

**Minutes of the Safety Committee  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
February 5, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, February 5, 2014. Chairperson Stark called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

\*Motion by Cizl/Second by Wtulich to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

***CORRESPONDENCE: None.***

***PRESENTATIONS: None.***

***Reports from Safety Forces:***

***Police Chief Campo*** stated I gave everybody a copy of our yearly report, one section is left out this year and that is Detective Bureau activity basically because we didn't have one for most of the year so it was impossible to compile those statistics. We just kind of did what we could and had a Detective part of the time and it was impossible to do that statistic but that is the rest of the activity there. Since we last met we had 2 kind of major crimes, we had a bank robbery and 3 people are charged; 2 adults were indicted federally and we had a 17 year old from that case and we still have a pending investigation on a fire that our Officer Ralph Gonzalez just got some information back; phone records and stuff that he got a search warrant for and he is going to have to ask for some more stuff as they did not give us everything we needed. Chairperson Stark stated I did read the paper today about the person over on Pinewood. Police Chief Campo answered yes that was a man stabbed by his wife for the second time. He is still in critical condition in Metro and she has been arrested and

charged. She was arrested previously for stabbing him about a year and a half ago.

***Fire Chief's report*** – Fire Chief Card reported so far this year we have handled 99 runs including 1 structure fire, the fire that Chief Campo was talking about. I just want to acknowledge and I think the Mayor has acknowledged him in other meetings but Fire Fighter Kozlowski and Fire Fighter Mariner actually removed that woman from the house. Her son was trying to but he just couldn't do it anymore because the smoke was overtaking him so those guys got there that actually removed her from the house. I just want to acknowledge that they did a good job. Our vehicle maintenance I didn't give you any of the sheets because nothing has really changed, we haven't had any vehicle maintenance. We do have both squads and the jeep scheduled to go for oil changes and the jeep is also going to get the emissions services that it needs so that it can pass the emissions test. I did want to talk about maybe going to Civil Service and putting on an entrance exam. So when this thing passes in May we will be able to get started on hiring right away as opposed to starting the process afterwards and plus the list is good for 2 years after you give the test. Also I got 2 guys retiring, one is a Lieutenant so I will need to give a promotional exam as well. Is it okay for me to go to Civil Service and talk about that? Mayor Bring answered yes. I am also working on getting another Walmart grant, I tried to do it today but they hadn't updated 2014 yet so I am waiting to hear when they are going to open that grant. I told you guys about ISO that me and my Officers are working on doing the things that we need to do to get that number lowered so that will help your insurance costs go down as well. It is mostly training and a lot of documentation of the training and then we are also working with the Water Department to make sure that they have all the documentation that they need for the water supply in town to help keep that number down as well and Shannon is pretty up on it and he seems pretty gung-ho to get it done. So hopefully once we get all this documentation done I can submit that to ISO and they can send a representative out to give us another inspection and maybe we can lower the number. I am not sure what the number is after our last ISO inspection because I haven't got that paperwork yet but I am going to work on getting that lowered and what it is probably going to be. Chairperson Stark stated I am going to piggyback on something you

said, I know we had a couple of Police Officers who have left us or are leaving us soon. Do we need to go to Police too to try? Police Chief Campo answered we are getting by with where we are at now, I would like to see about getting another part-time Officer now because of a part-time Officer is leaving. He actually worked his last shift February 1<sup>st</sup> but we are getting by so I don't see an immediate need to do much. Mayor Bring stated until that levy passes we still will not be able to afford to have somebody come on there that is one of the problems. Again as Tony said we will be actively looking for some type of replacement for the gentleman that is leaving but that will be a part-time basis. Chairperson Stark stated I know that the Village has reserve Police? Mayor Bring stated we can't do that because of the way we are set-up, their reserve – that would be a training process where they go over there and they do not get paid. In our situation over here if we have somebody come over they do get paid. If I may going back to that bank robbery and stuff and I have said this once before but the FBI was involved but our Department solved that case by having people in and Chief Campo and Officer Gonzalez both working very hard on this along with the rest of the Officers over there and we solved that case. They solved that case in 6 days which you have to give them a lot of credit for that and that was a very tough situation and these guys are under a microscope with everything that is going on and they always get blamed for everything but they never get credit and I just want to give them credit for what they did. It is the same thing with the Fire Department, these guys don't get enough credit for what they do. They saved that lady's life and put these fires out and they are constantly running around and this weather has been horrendous. They are still maintaining everything and we are short-handed but we are still maintaining what we have. It would be lovely to get some more help and it is getting to the point where we are going to have to do something. Again for the number of people we have and what they are doing, you have to give these guys a lot of credit. We have been very fortunate for the people we have in our Safety Forces. In light of what is going on here too with the snow and everything else, keeping the streets clean and everything it is part of the safety but we are trying to do the best we can. There is a lot of people right now that are struggling and trying to get in and out of their driveways just like you guys are but right now this is taking a tremendous

