

**Minutes of the Safety Committee  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
January 8, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, January 8, 2014. Chairperson Stark called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Stark, Cizl, Wtulich, Mayor Bring, Police Chief Campo

Absent: Fire Chief Card, Law Director Graves (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens

\*Motion by Cizl/Second by Wtulich to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2013 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

***CORRESPONDENCE: None.***

***PRESENTATIONS: None.***

***Reports from Safety Forces:***

***Police Chief Campo*** stated you have all of our up-to-date cruiser maintenance reports there. All of our cars are now out of warranty, our 3 new cars too. They are beginning to cause us some maintenance issues. One of the new cars needs a new radiator, a second one needs all new radiator hoses and some suspension parts and we have a third car involved in another collision that needs repaired. Two other cars needs all 4 tires replaced. That is all at once here pretty much. So those 3 cars that are out of warranty that is 2 more cars now that have to supported by our maintenance budget. 1 of the cars was taken out of service. So that is going to costs a little more money probably this year. Our Officers have been issuing warnings since December 23<sup>rd</sup> for the new parking ban and they are going to begin citing January 15<sup>th</sup>. They have issued quite a few warnings since the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our Officer that I assigned to junk vehicles is about a little more then half way through the city, he has issued many notices and several citations already trying to get the junk cars cleaned up. As far as calls we are way down with this cold weather, not much activity otherwise.

Our Dispatcher that does our annual report is currently working on it, she usually has that done around the first of February. Chairperson Stark stated it was nice to see that people were off the roads a little more this last snow storm. Mayor Bring advised the warnings did help as Chief Campo said, we still had a number of them that continue to park on there. There is a million excuses but it was still much easier to plow the snow as it was the last time. I am going to make one more comment about our Police Department, we had a gentleman that drowned on the outside of our Boat Launch over a week ago. Chief Campo, myself and Sergeant Goscewski was there – they were the ones that responded to the finding of this body. Chief Campo called the Coast Guard and our ambulance was on another call. That day was absolutely crazy, in all surrounding cities there was something going on. Everybody's departments was some place else. Avon Lake Fire Department responded to ours and they are the ones that actually recovered the body and there was a comment made on a media saying that our Police Department was just standing around not doing anything and were afraid to go into the water. First of all, our Police Department is not going to go into the water. We have the proper procedures of doing that and Tony did exactly what he was supposed to do. The Coast Guard didn't want to come out here for fear of hitting ice which there wasn't any ice. The Avon Lake Fire Department had the proper gear and they pulled the body out of the water. Again it wasn't the fact that these guys were standing around. He did exactly what he was supposed to do and I just want to emphasize that our guys are professionals, they do what they are supposed to do and I am sick and tired of these people making these stupid comments about things they have no clue about and I am just very frustrated. These guys do a very, very good job and he did exactly what he was supposed to do so I just wanted to get that on record. There was a brief discussion on incident. There was a brief discussion on citation process; ie: repeat offenders. Steve's Auto is our towing service.

***Fire Chief's report*** – Fire Department's annual report. Mayor Bring advised the Chief is at a meeting right now because they have a water issue over in Avon Lake. The intake where they bring all the water in is jammed up with ice. They are not receiving any water going into the city. Last night and I forget what time it was when that happened, we switched our water from Avon Lake to Lorain and we are running water through here

over to Avon Lake but the issue is that Avon Lake also supplies a lot of other people with water. Those people are without water so Chief Card is there right now and they are having a meeting there right now discussing if there is a fire how they are going to proceed because they don't have any water pressure if something would happen. They are bringing a tanker in from Russia Township that is 3500 gallons so that they can use that to go back and forth and refill. They would probably have to come down to our city and fill that up. We also have a thousand gallons of water in our truck and all the other trucks also carry some water. The problem is the pumper pumps 1500 gallons per minute, so if you got a thousand gallons and you do the numbers within a minute or two you have no water. So even at 3500 gallons it just goes quick. That is what they are trying to figure out what they are going to do and you know obviously it is an issue and it is a safety concern. I don't know how they are going to handle it but I am sure tomorrow I will find out from Tim. As of right now our city is a good position because we can get water from 2 places and we are very fortunate. I know this morning I had a little bit of a hiccup in my house because of that because there was some air in the lines. That is what is going on with that and I don't know the whole issue of how they are going to solve this but obviously with the lake being frozen, it is very serious. I think it has happened one other time but I don't know how they thought it out or dealt with it. Councilman Cizl asked is that all of Avon Lake? Mayor Bring answered yes. Councilman Cizl asked do they feed water to any other cities? Mayor Bring answered absolutely, Avon and everybody else. I know they were talking about shutting businesses down, they are trying to use the water that they do have which is coming through this way to use strictly for the residents. Chairperson Stark stated I heard Cleveland may try and ship some water their way too because they are fine, theirs is flowing fine and haven't had any problems. Councilman Cizl asked how hard is it to switch over from Avon Lake to Lorain? Mayor Bring answered very simple. We do that periodically throughout the year sometimes just to change flows and it also gets to the point where Lorain wanted us to buy our water from them but that is not saying that we might not look at it but it is an option for us and it is kind of a nice option. It is just like anything else, if you have more than one supplier your rates always seem to stay down. We have been running our new ambulance that

seems to be working very nicely. It is just a tremendous relief not having a phone call every 2 or 3 weeks saying we need an alternator or brakes or batteries. Not only not getting a phone call, it is nice that we can go to our residents and have them safely transported to the hospital so that has been a huge blessing. Everything in the Fire Department has actually been very quiet. We have had a lot of busted pipes, we have had a lot of people calling with everything else. We did open the Community Center for 2 days – Tuesday and Wednesday we had it open in case somebody had a problem with no heat or anything like that. Health Department came in also and inspected it as it was one of the shelter centers that would have been available. Fortunately nobody had to use it in our city. Again the allotments over there in the Knolls, all the pipes were run on the outside walls that are 3/8 copper and 3/8 copper is a very small pipe to begin with and it doesn't take much to restrict that. When you don't have any insulation in the walls and that freezes, these poor people don't have any water but there was quite a few people that didn't have any water. Most of the people got their water back today, there is still a few people that don't have it. Councilman Cizl advised I think the guys have done a great job, you really realize it when you go from Lorain to Vermilion and you drive around. You realize how good our streets are. Mayor Bring advised we had 4 trucks out and we had 2 trucks that broke; one was brakes and one was something else. The one truck has been repaired and the other truck is a \$2800.00 fix so we had to order parts and that is 4 to 6 weeks but we can still plow with it. Hopefully we don't have any major snow storms. Again you got guys out there working tremendous hours because we are short handed and we have to be safe with those guys because I don't want those guys being out there too long and something happen with that because they are driving a large piece of equipment. We had one gentleman go in a ditch and we had to pull him out. Councilman Cizl asked my neighbor was out of town and his mailbox was knocked down and he made a big issue of it ad he blamed Pat and he told me to bring it up. Mayor Bring advised if it was knocked down with the plow then we replace it. We take care of that. There was a brief discussion on the incident.

***Law Director – None.***

**OLD BUSINESS: None./NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Stark asked regarding levy discussions? Mayor Bring answered I will speak to Council Tuesday night regarding going for it. They are actually waiting for me so they can get started.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, \*Motion by Cizl/Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 7:26 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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CLERK OF COUNCIL

*Kay Fantauzzi*

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

*Leanna Stark*

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*

*and/or*

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 January 8, 2014.

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COUNCIL PRO TEM

*Alan Smith*