

Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting  
**Sheffield Lake, Ohio**  
April 7, 2010

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

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Bring, Elliott, Rosso

Attending: Police Chief Shepherd, Acting Fire Chief Langin

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

\*Motion by Elliott/Second by Rosso to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2010 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**REPORTS FROM THE SAFETY FORCES:**

Police Chief Shepherd advised Joe asked me to attend today because he had some pressing business that he couldn't get away from. I attended a seminar today with ODNR which runs the boats and stuff like that. At the end of last season they were starting to have a big problem with robberies out on the lake and I just wanted to bring everybody up to speed on that because it is not really a robbery, it would be more of a piracy which falls under terrorism and stuff like that. So it is a pretty serious thing that they are a little concerned with, they are afraid people are realize it is pretty easy pickings out there. So I just wanted to pass that on. Our equipment is up and running, not a problem with anything. I have a couple of guys in school this month; I think Shawn and Jarod went to an interview/interrogation school and Kent and Jason went to a concealed school like where people hide their drugs in cars, etc. Jim Mariner and Frank Goscewski are going to an all expenses paid bomb school here at the end of the month, they fly them down and pay for their food, pay for their rental car – pay for everything. Chairman Bring asked the boat, are we going to do anything with that this year? Police Chief Shepherd answered I talked to Joe today about the boat and before we put it in it is definitely going to need a tune-up. The problem we had with it last year we couldn't keep it running, it wouldn't suck up the gas and the motor needed to be tuned. So rather then go out there and have to pay a hefty bill for towing it in, we will have to get that taken care of. Chairman Bring asked so you will have John look at that? Police Chief Shepherd answered yes. Chairman Bring continued we had talked about cameras possibly going up along that bike path, I know you are for that and I think that is something that we ought to keep in mind over there. This weather is going to warm up here. I just read in Avon Lake Press they got a grant so they are going to extend that bike path all the way down Harris Road and everything else. Mr. Rosso stated I thought Joe put in to buy those cameras? Chairman Bring answered well he had asked for that and he was told not at this time. You know with summer time these kids are going to get bored and everything and they are going to do something back there. Also, does that

camera cover the boat ramp now where we had debris problems over there? They were painting on the walls and stuff down there, I thought the kids were throwing the rocks in too. Police Chief Shepherd answered they were throwing rocks in but they got caught every time everybody got caught and had to fish them all out. Mr. Elliott stated they were painting on the walls, I was down there the other day and I noticed on the bottom part of the walkway there that comes around. Police Chief Shepherd answered yes that we can't see, we can't see that. Mr. Elliott stated yes the blind spot that is where they are painting now and when I was down there they had painted over it. Police Chief Shepherd stated I didn't even hear anything about that. Mr. Elliott stated I didn't think much of it at the time because it could have been last year that they were doing that but I don't know if it is still a problem or not. Chairman Bring asked so we caught those kids with the camera or just somebody down there watching? Police Chief Shepherd answered it was a combination of both, I think the Dispatcher luckily just happened to be seeing kids heaving those big rocks into the water and there was a cop over at the shopping center so they caught them. But the painting, I didn't know anything about the painting. Mr. Elliott stated like I said it could have been from last year, I don't know. Police Chief Shepherd stated usually the Parks Department calls us and says there is some sort of damage, I don't remember reading a report unless that slipped through. Mr. Rosso stated that was last year. Mr. Elliott stated it could have been last year, I don't know if they are still doing it or not. Chairman Bring asked when we go on domestic calls, do we always have 2 officers? Police Chief Shepherd answered yes unless we are super, super, super busy. Usually when something like that happens, everyone works real safely for the next couple of months and then we start to fall back to. Chairman Bring stated with the economy being bad and everything people are losing their jobs and getting more and more frustrated and the situation isn't getting any better that is for sure. Mr. Rosso stated I have a question and this is how it got asked to me so this is about fourth version down the line and you will see that it is very scarce of details – last Saturday in that wind storm that went through, a tree fell on a un-named road somewhere located west of Abbe off of Walker and blocked the road so traffic couldn't get down; it was a fairly good size tree. A resident that I don't know the name of called to say hey this tree is blocking the road; can't get through – was called back and said hey it is a holiday weekend we are not paying overtime to send anybody out to move the tree. They took a chain saw out and cut up a couple of pieces and got half the lane open. One of the Officers went and tried to push it with his car. I don't know if A if any of it is true, B no specifics. Police Chief Shepherd stated I will look into it but it don't sound right. Mr. Rosso stated well I figured you would have heard something from somebody. If an Officer would have shown up, I am sure there would have been something somewhere. There was a brief discussion. Mr. Elliott asked that piracy thing you were talking about, that hasn't happened right? Police Chief Shepherd answered no it has happened in Lake County and they just wanted to let everybody be aware that they are afraid it is going to be like an epidemic because you are not going to get caught probably. Chairman Bring advised 2 guys stole a boat the other day and they actually died from hypothermia. Police Chief Shepherd advised they were both drunk, they talked about that too. There was a brief discussion. Mr. Elliott asked have we actually had anybody stay at our jail due to the agreement with Sheffield Village? Police Chief Shepherd answered no we haven't, we

