

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
November 7, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, November 7, 2012. Councilperson Stark called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Stark, Elliott, Belaska, Mayor Bring, Fire Chief Card, Acting Police Chief Campo, Law Director Graves

Attending: Councilman Erdei, Adi Elliott

*Motion by Belaska/Second by Elliott to accept the minutes of the September 5, 2012 meeting as presented with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police – Acting Police Chief Campo reported we ordered the equipment to be installed from Vasu's today for our new base radio, the narrow banding to be completed and that should be done within the next couple 3 weeks. The Prosecutor Graves is working on a couple of grants for us; vests and taser's. The only criminal activity to speak of; recently we had a missing juvenile that was missing almost 7 weeks that made a couple of the TV stations and newspapers and we ended up finding him being hidden by a non-custodial parent in Lakewood. We had to do a search warrant out in Lakewood and get him out of an apartment and he is now in custody at Children's Services. Chairperson Stark stated I just want to step in and say thank you to Officer Corr yesterday for helping out at the Civic Center with the voting – he did a wonderful job and people felt better with him being there. I know we as poll workers appreciated him being there. Acting Police Chief Campo advised Officer Urig was there also. Chairperson Stark advised please thank him too, so I appreciated the presence. Councilwoman Belaska advised I would also like to commend you and your staff on doing a wonderful job on Halloween, it didn't seem like we had any problems and we saw your presence there and you were known. You did a great job. Acting Police Chief Campo advised your welcome, there were no problems at all. Chairperson Stark advised I just wanted to say it was nice that we are seeing more of a Police presence down by Guenther Park and I have noticed we have seen more people pulled over, I think it is having an impact because you don't see people speeding down that road as much as you used to. It is nice to see over there. Acting Police Chief Campo advised we have a new Officer who is quite traffic oriented. It is another thing that needs to be done and she is doing a good job with it.

Fire – Fire Chief Card advised I wrote a report for you that is attached. Chairperson Stark advised the appropriations I am assuming, part of them were covered last month and we have already passed to Tammy and she is going to give you a monthly appropriations to take care of it for this month as well. Fire Chief Card advised we are still waiting on the grants. They sent me an email saying they were start awarding them again in the middle of October and they still haven't started, so maybe this Friday they will start. Chairperson Stark stated I know you and I briefly touched on there was another ambulance that you had talked to, there was a company if the grant did not go through that was a possibility. Fire Chief Card answered yes I have had 2 companies come in; I think it was Lifeline. He just told me about an ambulance that is used that has 20,000 miles on it, in this city they get a new ambulance every time it reaches 20,000 miles and says it is like new (3 or 4 years old). The price of it seems pretty reasonable – like \$60,000.00 for it. That is if he still has it when we figure out if we can buy it or not. Chairperson Stark stated I believe the other part was the utility truck, nothing we can do with the Service Department for now as a temporary? Fire Chief Card answered they have one and they are real busy and haven't had a chance to get that one. That would work for something to suffice that but it is not going to do what I need for it to do. Councilwoman Stark stated thank you and your staff again for doing a wonderful job during the storm we had here in Sheffield Lake. I noticed a list of items that were damaged – how about people, did we have any issues there? Fire Chief Card answered no we had no injuries, we were lucky because even though I brought my staff up during that time period I didn't have enough manpower to chase down lines and do EMS calls. So it would have caused a little bit of a problem, we kind of got lucky where during that whole period we didn't have one EMS call or one Fire call – it was all down lines. Councilwoman Belaska stated I think you both did a wonderful job because it seems like we were not out of electricity that long and I also commend Mayor Bring and his administration for doing a great job during that troubled time. With other surrounding areas, we seemed to be up and running pretty quickly so thank you. Fire Chief Card stated all 3 of the departments are working together to make sure everything got secured and taped off so people would be aware of the danger.

