

Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting  
**Sheffield Lake, Ohio**  
February 1, 2012

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Chairman Rosso called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Rosso, Stark, Belaska

Absent: Mayor Bring (excused)

Attending: Law Director Graves, Fire Chief Card, Acting Police Chief Campo

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

\*Motion by Stark/Second by Belaska to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2012 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**REPORTS FROM THE SAFETY FORCES:**

*Fire* – Fire Chief Card advised I gave you vehicle maintenance report for the squads and engines. S71 was just recently in the shop as it had a fuel line leak somewhere on the motor; on the top of the engine block so we sent it in to have it fixed. Both squads have new rear tires on them and the oil is changed. I got that grant from Walmart for \$1000.00 and we just purchased some fire safety stuff for the kids. We got some book marks with the fire safety kits on them and like a little coloring thing with check-offs that they can go through. We are also going to get smoke alarms that we can hand out to the public. I only have 1 lock-box for the outside of houses so that we have keys to the house to get in for the elderly. Right now I am in the process of purchasing some more of those. Chairman Rosso asked will that be out of this grant? Fire Chief Card answered no and we sell those to the public for \$20.00 a piece. Fire Chief Card stated I have a question about the website, is our website sit up where the Chiefs can post stuff. Chairman Rosso answered you are going to have ask Kay, she is the person that takes care of that now. Fire Chief Card advised the one thing that I saw on the website is that it still says that we have a 12-man department with part-time employees. You may want to adjust that so that people don't think they have more then what they do. Chairman Rosso advised I would suggest through Dennis and then Kay update, I think she can make those changes. I know Dennis has got a plan for re-doing all of that. As far as I know Kay is the only one that does anything with it now. Fire Chief Card advised that training that I told you guys about that we were getting through the state where it was \$38.00 a person, we got that up and going right now so the guys are doing their training when they are on duty on the internet. They got EMS for 3 years so they have to have 86 hours for fire - they have to have 54 hours every 3 years and for fire inspector they have to have 30 hours. The squad grant that Bill Gardner wrote, I haven't gotten any notification that we are not getting it but I also haven't gotten any that we are going to get it.

I just checked the website today, they are awarding grants and the last time they updated that was on the 27<sup>th</sup> of last month. So I will keep checking to see if we are going to get that or not. I haven't heard anything on the other grant for the MDT's and system. Chairman Rosso asked Tim do you know for a fact that he actually submitted for the grant. Fire Chief Card answered yes I was sitting there when he did it, I hope he did. Chairman Rosso stated I don't know if there is way you can check to see if it is on file somewhere, wouldn't be a bad idea to check. Councilwoman Belaska asked are you still giving away the smoke alarms to the residents, do you still have those in stock if residents needed to get the smoke alarms? Fire Chief Card answered right now I have 2 left that I got from the state Fire Marshall's office. We are in the process of ordering more, we are going to order about 38 of them. Councilwoman Belaska asked is there a charge to the residents? Fire Chief Card answered no but it has to be for their house that they are living in and the way we do it which is a new policy, they don't just come in and we hand them a smoke detector – they give us a call and we will go out and install it for them and they fill out a form. We were finding that some people that have rentals in this town, were coming to us to get smoke detectors for their rentals. A rental to me is a business and I am not going to supply a business with what they are required to have in it. They can buy their own smoke detectors for their rentals but they can get them for their own personal house. Councilwoman Stark asked have you talked to Lowe's at all because I know that they have worked with us in the past about getting those boxes for the doors that you were talking about that we would charge for and maybe working with them for the smoke detectors too possibly? Fire Chief Card answered I can check into it, the company that we go to – they are keyed and we have a master key so it is 1 key for everyone and the company has our key on file.

