

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

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, November 2, 2011. Chairman Bring called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Bring, Elliott, Rosso

Attending: Mayor Piskura, Police Chief Shepherd, Fire Chief Card, Councilman Kovach

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

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

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**REPORTS FROM THE SAFETY FORCES:**

*Police* – Police Chief Shepherd reported I had a meeting today with Avon and Avon Lake over at Vasu's, as you all know we all have to switch over to that mandatory narrow band by January 2012. So Avon and Avon Lake and the Fire Departments of all those city's are all going to make the transition in the first quarter of 2012. So I put together this little note for Tammy. It is not going to effect the current Mayor but will affect the next Administration. I am guesstimating with talking to Vasu that all our portables - we have 20 portables, 6 or 7 car radios; they should be adaptable to go to the narrow banding. The radio in the detective bureau car won't – that will have to be replaced. He is not sure because our main radio in the Police Station was put in there in 1986 so there is a good chance that that may not be able to be transitioned over. In speaking with Tim today and Tim told me he got a price on one for the Fire Department of around \$5000.00. I would assume that ours may be just a tad more because we are going to have to fire – I don't know if it goes by how many bands you have or anything like that. But Vasu is going to come out and take a look at what we got and what we are going to need. So I wrote a note to the current Mayor and Administration and Safety, I would venture to say anywhere from 8000 to 10,000 needs to be earmarked just to put up for that. The other problem is everyone got grants; Lorain PD got a grant, Elyria just got a grant and the Sheriff's Department got a grant to revamp their dispatch and I don't know why but they are all going to digital portables and radios. We are still analog which means we can't talk to them once they get up and running. So that is going to pose a problem. Avon and Avon Lake both have over the last couple of years have been buying, every time they replace a car they get this new radio – I think it is a P25 which is a public safety radio which is digital but is very expensive. We are doing the best that we can but there is going to be some issues, at some point Al Vasu said by 2015 we are probably going to have to be digital here too. He did recommend for the Police Department that we buy the P25 radio. I don't know what any of this stuff means. He suggests we buy

one of those at the base so that we will be able to pick up the Sheriff's Department and Lorain. What we do now is when we take prisoners to either one of those we call them and get in, so we are not going to be able to do that. Fire Chief Card advised they had 2 radios when I got the pricing on them, the cheaper one just goes to narrow band and the more expensive one had narrow band and has the capabilities to be upgraded to the digital in the future if needed. Chairman Bring advised so we are looking at more money then and that is mandatory for sure. Police Chief Shepherd answered yes, otherwise our radios won't work because they are going to switch and we all have to switch at the same time or whoever doesn't go is not going to be able to talk to nobody. He is going to come over here and look at the radio we have at the base here to see if it is compatible and if not he said that will be a pretty big expense.

**Grants:**

a.) **MDT's – None.**

b.) **2011 Drug US Prevention Program Grant – None.**

c.) **SOS – Secure Our Schools Program Grant – None.**

d.) **Police Grants** – Chairman Bring asked anything from Bill? Police Chief Shepherd answered Bill gave me a copy of the grant that he is applying for to try and update our jail system; cameras and stuff like that. He told me that he hasn't heard anything on the SUV that we applied for.

e.) **Monitors/cameras for jail/lobby/dispatch** – on going.

**Vehicles** – Chairman Bring advised the vehicle maintenance reports are attached and Shawn does that. Chairman Bring asked I see there is another car over there now? Police Chief Shepherd advised they are both shot. Officer Pozywak when he gets time is starting to dismantle them so we can do whatever.

**Jail** – above.

**Uniform Crime reporting** – Chairman Bring reported it is attached. Committee reviewed report. Chairman Bring asked we are still covering all the shifts with no problems? Police Chief Shepherd answered yes. Chairman Bring asked Halloween went well? Police Chief Shepherd answered absolutely, no issues at all. There was a little bit of grumbling about some kids from Avon Lake were going to come over to fight some kids from Sheffield Lake. Every year is the same stuff, there was a report that someone was bringing a gun but there was no problem at all. Chairman Bring advised over at Apples we got a group of about 10 or 12 kids that seem to be hanging around that area over there. I see them lately since it got cool outside that they were inside the store. Anybody said anything to those kids or have they done anything wrong? Police Chief Shepherd answered it is posted over there for them not to loiter or do any skateboarding and stuff like that. Chairman Bring advised they haven't been skateboarding but they have been hanging around the tables. Police Chief Shepherd advised Apples needs to call us, we don't run them off unless Apples says hey they are being disruptive or something. Chairman Bring advised just wondering because they are always inside and when they get up from the table there is always a bunch of trash.

**Fire** – Fire Chief Card reported last month we completed the hose testing and lost 1 section of 50 foot of 1-3/4 inch and a 100 foot section of 5 inch. I will be looking for grants next year to replace some hose as we are starting to get low. At the last Safety meeting I told you that both ambulances were in service at WW Williams. I got the reports back the other day and they recommend some repairs. Some of it we can do in-house like the lights that were bad. One has a priming pump that needs some work on it. E63 needs to have its tie-rod ends replaced and it also has a valve leak somewhere that they have to find. It passed the pump test but it is bleeding the pressure when it is holding the vacuum. Our MARCS radios have been installed and today Fire Fighter Monda and myself went to EMA to have the training on them. So we are working on training the rest of the Department on the MARC'S radio's. The Ohio Fire Academy has just implemented an on line training program to help fire fighters and paramedics keep up their training hours. It costs \$35.00 per person per year and it is an on-line program. I have attached my vehicle management reports for fire department vehicles. S71 had to have its rear brakes replaced and S72 also had to have the rear brakes replaced. S72's alternator also needed to be fixed. Chairman Bring advised it just seems like we just fixed the brakes 3 or 4 months ago and then they went bad again. I think it is about the 3<sup>rd</sup> time for the alternator. Fire Chief Card advised the alternator was a simple fix, he had to search for a loose wire. I think S72 had the front brakes done previously and on S71 we didn't have the rear brakes done the last time. Chairman Bring asked did you both go to that bomb training? Fire Chief Card answered I did from my department, I went with the Police and it was very informative. A big part of it was Law Enforcement on how to prevent. Chairman Bring asked did you ever get a cause on that fire on Treadway? Fire Chief Card answered we think it was the fan in the bathroom.

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Compressed Natural Gas** - Chairman Bring advised that is something I am working on and I found out there is a place in North Ridgeville that does the conversion and I am going to go up there and take a look at that. That is actually for propane and they are also doing some other things over there so I am going to go up and take a look at it and get some information to bring back for you to review.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, Motion by Rosso/Second by Elliott to adjourn at 7:17 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 November 2, 2011.

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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*