of amount of money out of our coffers and we will be coming to you to Council for that. I am just relaying that, this is also part of their budgets. Tony just had several car repairs and it took out a very good portion of his budget and I know that Tim has had some oil changes and other things and when you get an oil change on some of those bigger trucks it is \$250.00 to \$300.00. Things are not cheap so we are trying to maintain that but like I said it is the first couple months of the year has been very difficult to say the least. I would like to thank both Departments on doing a good job and don't just leave this report laying around – read this because this is very important. Just like Mr. Card's – they put a lot of effort into this report and it tells you what is going on; how many calls with comparisons of past and present. It tells you what these guys do all the time and I think you would be shocked on how many times that they are out running around on calls and stuff and you look at all the arrests, the accidents. You look at all that and you get an idea of what is going on in this city all the time. We may be small but there is quite a bit going on and it is all in that report right there. So take 15 minutes of your time and read through that, I will make some copies for the upcoming Council meeting so other people can have that. I do ask you to take the time to look at that. Councilman Cizl asked can this be published on the website or whatever, its public information isn't it? Mayor Bring answered it is public information yes sir. We are updating that website now. Chairperson Stark stated I do know that there was some nice articles written about the Police and Fire Departments. That was nice to see instead of them tearing us apart. Mayor Bring advised our response times are very quick and when they are responding the job they do is very professional. Chairman Stark stated parking ban – I assume it is helping out as I have noticed there is not as many people out parking. Mayor Bring answered as far as our Safety Forces, I know that I talked to several of the Officers and they are extremely pleased. We still have been averaging 6 or 7 here and there but for the most part it has been very good and that has helped out tremendously. Chairperson Stark stated Pat looked like he had a much easier time getting up and down the roads today. Mayor Bring stated I wasn't happy with the way things were handled on certain things but it makes a huge difference when they don't have to go around cars. Some of the people did get stuck going into their driveways today and there was cars out but it was a pretty good storm with high winds filling it all back

in. It was an all day affair, these guys started last night I think around 7 or 8 and they went all night long. They came in and they were all up until 3:30 and we had a meeting about how they were going to handle the rest of this. So 3 of them went out again tonight to finish all the side streets to get that cleared up. It is fuel costs, manpower – you name it. It has been very trying. Chairperson Stark stated if the weather keeps up this badly, how much of a debt and I guess this is more of a question for Tammy. You know we had talked about being able to make it through the year and the weather wasn't that bad but mother-nature has taken that. Mayor Bring answered I explain everything on Tuesday. One more thing there was a terrible fire down in Toledo and 2 Firemen passed away as a result of that fire and a couple of our guys went to the services and that means a lot. These guys respect each other and I gave those guys the go-ahead to do that. Fire Chief Card advised I drove my vehicle and we went to the last alarm ceremony and there was me, Thad Campbell and Jeff Codner. Then on Friday Thad and I took Engine 63 to be part of the procession for the younger guy that was killed. He had just got hired September 3<sup>rd</sup> of last year. The ceremony on Saturday we weren't able to make it to, that was in Toledo and that was pretty much just a procession from the station back to the funeral home because he was going to be cremated. It was a pretty big funeral experience to go to which we would rather not see it. Chairperson Stark stated my personal judgment anytime that happens with Fire or Police we should find every which way to go. Mayor Bring advised it is all about respect and that is part of what everybody should live by, that is how these guys get by because they respect each other because they work together. I feel terrible for those families that have lost their loved ones and that one gentleman was only I think 31 years old. Fire Chief Card advised he had a 3-year old daughter and a 1 month old son.

***Law Director – None.***

**OLD BUSINESS: None./NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**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 February 5, 2014.

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COUNCIL PRO TEM

*Alan Smith*