**Police** – Acting Police Chief Campo advised we have got that Walmart grant for the last 2 years too and we have bought a lot of office equipment; cd's, tapes, camera equipment and it is coming up a new year and be eligible to apply again. We will do that again. I have the cruiser maintenance repair report here, the only thing that is probably not on the copy that you have is that we had order tires for 3 cruisers and that has been done. The cruiser that is at Kowalski's now needs a blower motor and that is not on that list either. I have some guys that I am going to send to an advanced homicide school at Cuyahoga County Coroner's in April and June. Pretty much all our guys have been to the basic. I want to get our Sergeants and Detective to the advanced. The only other thing that I am pretty much not versed in is us having to go to narrow band radio. I know that everybody here what is going on with that, I pretty much was out of the loop on what is going on with that. I have to talk to the Mayor some more about getting Vasu out to look at our base radio to see if that can be converted and what the costs will be there. Avon and Avon Lake want to go on narrow band by April and if we pretty much don't go with them, we won't be able to talk to them at all. I think our communications will be degraded of how our radio will work. All our cruisers and portables should be able to be converted with no problem. I want to try to stay up on that but I really don't know too much about it because I wasn't involved in any of it so far. Chairman Rosso advised I think Dennis has some information on that and was involved to some degree. He advised in going forward, Tony in the event if you know of any grants that are in process, if

you have an update.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilwoman Belaska stated I have some legislation regarding blowing of horns and the startling of people and I don't even know if you can really do too much about it. You know at intersections and such people are laying on the horns and startling people in the bike lane. Someone brought it up to me and I just wanted to bring it to you and I know there is probably no way you can do anything to cite people or anything. People are rolling down their windows and yelling out and startling the people that are using the bike lanes. We have had some nice weather lately and just maybe down the road in the future with spring/summer coming on. It startles people when they lay on the horn. I witnessed yesterday where somebody had laid on the horn, they were basically hanging out the window and driving. I hate to see somebody getting hurt. Somebody had brought it to me and I also witnessed it that it seems like Lake Road is becoming more busier traffic and with the nice weather coming on. Law Director Graves advised my opinion on it would be like many of the ordinances that we have these would be more complaint driven. If it is becoming more of an on-going problem that somebody is doing it repeatedly, you really have to have discretion when you are enforcing things like this. People beep horns for a lot of different reasons without any malicious intent or anything. Councilwoman Stark asked in regards to giving notice to homeowners because I know we had this problem on our street; with the 2-inch snow ban – is there a ticketing system that we are doing for that because we have issues on our street constantly that people are not moving their cars with the 2-inch ban. I know you guys in the past have been really nice and gone up and down the street and done the lights and people have scattered out to their cars to move them real fast. But I didn't know if we had an ordinance on the books for habitual offenders that we can do something about it? Acting Police Chief Campo advised it is just a parking ticket. The guys still try to turn their lights on and blast the horn a couple of times and hopefully people come out and move them - most people do. Councilwoman Stark advised you know Len and the guys are trying to plow the streets and they can't plow because there is just cars lined up and down the road and it becomes a safety issue. Chairman Rosso advised it happens every winter. Acting Police Chief Campo advised a lot of people won't move it even when you do have the lights on, they wait until they see you putting the ticket on the windshield wiper and then they come out and scream at you. Chairman Rosso advised when I first came on both Chief's were arguing to make the whole city go no parking on any street. Especially Jeff, that was his big thing – ban it year round. Shortly before that is when they banned it on Irving Park and there was a lot of gripping.

Law Director Graves advised I would just to report that the Lorain Municipal Court is going to a new computer system, it would be nice if we could go along with that. The whole idea is they are going to try to go to paperless by October, everything is going to be digital. They are going to have the desk top computers in the court. They are purchasing a number of hand-held digitec units for the patrol officers. When they would issue a traffic citation, they would enter it on this and it would automatically go right into the court system and be filed. We participate in that court and we are going to have to participate in

this new computer update in some capacity. So we will have some meetings with them, preliminary estimates are that the costs could be around \$2500.00, depending on how involved we wanted to be but we will keep you updated on that.

**OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, Motion by Stark/Second by Belaska to adjourn at 7:21 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 February 1, 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*