Mayor Bring advised I would like to thank all of the departments – that storm was one that I have never seen and I have lived on the lake since 1976. I got to the Police Station about 2 o'clock in the morning and the power was going on and off and every time the power went off we had to re-boot everything in that dispatch area and that took about 15 minutes and that went off 15 to 18 times that night. Needless to say everybody was quite frustrated but the Fire Department was out handling stuff and we had an extra Police Officer on and it was non-stop calls and I was in there until I think 5 o'clock in the morning and then I left as I had a lot of stuff going on with my

own personal things. I just like to thank all the departments because they really did a nice job. I think we faired quite well. I drove around in Rocky River, Lakewood, Bay Village and Avon Lake – they had power out for quite some time. We did address the power outage, they were not going to come back until Friday and I asked Mr. Smith to make a phone call Tuesday and the gentleman that he called was local as everybody else was being routed to Minnesota. They sent out 3 trucks within 20 minutes after that but that put 400 people back on service. We still had 45 people that were not on service and 1 lady was out until Wednesday and she was extremely upset and she lived on one of the side streets – Maple or Mapleview; one of the last houses way back and off the road. They actually came out, again we called that gentleman back up and they actually sent a bulldozer out there at night and cleared a pathway to put 3 brand new poles for her and had her up and running again. I also want to thank the electric company because I think they took care of us. I think it was Thursday at the latest where we still had 1 or 2 people but I think they were up and running. I know Avon Lake was down for quite some time. All in all I think it worked out very well. It went better than you think, there was a lot of damage. The other thing I want to make a quick comment on is that we recently signed up with a program for text messaging that will go to all the residents who will get on the program and that will be an alert if this would happen again. If there is power outages, if there is a boil alert for water, if there is an amber alert; child abduction – anything like that will come through for text messages. Everybody says they don't watch TV, they don't read the newspaper, people don't do this and people don't do that but just about everybody has a cell phone. So I think this program was very inexpensive, it was like \$1900.00 for the year. I think that this program is going to work and we are going to try and get this up and running. We will start notifying papers and whoever else we can to get this out there so people can get signed up and it is free for them. This would be used for all alerts such as; snow bans, etc. Councilwoman Belaska stated Ella Botel, she accidentally wondered over to my house and I don't know how about some business stuff. She was telling about this and I actually was going to ask you about this today. I wasn't unaware of it so thank you I think it is a great ideal. Mayor Bring advised I was going to notify you guys at the next meeting, I was going to bring it up at Safety today. Things happen every day and I can't get to everyone but that is why have meetings. Councilman Elliott advised first Dennis I think you are doing a good job, this reverse 911 – I think that is a great idea because we have had communication problems in getting word to our residents at any time. That has been a problem since I have been here and I know it has been a problem since you have been here. I think you are doing a great job as far as that goes. In looking over this report from the Fire Department; it says we had 82 trees down – all within a 12 hour period and of those we only had 7 hit houses and I think that is incredible! I think we got lucky. The electric company has been around all summer trimming trees so I think that helped us out too. Great job to both departments for a great job, compared to other

municipalities I think we faired most. I know my electric was only out for 2 hours. Chief Campo – I think the Police Department, I had a couple of issues and they were out very quickly, as usual. So our response times have to be probably on par what they were because every time I call they are right there. I think our city services as far as surrounding communities are probably some of the best. If you need help we are going to get you help quickly so keep up the good work as far as that goes. Councilwoman Belaska stated did you have the Water Department working at night too, I see that they were helping to clear the streets. That was great to see that you were keeping the roads cleared and helping the neighbors that had a bad situation. It was nice to see neighbors helping neighbors too. Mayor Bring advised the Street Department were out with backhoes and they were just pushing the trees off the roadways.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: Councilman Erdei advised you guys did a nice job – the Police and Fire because I have been working out in Westlake and Hilliard has been closed for like a week already and then they just opened it up today. I commend you – everything worked well and job well done for both departments.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Belaska/Second by Elliott to adjourn at 7:19 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 Offices.

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Kay Fantauzzi

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Leanna Stark

and/or

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Committee Of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is A true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Safety Committee of November 7, 2012.

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Eric S Elliott