

Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
April 1, 2009

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, April 1, 2009. Chairman Bring called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Bring, Elliott
Absent: Rosso (excused)
Attending: Safety/Service Director Arendt

READING OF THE MINUTES:

*Motion by Elliott to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2009 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORTS FROM THE SAFETY FORCES: Safety/Service Director Arendt advised things are running very well, very happy. Chairman Bring advised Kay was just saying that did a seminar on Amber Alert and said the guy that was talking to them if you don't catch somebody in the first 3 hours they said it is a 74% chance that whoever is abducted is going to lose their lives. Mr. Elliott advised after 24 hours it is like 95%. Safety/Service Director Arendt stated I would believe that. Chairman Bring asked is that something that the Police would do on their own as far as training on that? Safety/Service Director Arendt answered I honestly don't know, this is the first that I found out there was anything. Chairman Bring advised Kay was just telling me about it today because they were kind of going crazy over there with all the stuff but she said the gentleman came in and was going over some issues with them. He said there is actually training for this and he said it is more for dispatchers because that is who gets the call. Mr. Elliott stated they actually have to make the call on whether there is an Amber Alert put out or not and there is certain criteria on whether or not an Amber Alert is issued. Maybe it wouldn't be a bad idea to have a drill or something. Safety/Service Director Arendt advised I will check on it tomorrow with the Chief. Mr. Elliott stated like a training drill or something that way if you go through it once or twice when it actually happens. You know as well as I do there is a saying in law enforcement, it is not if it happens – it is when it happens. I would rather be on top of things rather than be caught by surprise. Chairman Bring stated I don't know if the economy has anything to do it with everybody being stressed out but it seems like you are seeing more and more of it on the news so I guess it is better to be prepared for something. Mr. Elliott stated God forbid it happens in this city, we have been lucky. Chairman Bring asked everything else as far as you know with the police, is doing fine? Safety/Service Director Arendt answered everything is going very well. Mr. Elliott asked are we getting ready for the boat or are we going to drag it out soon? Safety/Service Director Arendt answered probably not for another month. Chairman Bring asked did we, on the fire truck – they were talking about burning that excess carbon off? Safety/Service Director Arendt

answered there is a special piece of equipment on it that they have to get on Route 2 and go 70 miles an hour for X period of time and this piece of equipment actually burns it out. So they were going to do it but I don't if they have. Chairman Bring stated so as far as you guys know, they are not going to change that. That is just the way it is. Safety/Service Director Arendt answered that is just the way it is. Mr. Elliott asked how often do they have to do that? Safety/Service Director Arendt answered from what I understand they are supposed to do it like once every 2 weeks or so, 2 or 3 weeks. There was a brief discussion. Chairman Bring stated we had that one fire with that house over there and I forgot what street it was, there was no problems with any of that stuff? Safety/Service Director Arendt answered no. Chairman Bring stated that was pretty much abandoned. Safety/Service Director Arendt advised I was out there at the scene and it was actually in the reconstruction stage, the guy had a dumpster there and was beginning to remodel/repair but it is a total loss now. Mr. Elliott asked when did this happen? Chairman Bring answered 2 weeks ago, that is probably going to get torn down then and that is all boarded up and nobody can get into it. Mr. Elliott asked where is it? Chairman Bring answered it is by Tennyson School, it is right across the street from that – Pasadena? Mr. Elliott stated I got a call from Debbie who said the guy is settling down is what she told me anyway. She hasn't had any problems. I told her to stay her way and if I would talk to him I would tell him to stay out of her way. Chairman Bring stated there was supposed to be so kind of mediation with that and they declined that. Mr. Elliott asked do you know the situation going on over there Joe, what happened with that dog? Safety/Service Director Arendt answered he was cited and he did receive a ticket and he admitted the leash was too long. Mr. Elliott stated the way she talked there was no leash on him at all. Safety/Service Director Arendt advised no, there was a leash on him and it was too long and it went on her property and it scared her. Chairman Bring advised she told me there was a leash too. Safety/Service Director Arendt stated she called me the other day and stated there was cars parked on the front lawn and I had Wendy from the Building Department go out there right away. There was a brief discussion. Safety/Service Director Arendt advised I try to travel part of the city every day and when I do go I make a point of going over near there always. Our Building Inspectors when they are out, they go past every day. I have them going past every day. Mr. Elliott asked in your opinion, how is that house kept up? Safety/Service Director Arendt answered they are putting a fence and they cleaned up the yard. In the last week or so I said they have made a 30 to 40% improvement, maybe more. Chairman Bring advised I have noticed that too. Mr. Elliott stated at least the guy is putting in an effort, I mean you got to give it to him. There was a brief discussion. Chairman Bring asked we got the upcoming boating season, we got the cameras working there now and is that going to the police station like it was supposed to? Safety/Service Director Arendt answered in all reality, we are working on all that right now. We are working on all that now, it appears we need a new camera and we are going to have it be able to scan all the around 360 degrees so now we be able to catch Shoreway which now the city owns. They broke in last night again into one of the empty buildings. Mr. Elliott asked did they do anything? Chairman Bring answered no, there is nothing in there to do anything with but the problem is you don't want them in there. That was my next thing. Safety/Service Director Arendt advised if you guys have the opportunity to ride past and look at the fronts – I have put up false fronts and