haven't had anybody stay there. There was a brief discussion. Chairman Bring stated I know we had talked about the computers, I think Larry brought up yesterday that there is a possibility that we may not get that. We are not 100% sure because there was matching funds or something that might be required, so we are going to have to check into that. Mr. Rosso asked is that the laptops in the cars? Police Chief Shepherd answered when I talked to Bill there is 2 grants for the laptop computers, phase I/phase II I get lost with all that stuff. I really don't know where we are at with that to be honest with you. Mr. Rosso reiterated but they were laptops for the cars right? Police Chief Shepherd answered right. Chairman Bring stated we are going to have to see what is going on with that. Mr. Rosso stated so you need to check with Bill to see what our matching funds would be? Mr. Elliott stated that is real confusing then because when they first came out with it they said the equipment was being donated and the only thing that we had to do was pay to have it hooked up and pay for the networking or something. Are there video cameras in all the cars? Police Chief Shepherd answered all the cars have the video cameras except for the white car which like I said we kind of use that for our trip car/back up car and stuff like that. Chairman Bring advised the mileage on 3 of the cars is getting pretty extensive, we got 96000, 92000 and 93000. So 3 of them are getting up there. Mr. Elliott asked what about the cruiser that was damaged or hit? Police Chief Shepherd answered that has been taken care of it. Chairman Bring asked all of it? Police Chief Shepherd answered Tammy kind of took that over so I don't know. Chairman Bring advised I think he was like \$200.00 or something short but I think he came back in and took care of it, at least that is what I heard.

**Acting Fire Chief Langin** reported I believed I advised at the last meeting our thermal imager is out of service, I still haven't got anything back on that as far as what the repair costs are going to be or what is wrong with it. It is still sitting at the factory, I am kind of waiting on it to see how much it is going to be and what the repairs are going to be. Chairman Bring asked have you turned a PO in for that? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered no I have no idea what the costs is going to be on it. He said he would get me an estimate on it before they did anything. Chairman Bring asked they never got back to you? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered no not yet, it might not be repairable also. There is a good chance of that. Our gas detector is out of service, the sensors in it kind of died out. So I am going to be putting in a PO to get that repaired. I received some news on our automated blood pressure monitors that they are obsolete and no longer able to get parts for. They also include pulse oximeters with the blood pressure monitors which are about \$3000.00 a piece. That is something that is going to be needed to look at in the future. The Mayor signed the contract on the Life Pak12's so they should be being serviced and stuff here shortly. The Life Pak10 that we do have in our reserve pumper is antiquated and probably not going to be able to be serviced much longer either. So that is probably going to be going out of service in the near future. Our air packs are scheduled to be tested annually tomorrow, so that will be done. Of course, 66 is still out of service – the equipment has been striped off of it and the radio that was in it has been installed as a back-up base so we have all channel capability to talk to our portables and our mobile radios now. Craig Dayton did come out and give our pears class to all but one of the members in the Fire Department. That is pediatric emergency assessment recognition and stabilization

course is what pears stands for, that is for our pediatric continued education hours and keeps us up to date a little bit with stuff. Other than that, we are still running without our part-time people. Chairman Bring asked the one ambulance was down but I guess the brakes are getting fixed on that? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes squad 71 is down and is still down, we had a hard time finding parts for it due to it being 15 years of age. We did find one brake part, there is a grabs valve and we had to go to Maryland to get it. It did get here and the city mechanic is putting it together as we are sitting here I guess. Hopefully that will be up and running in the next day or two. Chairman Bring asked you got all the radios and everything is up to snuff then that we have? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes all the portables and mobiles are in. Like I said the one is transferred over from 66 to a back-up base now. Mr. Elliott stated this is real depressing. Chairman Bring stated we had talked about that fuel over there, they got a price and we haven't done anything about that either have we? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered no. We are able to fuel the new truck over here, we did figure that out but the diesel is very limited. Chairman Bring advised that is something I will have to take a peek into. He asked did we do anything over there at the dock as far as training at the dock in the water at all? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered we never did get the ice rescue in, the ice melted before we could get that in. Chairman Bring asked are we going to do anything with just the water training or have we already done that? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered no we haven't done any yet. You are kind of limited with divers right and so am I. Police Chief Shepherd concurred I have only got 2 and 1 is out on sick leave. Acting Fire Chief Langin advised together we maybe have 3 divers currently. Chairman Bring asked do we try to keep up with that every year or is that just something that we do every once in a while or once they get certified they are okay? Police Chief Shepherd answered my 2 guys that I have they have been diving with Lorain Police Department. Chairman Bring stated is something we need to get coordinated, I will have to check with Joe and you guys together and maybe do a days training or something. Mr. Rosso asked who are the 2 guys in the Police? Police Chief Shepherd answered Sergeant Keenan and Kent Reiber. Mr. Rosso asked who are they in Fire? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered Dave Novak and Thad Campbell. Mr. Elliott asked how many divers did we have originally? Police Chief Shepherd answered I had 3 and I think Bill had 3. Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes Greg Davis went to the Village. Police Chief Shepherd answered I had Chris Alten and he went to the Sheriff's Office. That was a good catch there.

**OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, Motion by Rosso/Second by Elliott 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 April 7, 2010.

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CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

*Dennis Bring*

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Edward R Podmanik*

*and/or*

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COUNCIL PRO TEM

*Richard Rosso*