

Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
February 4, 2009

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, February 4, 2009. Chairman Bring called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Bring, Rosso

Absent: Elliott (excused)

Attending: Police Chief Shepherd, Police Captain Komlosy

READING OF THE MINUTES:

*Motion by Elliott to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2009 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORTS FROM THE SAFETY FORCES;

POLICE CHIEF SHEPHERD: Captain Komlosy advised cars are all up and running, nothing is due for repairs. Oil changes, that will be coming up but nothing is broken and all 6 are running. One of them we had to put a little over a \$1000.00 into with rear-end problems but that was handled quickly. Chairman Bring stated something I was going to bring up just about the parked cars, you guys have been ticketing and warning people and taking care of all that. Police Chief Shepherd answered we handle it the same way we have handled it since the beginning of time. Chairman Bring stated something that I didn't know which they brought to me that the Safety/Service Director actually has to determine that there is a snow ban in effect. How do they do that? Police Chief Shepherd answered usually they call over to us and they put it on the Cablevision who used to run it. Chairman Bring asked how do we notify our residents now? Police Chief Shepherd answered we don't but there again that is where the sign issue comes in. Hopefully that they are reading it and understanding it, that is usually when that comes into effect is when it is at the 2-inch level. There was a brief discussion on how residents are notified which Captain Komlosy advised on every entry to the city there is a snow ban of 2-inches on the ground which is where it is required. Police Chief Shepherd advised most of our parking problems come from the poor guy that went to work at 5 o'clock and maybe didn't watch the news or believe it or maybe the news didn't even say anything. Captain Komlosy advised we use the lights and sirens to notify, we have gone even so far as to find who owns the car and go knock on doors. We do whatever we can so that they aren't given a \$25.00 ticket. After the first time though, I got to say after the first time this happens it is usually not an issue for the rest of the winter because all the neighbors know and everybody knows – it starts snowing then get your car off the street. Mr. Rosso asked did we have a big problem in the last 2 snows? Chairman Bring answered there was a few. Captain Komlosy advised there was a few but nothing that was major. Chairman Bring stated I know that the guys that were plowing said that there was a couple of repeat people and they made it very difficult.

Especially with the snow that we have had because the visibility for these guys was bad and they are trying to get the streets plowed. Captain Komlosy advised some of them were the fact that they weren't in town. There was one on Holl that came into town, his car had been on the street and had been gone for 4 days. So he got it off as soon as he got into town and that is what usually happens. You know they find that ticket on the windshield and they get it off the street. Chairman Bring advised also about these high-visible vest and we might have to be in compliance with those. When these guys are out at night time, Mr. Langin from the Fire Department brought it up that they have to be in compliance with the tear-away and I guess there is so much visibility that has to be on them. Captain Komlosy stated yes, the traffic vest. Police Chief Shepherd advised I believe the year that we bought them they were like \$15.00 and we bought one for everybody. There was a brief discussion on need and after a further investigation possible referral to Finance. Police Chief Shepherd advised I don't know about the tear-away but we will look into it, ours are Velcro. Mr. Rosso advised Larry and Bill should get prices, go to Joe and let Joe bring it to wherever.

ACTING FIRE CHIEF CONRAD: Chairman Bring stated Mr. Langin was telling me about the new Fire truck that when they take that out, the catalytic converter actually builds up combustion because there is carbon that builds up and the EPA is required for these new fire trucks to have these for cleaner burning. What happens is it actually builds up on this converter and when they bring it back to the shop that have to let it run and it actually burns and has a flame coming out the back-end. They said it actually shoots out three or four feet and it is very unsafe and they said they actually have to almost take it on rt. 2 to burn it off. You know, if you are out in the country and you have these fire trucks and stuff, you are running longer distances and it burns it all off – there is not a problem but if you are in the city then they run for these short runs and they have it idling it builds up this stuff then they have to come back and have to burn it off somehow. So I was going to have them look into that and find out if the EPA mandate, if that is something that we can look into changing or send back to the factory to have redone. It sure doesn't sound too safe to me. Kay can refer that or we can have that sent over to the Fire Chief and have him look into that and let us know. There was a discussion on concern.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, Motion by Rosso to adjourn at 7:15 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

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Dennis Bring

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 4, 2009.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
Edward R Podmanik

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM
Richard Rosso