coming up did not pertain to any of the safety forces. He had not received any calls or emails back that he had been awarded any grants.

*a.) MDT's – None.*

*b.) 2011 Drug US Prevention Program Grant – None.*

*c.) SOS – Secure Our Schools Program Grant – None.*

*d.) Police Grants – None.*

*e.) Monitors/cameras for jail/lobby/dispatch – reported above.*

**Vehicles** – Chairman Rosso advised Shawn's report is attached.

**Fire** – Fire Chief Card reported E61 is having a paint issue that is the new pumper – 2008. Some of the paint – where the 2 different types of metals touch it causes corrosion under it and bubbles the paint. Actually the Mayor is the one that actually noticed it first and as we were looking at it we kept finding it on several spots around the truck. We contacted E1 and they contacted Carnigie Body who came out and took pictures and then sent in to E1's to see when we could this fixed. Well E1 just let me know that the warranty for 100% coverage is only for 3 years which ended July 8<sup>th</sup> of last year so now according to the warranty it is a 50/50 warranty and the costs for that is \$2537.60 and in talking with the salesman from E1 to see if we could get it handled 100% but he is not so sure that it is going to go that way because of what the warranty says so I will keep you updated on that. E63 had the same problem and if you guys have the time to stop by the station you can see what happened to E63 paint and see what is starting to happen on E61. It is pretty much the same thing that happened with both squads, they are using aluminum for the bodies of these vehicles and then wherever steel touches the aluminum it causes corrosion. E63 was covered under a 10-year warranty that was full but the E1 salesman informed me that as of 2005 is when they started doing this pro-rated warranty. I was not aware of this type of warranty. Chairman Rosso stated I don't think we could have expected you to be aware of it. Law Director Graves advised we are going to look into this and one of the things that I would like to explore is the probability that the extent of the problem that we are having now did not happen in just the last 6 months and that more than likely this did occur within the first 36 months. I don't how far we are going to get with that argument but we will certainly advance it and argue that they should cover 100%. Chairman Rosso advised I would like to think that you were going to have a little traction there but it is probably going to be a tough sale. Fire Chief Card advised Tom has been able to pull off some magic and get things covered whereas first it wasn't and I have him working on that right now. Chairman Rosso stated well \$2500.00 is \$2500.00 but it is still better than if you came back and said it was \$25,000.00, it is not horrible, horrible. Fire Chief Card stated I don't have anything on grants yet, there is 2-AFG grants out there. One that Bill Gardner wrote and that is for the squads and we won't hear anything about that for a couple of months or early

spring. Also the grant that I did jointly with Elyria and Sheffield Townships to get the station alerting system and the MDT's and when I hear about those I will let you know. Also Steve Koch, he is and I let you guys know last week that he was on injury time and he is still on injury time and I won't know anything more until next week and I will keep you updated on that. On that report that I gave you, I just wanted to write a report and let Safety know what the major needs of the Fire Department were. It is 3 pages long and if you guys would just take the time to read it and then if you have any questions stop by my office or call me. I have already talked about all these things over all the meetings of the past year; manpower, squads, the support vehicles, etc. Chairman Rosso advised we can go over it at the next Safety meeting in February. Fire Chief Card advised my maintenance Lieutenant has been off on vacation so I have not had a chance to get those reports.

**NEW BUSINESS: Hoarding** – Chairman Rosso advised there was a packet of information that was distributed. Law Director Graves advised his review of the packet, has a lot to do with identifying hoarding type behavior and treating it along the lines of a mental illness. It really doesn't go into how local government agencies are supposed to deal with this issue. I think it is something that we can continue to talk about. Chairman Rosso stated I think it is something that will be driven more out of Ordinance and then through the Worksession then really come out of Safety but I understand why it is here. Law Director Graves asked does the Fire Department keep some kind of log of known hoarders or dangerous homes in case there ever is a need to go in. Fire Chief Card answered we have a list that is on one of our boards as we are going out of addresses of houses that are defensive only because of entering them could cause you injury or death. Some of those are hoarders and of them are just because of the condition of the building. Chairman Rosso asked how do you identify a home to put it on that list? Fire Chief Card answered squad call, it sounds terrible but when you go into a house and it is that bad we do talk to the Service Department and let them know but there is not really anything that you do about the inside of the house. If it is the outside of the house or structural thing, hate to sound like tattle-tells but it is the safety of those people as well as us. Chairman Rosso asked how many houses are on that list you think? Fire Chief Card answered it is not a very big list. That is another thing with hoarders that I have kind of seen – they are not really big on asking for help, they keep to themselves. You are not going to find out about them until somebody else calls for them. Councilwoman Belaska asked do you contact the health department at all or are they involved at all? Fire Chief Card answered if we feel that we need to, there is one that I think we did contact them on but I don't believe they have been that helpful on that. Law Director Graves advised these are usually all owner occupied because we do hopefully do inspections on the rentals under our annual rental license. So we would be going into them and denying their rental license if they were trying to rent out a hoarding situation.

Councilwoman Stark asked do we have a plan since the Police Chief is leaving, when are we going to start holding tests or what our plans are with that? Mayor Bring answered Mr. Shepherd is still going to be an employee, he just won't be active because we still have to pay him his vacation time and everything and this will be a similar situation that

we had in the Fire Department where we had an interim step into that position and then when that time comes we will see how everything works out and then we will get some tests going. Chairman Rosso asked Councilwoman Stark – were you on Council when Mike Conrad retired? Councilwoman Stark answered yes. Law Director Graves advised we did the same thing with Captain Komlosy. Chairman Rosso stated they are basically on staff and you can't replace them until they get to that end. I would assume by contract the Acting Chief would be? Mayor Bring answered Mr. Campo.

Law Director Graves asked are we planning cameras on the covered bridge? Mayor Bring answered yes, again what I am trying to accomplish here is combining everybody together here so we can get it all on the same server and we are going to do some wireless operations so we can actually use the water tower for our main unit and then bounce off with the boat launch and the bike paths. I know we had a situation where I think John was looking into the bike path, it was like \$60,000.00 but I think we can do this for a few thousand dollars at best. The cameras that are going to be used are going to be better and everything else, so that is our goal and that will help out tremendously. I don't want to invade into privacy with residents but I think we can do the bike path and bridge and something at the boat launch and I think that will be a help. If anybody has any questions or concerns you can always let me know about it but I just think it would be a good idea. I will let you how much things are going to costs and what is going on. We are going to start working in the buildings I have actually talked to Tim and had a conversation with Mr. Campo about what we plan on doing. I think the jail and inside the dispatch is well overdue and I think even to be in compliance I think we need to upgrade a little bit over there. I think we have been talking about this for a year and a half. Sometimes when you walk in some place and something hits you in the face, it is like why didn't I think about this 2 years ago or whatever. I just never thought it would be something that simple. Fire Chief Card advised just in case you don't read this tonight there is an ambulance coming tomorrow – a demo that Ron is bringing out, it is an '09 and is one that they have had as a demo since '09 and it will be out at 9:30 in the morning and it is on a Ford chassis.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

***Compressed Natural Gas*** – Mayor Bring advised I am working on that but right now I am trying to do one thing at a time. I have the paperwork on my desk to go up and see the company for that in North Ridgeville. That is probably going to be a little while.

#### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, Motion by Stark/Second by Belaska to adjourn at 7:32 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

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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 January 4, 2012.

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CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

*Richard Rosso*

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Edward R Podmanik*

*and/or*

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COUNCIL PRO TEM

*Richard Rosso*