

Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
February 3, 2010

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, February 3, 2010. Chairman Bring called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Bring, Elliott, Rosso
Attending: Acting Fire Chief Langin

READING OF THE MINUTES:

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

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORTS FROM THE SAFETY FORCES:

Acting Fire Chief Langin reported I don't have much to report, unit 66 has been put permanently out of service. It is sitting there and we have taken every viable piece of equipment off of it. Chairman Bring confirmed all the radio equipment and everything is out of it? Acting Fire Chief Langin confirmed the radio equipment is out of it, we probably will be putting that radio in as a backup base radio because it has got the channel capability for the narrow banding that is coming up in 2013. Craig Dayton who was the training coordinator for St. John Westshore has been let go by St. John Westshore and his position is currently not being filled so at this point he said he is still able to do training for us but there may be some minimal costs involved. Councilman Bring asked he is still certified? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered he is still certified, he is working part-time out of Lorain Community Hospital now but he said there may be some additional fees involved. Chairman Bring asked did they let him go because of funding or something? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered I don't really know. Chairman Bring asked the training he gave, that CPR and stuff like that? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes he gave us advanced cardiac life support training/pediatrics training prior and that is coming up again. He has done some on-going other stuff with us too. He is still certified and he is able to do it but like he said he is running 100 different protocol and stuff at this time, unfortunately. He continued I did receive a letter of resignation from one of our part-time guys, Gene Lagasa who we are currently not using part-time people. He got a position in the City of Avon full-time and moving on to greener pastures. I was able to purchase one of the sterns light vest that we had talked about before. Chairman Bring asked where did we get funding for that? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered squad donations. He continued if more funding comes available it would be nice to get a couple of more, the one Fire Fighter was unable to fit in our current vest is at least able to have one available to him. Chairman Bring asked that was run through Tammy and that? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes sir. He continued we do have quite a bit of radio equipment if the city is thinking about an

auction. Chairman Bring stated I think we do that once or twice a year? Councilman Rosso answered yes and if there is what based on the dollar value we have to have legislation. Chairman Bring stated you probably may want to if you get a chance to call around and see how much value and give us a list so we can handle that. Acting Fire Chief Langin continued our older thermal imager is in for repairs now, it kind of took a white screen dump. We will see if it is repairable. Councilman Elliott asked how old is it? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered I believe we got that in 1996 or 1997 so it is 13 plus years. Councilman Elliott asked how much are they usually? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered they are about \$10,000.00 new. Councilman Elliott stated if it can't be fixed, that is almost standard equipment for you guys now isn't it? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes we got another one on a grant fortunately, we like to have one in each truck. Councilman Rosso asked you say it is in for repair? Acting Fire Chief Langin concurred it is in for repair and he will know probably in another week or two what the damages are on it – they had to send it back to the factory. Chairman Bring asked did we ever get the one big hose replaced or any more hoses? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered no we have not gotten any more. What we have on the trucks is pretty much what we have and I think we have 1 in reserve, 1 small length. Chairman Bring asked so the big hose, we are still short on that? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes. Councilman Rosso asked didn't we get a hose tester or something/ something to connect? Chairman Bring answered we were borrowing that, that was something they were talking about getting. It is not imperative right now, right? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered we do hose testing annually. Councilman Rosso asked was not that the piece of equipment that 2 months ago Joe said to put in a PO for? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes. Chairman Bring stated that was also the time that we talked about that bigger hose too because if they have a fire and somebody runs over the one that we have now we are out of big hoses which that is the one that connects direct to the fire hydrant? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered right they come in lengths. Councilman Elliott asked it links the fire hydrant to the pumper right? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered correct. Councilman Rosso stated I noticed the fire hydrant on Abbe, closer to the Sheffield border and it might be the last one in the city even and that thing is down low. Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes we have a number of them that are on the low end. Chairman Bring advised supposedly they are going to start going around and doing that when they get time. Councilman Elliott stated I wonder if that is one of the ones that are considered inoperable now because didn't he give us a list? Councilman Rosso stated yes he did but I noticed that the other day or maybe Sunday when I was driving by and I was like I don't know if you have enough room to twist the connector on. I don't know how you raise those, do you just put an extension on the pipe? Acting Fire Chief Langin advised they have to put a riser on it which is kind of extensive to do. Chairman Bring stated I think if something like comes up I would imagine they would change the whole thing out because that is what the plan is so to speak but we will have to wait and see what they do with all that because that was part of the list that we were working on that they were going to start going around fixing all those according to Joe a couple of meetings ago. He continued so the pump trucks, the radios and then at one time we were talking about you said that they were talking about going to that computer – as far as communication wise? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered we are still radio based.

