

**MINUTES TO FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
January 18, 2011**

This regular meeting of the Finance and Claims Committee was held Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Chairman Eric S Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Elliott, Podmanik, Kovach, Bring, Rosso, Smith, Huska, Stark,  
Treasurer E Hoenig, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves,  
Service Director Smith

Absent: Mayor Piskura, (excused)

Attending: Members of the Media

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Finance Director Smith stated we have a one liner tonight. We have been working with Statewide Ford for the last couple of days, since last week actually to pin down some prices on 3 police cruisers. This is the last year we can get Crown Victoria's and we have known from lots of experience that it is the best car out there. Hopefully it will give us a few more years to find another good vehicle out there but at least we will get the best of the last and I had Kay make you a copy of all the options. There is one change on that list, the installation charge of \$400.00 is coming, our crew is going to do a lot of that and that will save us another \$1200.00. We were down to the wire as far as Ford will only finance for 4 years on a lease and 3 cars comes to \$90,000.00 and it was like a lot - \$25,000.00 a year for 4 years. But I have spoken with and applied with Dollar Bank and they are excited about giving us a 5 year lease. Now I don't normally like to spread those things out but I think we are better off getting 3 good Crown Victoria's and going for the 5 years versus getting 2 and going for 4 years. The appropriation change before, we kind of knew it was coming but I just didn't know where we were going to be so I just didn't put it in the budget originally. I think these are going to be well equipped, the light bars on these are much better than we have. The current light bars have an actual mechanical piece in them that flashes, this is all LED and there is no moving parts and it will last longer. The technology in this car is far and above and they will all have camera's which now a days everything has to have camera's. I mean you have to document everything and actually I will be coming back to you probably maybe next month or within the next couple of months. Anybody that we book we are going to have to video tape the bookings and that will be coming along. That shouldn't be a whole lot of money, I am thinking \$1800.00 or somewhere in there. Next month, I haven't gotten my numbers from the county yet at the end of year usually - I should have but haven't gotten them. So I couldn't include that in tonight's for all my carry-

overs in those little funds but I will have that in February. Councilman Bring stated they are trying to get that video camera stuff donated from Amvets, that \$1800.00. Finance Director Smith stated perfect, we love that and we appreciate that and we always put that money to good use. Shawn has been wonderful in spec-ing these cars out and making sure of what we really need and we have all worked really well together to get this done. So very, very excited and I have already put the application in with Dollar Bank, I know we haven't passed legislation to enter into the contract but I thought who cares, we will just see if we can get the financing approved ahead of time because that doesn't hurt us we are not going to sign anything until we know what we are going to do. Councilman Bring asked they are just the single color black, they are not black and white are they because that is like \$850.00 more per car? Finance Director Smith answered yes it was a big expense to go with the two-tone or another color and like Henry Ford always said "you can any color as long as it is black". Councilman Rosso asked is this just basically taking that money from the general fund and establishing another line and putting it there right? Finance Director Smith answered well the line was there and we kind of knew we were going to put money in it, we just hadn't done it with the original budget. Councilman Rosso asked so there was a police cruiser lease in the original budget that was at 0. Finance Director Smith answered yes we actually spent \$18,000.00 last year, it was the last year of the old lease. Councilman Rosso asked this budget that we just looked at? Finance Director Smith answered had 0 in that line but the line was there, it just had 0. Councilman Rosso asked so it is just moving money from the general fund down to this? Finance Director Smith answered right, yes. Councilman Rosso stated I can understand you want to save \$1200.00 and have our guys install this, you spread that over 5 years – that is \$225.00 and it is probably not worth our guys time to mess with it. Just get it done and get them in. Finance Director Smith stated yes but this is all stuff that we have already done on our other cars, it is nothing that is new to our guys doing it. Councilman Rosso stated yes but still for \$225.00 for 5 years, how much time does it take for our guys to do it. Those cars came in and how long did they wait before our guys had time to do it. Councilman Bring asked isn't that for the decal-ing and things though? Finance Director Smith answered no, no, no – see right now we have 5 computers that are going into 5 cars. This is only the radar which is like plug and play, no big deal. Actually they wanted to charge us shipping and handling for these cars too which is over \$300.00 a car and that was actually closer to \$1200.00 also and we said no the guys are willing to go on their own and go pick up these cars. Councilman Rosso stated for \$20.00 a month is it worth messing with and just let it be done. Finance Director Smith stated Shawn is the one who actually volunteered that and said that he has done it in the other vehicles and I know he has. Councilman Rosso stated okay if Shawn can do it, I was more concerned with tying up a mechanic. Finance Director Smith stated no Shawn is

