

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
May 7, 2014**

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Absent: Wtulich, Law Director Graves (excused)

Attending: Demolition Board Chairperson Gee, Councilman Erdei

*Motion by Cizl/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the March 5, 2014 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo reported the Fire Chief and I met with the Sheffield Village Police and the School Superintendent and we talked about finally forming Rapid Response Unit for any school emergencies; shooters or whatever may be. Sheffield Lake is ready to start and Sheffield Village has not responded yet. I am going to re-contact them and say let's get this going. We have been pretty quiet. Chairperson Stark stated so right now what is the plan because I know we have gotten 3 calls from the schools right this year where they have had to bring the dogs in because there has been bomb threats at the Junior High. Police Chief Campo advised we talked about bomb threats too, they had a couple of quibbles on bathroom walls is what they have had. It is not like someone phoned in a bomb threat or something. I know that they did call in mutual aid from the Sheriff's Department for dogs. We talked about the difference of that happening at a High School versus happening where 7 and 8 year olds go to school and how we would handle it different. I think the school just wants to evacuate the whole building each and every time even if it is a 7 year old who wrote

it on his or her notebook. But responding to emergencies in progress is something that we are not prepared for but we need to be very soon. Like I say Sheffield Lake is ready to get this training and planning going and we are waiting for Sheffield Village. Chairperson Stark stated the Ward 4 house where the lab was at, where are we at with that or are we taking any part of that or has that been passed off to the higher-up's at this point. Police Chief Campo answered that is bound over to the Grand Jury and he will have his grand jury hearing and he will get formally indicted. A case like that is 18 months to 2 years through the system. They won't try to forfeit that house because there is only 1 incident with that property. There is no repeated course of conduct that would normally be required for a forfeiture so I don't see that happening.

Fire Chief's report – Fire Chief Card reported well we passed it yesterday and so now we can move forward. Tomorrow is the Civil Service meeting and we are going to certify the list and then I will have to meet with the Mayor and figure out when we want to start moving towards hiring the 2 guys that we are missing. In talking about that meth house, we kind of found out - we are very happy that that was not an actual cooking process going on there because we are not ready to handle that at the Fire Department. We don't have the equipment to handle it and the county will send their trailer out but they are no saying that they are going to send people for a meth lab. That is like a Fire Department's thing to handle so one of the things - the Mayor asked me for a list of things that we need and one of the things that I have on there is Hazmat equipment which would include Decon; we need to have some pools to clean people in. There is a whole bunch of items that go with that for Decon for Officers that are coming out of the house. Or even if we happen to stumble upon it ourselves at a house fire and if we get into that smoke then we are now part of the problem – we have to be deconned as well or if the Cops happen to find it then they have to stay there until we Decon them and move them out of the hot zone into the cold zone. Hopefully we can work on getting the equipment that we need to handle these but then hopefully we don't have any more of them but just in case we do we should be prepared for them. The Mayor and I are going to have a meeting and talk about how we are going to move forward since the people voted to let us move forward. I want to thank everybody that voted and thank my guys

that stood out there all day yesterday and worked it. Those guys did a lot of work behind the scenes too, from November until yesterday they were working pretty hard. Chairperson Stark asked is there a possibility because we have a lot of seniors and older folks and not so healthy folks in the City of Sheffield Lake and generally around the area. Is there a program or could we talk about maybe doing a program and I will use my husband for an example right now, now with people with heart problems they have to have these medications and they say you have to tell them you are on this blood thinner so they don't do this or they don't that with EMS. Is there a program or something that maybe we can set up where if people were caretaking for people and they say okay we live in Sheffield Lake so we know the guys are going to come and our EMS is probably going to come get them. Could they leave lists of medications or hey they have had a surgery so you need to know about this so if you guys got a call that information is there in case someone is not home. Fire Chief Card answered we actually have that – we have “File of Life” which is a magnet pouch that holds a form that you fill out with all their medical history, their medications that they are on, their doctor's name and it has a bunch of personal information that you can put on there for us. So if it is just them at home and they can't communicate with us – you can just hang it on the refrigerator which is where we tell you to put it and we just go look on the refrigerator and see if it is there. There is also a sticker that you could on the glass of your screen door or somewhere that would say yes there is a file of life in this house. So we do have it. We generally keep them in the ambulances and we hand them to people that we think should have them. Now whether they actually fill them out and do what they are supposed to that is another thing. All we can do is give it to them. As soon as the website is up I can start posting stuff like that. Councilman Cizl stated congratulations for all the hard work everyone did in making that levy pass.