Chairman Bring asked you want it that way? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered it works for us and the computers are expensive, they are very expensive. Councilman Rosso stated there is a reliability concern on the computers isn't there? Chairman Bring answered well that is what he said you can actually lose some time where you don't know like if they get stopped by a train or something. Chairman Bring asked if you can get that list of the radios and then we will get a list together. Councilman Elliott advised on this list of streets, I guess Joe talked to you about some of these streets you guys might recommend that we have no parking on at all? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered he mentioned that to me and my suggestion was that any dead end areas or no outlet areas. Councilman Rosso stated when you say dead end areas and let's take Warwick for an example, so no parking south of Forestlawn? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes like maybe the 900 block. Councilman Rosso stated he said the whole street and I don't think we want to make the whole street that way and I am not even sure we want to make the other one that way but as Mr. Elliott out. Chairman Bring asked have we ever gotten into a circumstance where we have taken a truck down there and couldn't turn around because of parking? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered not really, if there is vehicles there it is a little harder backing out. Councilman Rosso stated I think what prompted it was obviously my concern about plowing. Councilman Elliott asked so there is no particular streets that stick out in your mind that it is kind of hard to get a fire truck down? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered there is a lot of streets that are hard to get a fire truck down, we have a lot of narrow streets and you know now that we are running with other departments – I mean you bring in an aerial and that stuff down there too. The concern would more be access to get people out and freed for another call also. I mean if you are all dead ended into a street. If they are backing out rapidly it is a little easier if there is no cars. Councilman Elliott advised he gave us a whole list. Councilman Rosso advised those are pretty much all dead end streets. There was a brief discussion on the list. Councilman Elliott asked is there any intersections within the city that we might benefit from maybe extending parking back a little bit to get a truck around? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered I haven't really taken time to look that far at it? Councilman Elliott asked if you discover any let us know? Chairman Bring stated if you get a chance, it is just something that we have been talking about and we are trying to some input from you guys to find out. Councilman Rosso asked what is the current law about parking at an intersection or stop sign? Councilman Elliott answered I think it is 20 feet, we extended I think to 25 feet. There was a brief discussion on signs that have been put up in areas like Lake Breeze.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Bring stated I am just going to read a couple of things on the Police. We did get a report from Police Chief Shepherd on some of the activity we have going on in the city. Calls on service, this year we are 25,138 and last year we were 25,633 so we are down about 500. Calls on station which is people walking into the station, we had 2,931 this year and last year we had 2,713 so we had an additional couple hundred calls there. Calls for service, 2009 there was 15,703 and last year was 15,947. Traffic stops, for 2009 we had 1854 and last year 2008 we had 1982. Traffic citations, for 2009 we had 808 and for 2008 we had 1272. Traffic arrest, for 2009 we had 52 and for