going to take care of and our IT guys are going to do the laptops anyway. By the time these cars come in John McCallie will be back because we probably won't see these until April or May. That is the way Shawn feels, we could put it into something else – another piece of equipment if we were going to do that. Rather save it if we can. Councilman Bring asked we are still getting the other one fixed right? Finance Director Smith answered yes, that is the other thing the cruiser that is over here by the dog pound is getting a new engine because it is a very good car and we are getting a 3-year 100,000 mile warranty on that engine. So it will be like a brand new cruiser. The other thing is we are going to take the older cruisers, keep them as we have got a good maintenance deal going right now. Shawn is keeping up on the oil changes and things so these cars are in much better shape than they were our last fleet years ago – 12 to 15 years ago. So we talked to him and if we can keep some of the older cars in service for the rougher stuff and keep the newer cars in less service – stretch their life out a little longer, I think we are going to be in good shape but again our maintenance program is excellent. Councilman Rosso asked how long has that car been down with the engine? Finance Director Smith answered 2 months. Chairman Elliott asked you are also talking about keeping the rest of the fleet, we are not going to get rid of any of the cars? Finance Director Smith answered as far as I know at this time, first of all the one that is getting fixed I am not going to have the Police Department pay to fix it and then take it away from them. I think they need a couple of the older cars just to keep the newer cars newer. Chairman Elliott stated I know 2 of the existing fleet has around 63,000 miles. Councilman Bring added yes and the rest are over 100,000. Chairman Elliott asked are we using our existing equipment to put in these cars or are we buying new equipment to put in them? Finance Director Smith answered everything here is new with the car; the light bars we have, well first of all we right now don't have any to switch out but if we did take one of the old cars out of service and switch the light bar which we don't really want to do they are broken. That is what I was saying their mechanical flashers. Chairman Elliott stated these new light bars are state of the art, they are really nice – there is less draw on the alternator. Finance Director Smith stated we have all talked to the Ford rep's and they explained a lot to us and Shawn has been great in keeping us all up to date and up to speed in what is going on. Chairman Elliott asked what about the cruiser radios – is it going to meet our standards because we are changing our standards in I think it is 3 years. Finance Director Smith answered I don't know. Chairman Elliott stated that might be something we want to do now. We have got to do it to the whole fleet but if we are going to buy new radios than we might as well buy radios that are going to meet the future standards. Finance Director Smith answered if I am here tomorrow I will try to find that out. \*Motion by Huska/Second by Rosso to accept and add to the next Council meeting agenda. Yeas All.

**MAYOR'S REPORT AND/OR COMMENTARY:** Service Director Smith stated he did call me briefly and wanted me to pass on to let you know that he was at Bob Nicola's showing and he wanted to express all the volunteerism that Bob had been involved with and felt it very important that he was there. Bob has been one of the biggest volunteers this city has had especially with Meals on Wheels and all his help.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** **None.**

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:** **None.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Meters –None.*

*Ambulance –None.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL COMMENTARY:** **None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,  
\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Bringto adjourn at 7:22PM. 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 COUNCIL/COMMITTEES**

*Kay Fantauzzi*

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Committee Of SheffieldLake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this Is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Finance of January 18, 2011.

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**CHAIRMAN**

*Eric S Elliott*

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**COUNCILPRESIDENT**

*Edward R Podmanik*

*and/or*

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**COUNCIL PRO TEM**

*Richard Rosso*