Mayor Bring stated in light of passing the levy which I think everybody here has been actively involved in this; all the departments in helping this thing pass. It was ongoing for the third time and I think there isn't anyone around here that hasn't walked up and down streets and I would like to thank everybody for that. The passage of this is my 2 main priorities right now are Police Department and Fire Department. We are going to make

sure they have the proper equipment to do their jobs, we are going to give them proper staffing and shortly we will be going back on 2 guys for days and there will be some training that is much needed that we have not ignored but we couldn't really afford. Fire Chief Card has already got me a list of his needs and Police Chief Campo is going to get his list of what his needs are. We have already sat and talked on some of that. That is what I am going to concentrate on is these 2 gentlemen right here and these 2 departments. I want to get that all settled before we start looking at anything else right now. Obviously this has been a huge relief because I was getting very nervous to be honest with you. When Tony and I would go in and talk and we almost talk on a daily basis. Before it was Tim with the ambulance, every day we worried about getting an ambulance coming and forth to the hospital and being safe. Now it is the Police cruisers because every day seems like we need this and we need that. I was getting very nervous; our radios are very poor that we have and communication wise between the Police Department and Dispatch. So we are not going to wait on some of this stuff, we are going to actively get these things going and get it purchased. We are going to get some manpower going. It is an exciting time for the city, I am very excited – I know I haven't shown a lot of emotion here lately but it has been wearing on me and this is going to be good and it is much needed and I just want to show the public and the people that voted for this that this is what we are going to do and concentrate on keeping these 2 departments because this is what Sheffield Lake is all about and then we can move forward and get the other stuff that we need as soon as we take care of these guys. Again I would like to thank everybody too, I really appreciate it for all the help. If you would have told me yesterday that it was going to pass by 63% I would have called everybody a liar because I was very nervous. Chairperson Stark stated I will say that a lot of it was people coming in and talking to us or on their way out talking to us. The open house and the stuff that the departments did to let people come in and sort of talk. A lot of them were saying "because I went over and actually talked to the guys I felt better about voting". Whatever else got done, we had a better turnout overall from the last 2 and even the Board of Elections said that we were probably their 2 busiest vote centers yesterday. So they were on top of it and we still have some issues to work out trust me but a lot of people came in and just voted

strictly on issue#23. It definitely was a much better turnout and much more positive feeling when people were coming to vote. Mayor Bring concurred it would have been disappointing if only some would have shown up but there was really a decent amount of people that came to vote. For a 1000 people to vote yes that was tremendous and they are paying attention. I think there was a lot of rumors flying around that we were not telling the truth and that absolutely was not the case as this was very serious. I was writing down stuff to have to walk into the Fire Department and talk to them about and it was not going to be a good situation. Now I don't have to worry about that anymore. Mrs. Rosa Gee stated I would like to thank the Mayor, he really proved to a lot of people that this was important to him and I really believe what he said he was going to do with it he will make sure is done with it. That is saying something now a days because that doesn't happen in cities and he was there every step of the way on issue#23. He was there every step of the way on issue#18. He went above and beyond. Thank You so much. Mayor Bring advised we are all here to move the city forward, it is not about one person. One of the big things too is the 2 new ambulances that we have took a lot of pressure off of this too. So that gives us an opportunity because that amount of money that those 2 pieces of equipment would have taken up a huge chunk of this money. So this gives us an opportunity to get more needs and get everybody going here, finding that one used ambulance for 60 some thousand and having Fire Chief Card write that other one was a huge plus. I know Police Chief Campo has been talking this morning about looking for more grants and we are probably going to have to find somebody to do it because there are grants out there for equipment. What we are needing now we are going to move forward and try to get some of this stuff going because it is getting to a critical point. I don't want our guys out there and not have the proper equipment and not be safe. Chairperson Stark advised the Kerstetter 5-mile run and family walk they do have a date for that and you can start registering for that. They do it in Elyria and you can register online.

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 Stark to adjourn at 7:34 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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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 May 7, 2014.

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Alan Smith