

Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
February 2, 2011

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, February 2, 2011. Chairman Bring called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Bring, Elliott, Rosso

Attending: Mayor Piskura, Police Chief Shepherd, Acting Fire Chief Langin, Councilman Kovach, Law Director Graves

READING OF THE MINUTES:

*Motion by Elliott/Second by Rosso to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2011 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORTS FROM THE SAFETY FORCES:

Police – Police Chief Shepherd advised I think all of you got a copy of our annual report, Dee got it done. I don't know if you have had a chance to look at it. We always go back 2 years just so you have got a comparison – something to look at. Chairman Bring advised one thing I did see that we had more calls – almost 1000 calls and then we had about 12,000 more miles on the cars. Revenue has gone down considerably so we need to take a look at that. Also a couple of good points are we had 1 rape compared to last year where we had 7. Police Chief Shepherd advised most of our major crime went down a little bit, the only thing that went up was I think assaults on the Officers. Chairman Bring advised we had no homicides/4 robberies. Actually thefts went down considerably, that one year we had kind of a bad thing going on but everybody was doing that. No suicides. Councilman Elliott advised no felony juvenile arrest either. Chairman Bring stated everything is actually down. Police Chief Shepherd advised the only other thing that I have I think a couple of months ago I sent a letter to Joe as the Safety Director about talking to Amvets and VFW about SB77 where we have to have recording equipment. Well they agreed to pick up the whole tab – the \$1895.00 and this is what it is. We called the company and we will go pick it up so there is not like a charge or nothing like that. The microphone is like the smoke detector in the ceilings; they are highly sensitive and the camera is like a thermostat goes to the wall and we are going to install that down in the Detective Bureau. We are taking some measurements and a little bit of looking around about how we are going to be able to do that. It is going to fit in pretty good. Chairman Bring asked that is for when they are interrogating or witness. Police Chief Shepherd advised we haven't gotten the money from them yet but they did call us and say they have got past whatever process they go through. Law Director Graves stated Council already voted to approve that donation. Chairman Bring asked did we ever get the one camera fixed – is it still blue? Police Chief Shepherd answered it is a monitor, I just got a price from Vasu – it is like \$500.00. Chairman Bring asked are they going to make it color or black and white. Police Chief Shepherd answered

black and white, the thing that I wanted to start maybe kind of looking around is maybe contact the Department of Rehabilitation. Sometimes they have grants but what I would really like to do is change the camera's and monitors to color and I think I got a quote from Vasu for \$13,000.00 that would do the whole thing. That would put a camera in the sally port where we bring prisoners in, that would be video and audio taped and one in the lobby where people come in and that would be monitored and taped. 2 camera's for the cells and 1 in booking so that the Dispatcher; he explained when we bring somebody in we close all the doors to secure the place. The window in the Dispatch door is kind of high and you got some short Dispatchers here and they really can't see what is going on back there. So if something is going bad at least they can see it on the monitor and it would all be taped too so there won't be any question that the Officer did something wrong. Chairman Bring stated so you guys are going to look into that? Police Chief Shepherd answered yes. He advised the lights at Shoreway are being taken care of by Len. Police Chief Shepherd advised on the MDT's, they are in the cars and are all installed. Got everything kind of up and running, the guys are all playing with them a little bit. So be patient if you see some guy sitting off the side of the road, he is not goofing off – he is trying to learn how to do it. Chairman Bring asked is there any training on that? Police Chief Shepherd answered yes they are going to come out February 14th, 15th or 16th – 2 - 4 hour days. Everyone has already taken their LEADS test and are all LEADS certified. Chairman Bring asked we have those in all the cars except the white one? Police Chief Shepherd answered yes all the cars will have them. Chairman Bring asked even the white one? Police Chief Shepherd answered the white one won't have one.

Fire Chief – Acting Fire Chief Langin advised had a couple of fires – the garage fire impended upon a couple of houses and took out a vehicle that was parked in a driveway. It was well involved by the time we were contacted, a passer-by was the person that notified. The other one was at Erie Shores – the trash compactor in Erie Shores and there are some issues with the alarm system there that we are currently working on to try to get addressed and corrected. Chairman Bring asked when that goes off it is an automatic mutual right? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered usually we do yes, just because of the size of the building and the number of occupants in it. That one was phoned in by a worker inside the building – he saw the smoke. Chairman Bring asked have we done anything with the fire hydrants and stuff like that with this weather, are we keeping an eye on that? Acting Fire Chief answered we are trying to keep an eye on it but the way the weather is going. Chairman Bring asked does the Service Department going to do that or are you guys checking those or what is going on? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered we usually keep a visual on them, we don't really have a vehicle to go out and do it with. Councilman Rosso advised Len has got a list that he prioritizes within the work load. Acting Fire Chief Langin advised the out-of-service ones yes. The buried in snow ones we are trying to keep a visual on, the high areas we will go dig those out sometimes to make sure they are clear. The large diameter hose came in and I believe the hose tester was coming today. Chairman Bring answered yes that is what Lieutenant Card and Fire Fighter Koch said today, the hose tester is here. Acting Fire Chief Langin advised we won't have to borrow from the neighbors any longer.

Chairman Bring advised we have Council#010 here, if you can take a look at that for the purchase that is coming up. Law Director Graves advised we put that together today, it is very similar language to when we passed back in 2007; the lease agreement with Dollar Bank is attached and should be pretty straight forward. Perhaps add that onto Tuesday. The Finance Director has signed the fiscal Officers certificate that the funds are available and properly appropriated for the contract.

Councilman Rosso asked with the weather being bad, have you had any issues with cars that shouldn't be on the streets? I know snow ban doesn't really fall under Police or Fire, I guess it is still considered a safety issue. I don't know if we are having a lot of issues with cars. That is probably more of a question that Len would know the answer to off of the top of his head. Chairman Bring stated one thing I did see tonight was on Lake Road where Ken Foor's old house was that they got that driveway that actually goes down – they had 3 vehicles out there parked sort of on the bike path. Mayor Piskura stated they also had 2 contractors trucks there and they were working on the driveway. I was under the assumption that something had gone wrong and they were doing some work. I figured if they stayed there for more than a day or two that we would do something about it. Brief discussion on icy weather conditions and vehicles getting stuck. Law Director Graves stated the tickets seemed really down, the Mayors Court last night we only had I think 4. Chairman Bring stated yes we had actually saying because the miles are up 12000 miles and the revenue was way down. We were discussing that, it is actually in the annual report.

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.

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 2, 2011.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Dennis Bring

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Edward R Podmanik

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM
Richard Rosso