we only have like 3 more to go and I think that will make a big deterrent, once the demolition is started and completed. They are going to have to really, really have to want to get in there to get in there and with the camera surveillance which you know is going to be good. I think this will really solve the problem. Mr. Elliott asked where are you going to put this other camera at? Safety/Service Director Arendt advised it is going to be the same camera, it is just going to do a 360 degree. Chairman Bring stated they can zoom in pretty far. Safety/Service Arendt answered yes, I will be able to tell it is you going into Apples Store. Mr. Elliott stated my only concern was where that camera was now, there was still a blank spot on it. You know how on the walk there, it kind of goes around with the parking lot where that wall is. I think that is where they were smashing those rocks at? Chairman Bring advised actually they were out on the whole pier breaking those. Safety/Service Director Arendt advised that should be corrected with this, I am hoping because from my understanding it should be a full 360 degrees. Chairman Bring asked when they start demo-ing, it is obviously going to take more then a couple of days. They are going to make sure everything is enclosed so nobody gets hurt and all that stuff? Safety/Service Director Arendt answered yes. They will be there tomorrow. Mr. Elliott asked they are going to start demo-ing tomorrow? Safety/Service Director Arendt answered no equipment or anything, they got to go inside and start the inside demolition first. The false fronts, I am really happy with the way it is turning out. It is making it look like, obviously we only have a few stores but it is really dressing it up where you don't have that glass that is busted. Chairman Bring advised plus that is dangerous because if they start pushing on that stuff. Mr. Elliott asked how many more vacant stores are we going to have once that is down? Safety/Service Director Arendt answered we are pretty solid on all the leases that we have but the vacancies that I am boarding up are quite a bit. I did 2 calls today and I returned them but we are skipping each other that are interested in renting. I showed it twice 2 weeks ago, the thing that scares everybody when we talk about that is the fact that you are going in and I tell them it is a minimum of \$10,000.00 just to bring it up to code and that scares them away. The rents we are willing to keep very low but when they see that they have to put that kind of money into it. Mr. Elliott asked what about the Rax's building on the corner there, have we decided what we are going to do with that? Safety/Service Director Arendt answered no, that will probably be another month or so before that decision is made. I did have a couple here last Friday talking about wanting to rent. Mr. Elliott stated there has got to be more interest in that place now then there has ever been. Safety/Service Director Arendt answered I think when the demo is done and the people see the clean-up and the Apples is putting a whole new parking lot in and we are going to try to piggy-back off of that parking lot and get hopefully a reduced price to improve the balance of the parking lot. I have talked to the Mayor about it, I haven't talked to nobody else but I would like to see a re-routing of the entrance in there. You know how you come in now right in front of the stores, I would actually like to block that off and move the entrance down say 30 to 50 feet more towards the middle and I would like angle parking in front of the stores. I think that forces people to actually see more of what they could have. Mr. Elliott stated it is more convenient too, you can park right in front of the store. Safety/Service Director Arendt advised that is a goal of mine but we will see what Council and the Mayor have to say. Mr. Elliott advised I think it is a good idea. Chairman Bring advised I agree, once that thing

gets down – just the fact to keep the kids out and everything out. Mr. Elliott stated I think even the renters at that point will see that we are trying to make an improvement. We are getting to the season again where that boat launch is going to be crowded again. I would just like to see no more damage done. It has been how long we have worked to get that put in and now it is in and it is beautiful. Chairman Bring asked we got all that stuff done right, the last little bit with the railings? Safety/Service Director Arendt answered everything is done.

POLICE CHIEF SHEPHERD: None.

ACTING FIRE CHIEF CONRAD: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, Motion by Elliott to adjourn at 7:20 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 April 1, 2009.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Dennis Bring

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Edward R Podmanik

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Richard Rosso