

Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
January 2, 2008

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, January 2, 2008. Chairperson Huska called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Huska, Smith

Attending: Fire Chief Conrad, Police Sergeant Paysor

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Chairperson Huska advised the meeting of December 5, 2007 did not tape.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORTS FROM THE SAFETY FORCES:

POLICE CHIEF SHEPHERD: Chairperson Huska requested Sergeant Paysor to let Chief Shepherd know that possibly for the March meeting if he could give her a report of calls. Sergeant Paysor advised I am sure by that time they will have the yearly stats completed and it will have everything. We normally have that by the end of January or the first of February, so I am sure he will have it by then. Chairperson Huska asked how are the computers in the Police Department, are they working on fixing all of that? Sergeant Paysor answered it is my understanding that they are probably 90% in position where they are supposed to be. In talking with Sergeant Schuster the other day, he has indicated that the gentleman who does the installation is on vacation this week. He is hoping that he received the server because we needed a new server and we are looking for that all to be installed within the next couple of weeks.

FIRE CHIEF CONRAD: Fire Chief Conrad reported our turn out gear has been ordered. We have received the helmets and the boots so far, we are still waiting on the coats and pants. I will be getting with the Law Director either tomorrow or some time next week to get in the process of how we go about putting out bids for the vehicle exhaust system in the bays. We will get that ordered as soon as possible so that they can get that installed. That is part of that assistance to Fire Fighters grant that we received last year, it needs to be completed by August. The funds have already been appropriated for our share of that match. Right now it is just a process of putting it out for bids and doing the paperwork. Everybody knows the fire truck has a delivery date set for April 21, 2008 – that is still on the same time line. We did a quick check of our run numbers from last year, we were up approximately 50 squad calls and down approximately 40 fire calls. Grand total we had 6 extra calls then we did the previous year – approximately a 1% gain. It has definitely gone up since I first started here, we were running about 500 calls a year. Mr. Smith asked what is the total calls? Fire Chief Conrad answered last year was 838 total calls, we had 715

squad calls and 123 fire calls. The fire calls were down significantly, we usually run anywhere from 175 up to 200 on those. So those are down quite a bit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grants –

Sergeant Paysor advised the only one that I am aware of that is out, I had submitted one for mobile data terminals for the cruisers. But I am not aware if that, I think the end date on that was the end of November and I haven't heard anything that it was denied or accepted yet.

Fire Chief Conrad reported Lieutenant Card applied for a grant for fire prevention. It is also through that assistance the Fire Fighter Program – it is an off-shoot of that program. Much like that the equipment in the Fire Truck, it will take a few months before we find out if we are either accepted or turned down. We applied for a power point projector, a computer and one of those “sparky” suits to dress up like the fire dog. The 3 rookies are going to enjoy that. It is actually a pretty good learning tool for the kids, they have done different studies and they have found out that the animated character – the kids retain more of the information that you are trying to teach them then if you just go in there and give them a straight talk. Chairperson Huska asked you guys don't go to the schools? Fire Chief Conrad answered yes we do, we go there once a year with the smoke trailer and then we go in there also once a year for fire prevention. Sergeant Paysor advised I think there is 2 programs a year that they have in the schools – Stranger Danger and there is another one they just completed not too long ago.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bike lane and crosswalks on Walker Road – REMOVE.

Petition for stop sign – REMOVE.

Chairperson Huska asked are you having any problems on Walker Road other there by where these people will still probably want a stop sign and a crosswalk. Sergeant Paysor answered I haven't noticed any increase of any type of enforcement activity there or for stop sign violations or speeding. We get occasional ones that go through there but it is nothing that has increased. Mr. Smith stated they are going to put a crosswalk there though.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, Motion by Smith to adjourn at 7:45 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

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 January 2, 2008.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Edward R Podmanik

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Richard Rosso