

Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting  
**Sheffield Lake, Ohio**  
September 2, 2009

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, September 2, 2009. Chairman Bring called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Bring, Elliott, Rosso

Attending: Law Director Graves, Acting Fire Chief Langin, Councilman Kovach

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

\*Motion by Elliott/Second by Rosso to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2009 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**REPORTS FROM THE SAFETY FORCES:**

**POLICE CHIEF SHEPHERD:** Chairman Bring advised I am going to do the Police real quick because there is only one item, apparently we had 2 of the cars with the tires replaced on them and we have a purchase order for the other 4 cars. So those tires will all be taking care of here very shortly and according to Police Chief Shepherd every thing else was pretty much up to snuff. He actually said there was pretty much no problems. We did have an incident the other day at Erie Shores and that was taken care of, that was taken care of quite well. We were very fortunate.

**ACTING FIRE CHIEF:** Acting Fire Chief Langin reported Tom Kelly has achieved a federal grant for us, we received 22 new portable radios and 5 mobile radios to be installed in the units. There may be a little additional costs that come with this to upgrade to our specific specifications but there is probably about \$25,000.00 or so in radio equipment that was achieved to get the narrow banding which is coming up in 2011 to get us compliant with that. We are a step ahead of the game a little bit and it was much needed. Our radio batteries were dropping like flies. Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes like the walky talky and the unit radios themselves too so there base radios coming at this time but they are trying to work on that. Mr. Elliott asked so truck radios and personal portables. Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes and I am inventorying them at this time and entering them into inventory. The old radios we could probably still, if we would like to we could probably sell at this point but by 2011 they are going to be kind of worthless. So the quicker we got on the band wagon to get rid of them the more we are going to get out of them. Chairman Bring asked then you want to talk about the fire truck radio, you said you were going to put an outside speaker on that? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered there is going to be some costs incurred, they did not come with outside speakers as they are not spec'd with that so naturally we are going to have to put an outside speaker on the truck and a remote mic so we can talk without having to climb in and out of that cab while we are working. Like I said there will be a little additional costs, he is supposed to be getting

me a quote on that and when that comes in I will try to get the po for that and get the radios installed. Mr. Elliott asked so we are going to have to put those on both trucks? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered they are coming for both trucks, both ambulances and the utility vehicle. Chairman Bring advised Bill said that the costs is very minimal so we are taking advantage of this. There was a brief discussion on the conversion. Acting Fire Chief Langin advised we are going to have a lot more capabilities then we ever did, these come with 16 channels per zone and there is 4 zones. So we will have the ability of talking to almost anybody we would ever need to talk to. They are also going to install a tone capability on the mobile radios which we currently have also which a lot of departments don't so we can alert the off-duty people to come in if needed. It is a very well do grant and it came at a very timely manner. With talking about paging the off duty people, our current paging system – we don't have our pagers anymore. We turned those back into the city so our current paging system is a kind of hit and miss deal. So we need to upgrade to something, I have talked to Joe about it and I got a meeting with Larry and he said it really is not going to work that well for his people. I was telling Dennis about it, it is a guaranteed system that will guarantee the page to go out within a minute. It is an off-site place that does it and it is \$5.00 per phone annually only. There is a minimum of 50 phones that have to be utilized to do this so we will probably use up about 25 slots and there will be 25 extra that anybody else in the city would be able to do it. If you want to go more then 50, it is just an additional \$5.00 if you added on to it. Mr. Elliott asked now is that a lease type thing for the pager itself or are we going to have to purchase the pager. Acting Fire Chief Langin answered that is to go to personal cell phones. Chairman Bring stated which probably will be incorporated with the phones we just got I would imagine. Acting Fire Chief Langin answered yes you could incorporate those also. Like I said it breaks it into 99 different categories and groups. You can group page, there is a number of different ways you can do it. It has a lot of different options. Unit 66 our utility truck is out of service at this time, the rear springs have pretty much come through. It is a 1993 and has served the city well. Mr. Elliott advised we have been talking about that truck for as long as I have been here. Are we looking at any possibilities as far as replacing it? Chairman Bring advised we just brought this up the other day so we are probably going to have to refer that to Finance. Mr. Rosso asked you think at Finance we are going to find some money? Chairman Bring stated it is going to be brought up there, I mean they have no truck. Mr. Rosso stated that is Joe's responsibility. Law Director Graves stated I know that Joe is aware of it and he had mentioned it. Did he discuss with you any alternatives or options as far as any other truck? Acting Fire Chief Langin answered not really, I mean this just came up like last week. Chairman Bring stated we gotta do something. Mr. Elliott asked is there any lease possibilities out there like we do for a lease type vehicle. Chairman Bring stated that will be something that the Safety/Service Director will have to look into but right now we don't have anything. Acting Fire Chief Langin advised on August 18 there was a run to St. John West Shore hospital, Lt Novak and Fire Fighter Davis were involved in this. They were commended by St John West Shore for doing outstanding job with a cardiac patient, his door to balloon time was 35 minutes and he received 4 stints and is doing very well at this time. So I would like to recognize them for doing an outstanding job. Chairman Bring advised asking Acting Fire Chief Langin can you give me an example of what kind of time

period it would be if we did have a prisoner in our jail and they needed medical assistance and we took them from the jail to the hospital and he informed me it would be about 45 minutes to an hour. Acting Fire Chief Langin advised that is our average turn around time on every call. Chairman Bring advised usually if we have a prisoner it is a 3-man crew for that purpose and I believe also we would have to have an officer. Mr. Elliott answered yes they have to be escorted, they can't go alone. Now would add extra time because it seems to me that they would call Sheffield Village to come send a guy so we don't have to take one of our own units if it is one of theirs. Chairman Bring advised just something to bring up at the discussion of jail sharing agreement comes up. There was a brief discussion on the policy that Police Chief Shepherd drew up. Law Director Graves advised in an emergency situation we would transport, in a non-emergency the Village would transport. Mr. Rosso asked how do you define an emergency? The guy from Erie Shores, what did he claim when he had to go to the hospital the other night. All you have to do is say I have chest pains and now it is an emergency and then our guys got to go. Chairman Bring advised that is why I brought this issue up just for the fact that I think there needs to be more discussion on that matter just to clarify all that stuff. The last thing we want to do is take an ambulance and 3 paramedics and a policeman away from us because we have got somebody else's prisoner here. Just a thought so you guys can think about that too. Mr. Elliott asked I know we have the agreement that says that they shall defend us and not hold the City of Sheffield Lake harmless against any claim or loss. That would cover all lawsuits right, especially if there is any monetary awards they would pay. Law Director Graves answered yes they have agreed to defend and indemnify both the City of Sheffield Lake harmless any and all claims resulting from our holding of Sheffield Village prisoners. Mr. Rosso asked even if we are at fault? Law Director Graves answered that is right but we won't be. Mr. Elliott asked Community Days was pretty quiet? Chairman Bring answered as far as I know, Police Chief Shepherd didn't say a word. Acting Fire Chief Langin advised pretty much uneventful on our end. Mr. Kovach advised I think there might have been 1 arrest and I don't even think it was related to the actual function. It wouldn't be Community Days without at least 1. Law Director Graves advised I think the numbers were up. Councilman Kovach advised I think it was a pretty good turnout with the weather we had.

**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 7:20 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.

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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 September 2, 2009.

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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*