2008 we had 54. Felony adult arrests, for 2009 we had 25 and for 2008 we had 32. Felony juvenile arrest, for 2009 we had 5 and for 2008 we had 0. Misdemeanor adult arrest, for 2009 we had 164 and for 2008 we had 223. Misdemeanor juvenile arrest, for 2009 we had 70 and for 2008 we had 86. Warrant arrest, for 2009 we had 85 and for 2008 we had 81. Total criminal arrests, for 2009 we had 349 and for 2008 we had 422. Parking Citations, for 2009 we had 41 and for 2008 we had 30. Warning citations, for 2009 we had 3 and for 2008 we had 15. Patrol miles, for 2009 we had 124,605 and for 2008 we had 124,721. Animal complaints, for 2009 we had 445 and for 2008 we had 457. Dog bites, for 2009 we had 5 and for 2008 we had 5. Animal citations issued, for 2009 we had 38 and for 2008 we had 39. Councilman Elliott stated I looked that over and other then the 2 fatalities that we had up on Lake Road this year that were both alcohol related. Chairman Bring continued Domestic Dispute calls, for 2009 we had 129 and for 2008 we had 139. Domestic Violence calls, for 2009 we had 38 and for 2008 we had 50. Total Domestic Related calls, for 2009 we had 167 and for 2008 we had 189. DUI Arrest, for 2009 we had 37 and for 2008 we had 39/Adult – for 2009 we had 34 and for 2008 we had 37/Underage – for 2009 we had 4 and for 2008 we had 2. Drug Related Offenses which is one that sticks out, Adults - for 2009 we had 39 and for 2008 we had 13/Juvenile – for 2009 we had 5 and for 2008 we had 10. Councilman Elliott stated however they have a couple of big arrest this year. Juvenile Activity; Unruly – for 2009 we had 54 and for 2008 we had 50. Runaways – for 2009 we had 16 and for 2008 we had 39. Complaints – for 2009 we had 208 and for 2008 we had 259. Detective Bureau – Cases Assigned, for 2009 we had 140 and for 2008 we had 96. Serious Criminal Activity – Homicide, for 2009 we had 0 and for 2008 we had 0. Rape, for 2009 we had 7 and for 2008 we had 3. Robbery, for 2009 we had 2 and for 2008 we had 2. Assault, for 2009 we had 34 and for 2008 we had 39. Burglary, for 2009 we had 45 and for 2008 we had 37. Theft, for 2009 we had 174 and for 2008 we had 123. Councilman Rosso stated probably a lot of those were because of the economy, some of them went down because we have lost residents and some of the thefts and things are going up because people are getting more desperate. Chairman Bring continued Stolen Vehicles, for 2009 we had 5 and for 2008 we had 3. Assault on Officer, for 2009 we had 2 and for 2008 we had 3. Sex Crimes, for 2009 we had 9 and for 2008 we had 5. Vehicular Homicide, for 2009 we had 0 and for 2008 we had 0. Arson, for 2009 we had 2 and for 2008 we had 1. Suicide, for 2009 we had 2 and for 2008 we had 3. Traffic Accidents, for 2009 we had 101 and for 2008 we had 107. Vehicles Involved, for 2009 we had 184 and for 2008 we had 184. Injury Accidents, for 2009 we had 11 and for 2008 we had 16. Persons Injured, for 2009 we had 13 and for 2008 we had 19. Alcohol Related Accidents, for 2009 we had 6 and for 2008 we had 6. Alcohol Related Injuries, for 2009 we had 2 and for 2008 we had 2. Alcohol Related Fatalities, for 2009 we had 2 and for 2008 we had 0. Chairman Bring stated so it is almost exactly the same as you go down the whole thing. Councilman Elliott stated yes we are actually on par. Chairman Bring stated nothing really stands out. Councilman Elliott stated the one thing I did note on there was since we have passed this jail sharing ordinance with Sheffield Village our bookings have actually gone down a little bit but that hasn't been in affect very long. Councilman Rosso asked have they even brought anyone over? Chairman Bring answered I haven't heard anything and I haven't

heard any problems either. I am going to have to ask Larry about that. That is kind of an overview on that and this is pretty nice so that everybody knows what is going on. I would have to agree with what is going on in Lorain and some of the other cities, it seems like we are doing pretty well here still. Just to bring up it was brought to out attention with cruiser#726 was in an accident and we can get with Joe to get that car repaired and back on the road as soon as possible and let us know when you can do that or what is going on. Councilman Elliott stated we actually only have 5 active cruisers but 1 of the is like an everyday car so that brings us down to 4. Chairman Bring stated correct, so if you get a chance get that done. Councilman Elliott stated I wanted to mention that that IDENTISYS system was donated by Amvets, VFW, Fraternal Order of Police and the FOP Association. Maybe we should do a letter. Chairman Bring advised I think Shawn has got all that stuff so I am going to ask him for a letter and then we can bring that to Council to be read. Actually he got that done in a very short period of time, that was very good. Councilman Elliott added Amvets and the VFW has always come through for us. Chairman Bring stated they had absolutely no problem getting that going, Patrolman Corr does a good job with those.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, Motion by Elliott/Second by Rosso to adjourn at 7:25 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 February 3, 2010.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Dennis Bring

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Edward R Podmanik

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Richard Rosso