

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
September 3, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, September 3, 2014. Chairperson Stark called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Absent: Councilman Wtulich, Law Director Graves (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens

*Motion by Cizl/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo – Police Chief Campo reported our new portable radios are in, combination of that and VASU fixing a couple of issues; one on an antenna here and another one on a repeater I think in Avon or Avon Lake – our transmissions and receiving on portables are really good now. Every Officer has been issued his new portable and also his new vest which we recently got those in and sent in for the 50% reimbursement online on that grant. I heard a lot about people inquiring about a sex offender after they got mailers notifying the residents of him living in the Abbe/Walker Automotive Research. He is a relative of the man that owns that business and basically used that address just to give to the Sheriff's Department and was never really living in there. So he was found in Vermilion and arrested for failing to provide his address to the Sheriff's Department. So he is not in that neighborhood and not living there. We have our new part-time Officer and Dispatcher on the schedule now. We have a full-time Officer out for a minimum of 30 days starting on medical

and a full-time Dispatcher out starting at a minimum of a 30 day medical and another full-time Dispatcher who is questionable. Our part-time Officers I see them really getting burned out, they are working every and anything they can to try to get us through this but I really see them getting burned out so we may have to talk about hiring somebody in the near future. Councilman Cizl asked are you talking about Dispatchers that are burned out? Police Chief Campo answered Officers – our road Officers. They are working a lot, a lot. Chairperson Stark stated this is something they had addressed before. Mayor Bring advised this is the time that we get a lot of vacation time so you got 2 Officers out on vacation and then we also got a couple of Officers out on sick time and numerous things. Even some of the part-timers availability is not good so it makes it very difficult to put a schedule together. But we have to be careful and I think what Mr. Campo is saying is that we may end up looking at doing something as far as hiring somebody. Inevitably we are going to have to just by everything that we have been watching. We kind of anticipated it before – we were trying to get through this because of vacation times; summer and winter times things will be a little bit more normal. But with all the people being absent we may have to do something but if we do we will. Chairperson Stark asked did you want to talk about this KA-Band Radar now or do you want to wait? Police Campo asked you mean the one that is being donated? That is at the next Council meeting and Sergeant Corr will be here to accept that for the Police Department.

Fire Chief's report – Fire Chief Card advised I gave you the maintenance schedule for our vehicles. As you can see E63 had some service done to it – the AC and we were finally able to repair that and the fuel gage as we really didn't know how much fuel is in it for about 2 years. I mean we would keep filling it up but if you are on scene running it you wouldn't know. So that is finally fixed and it also had its annual service and the ladders were tested while it was there. That was \$3081.24 and then T75 which is the little jeep, we had to spend \$427.95 on that to get the brakes fixed. S71 also had the power cot load system installed at the beginning of August so both ambulances have the same equipment on it and they are being rotated weekly. Every Monday the one in the back moves to the front. So we are trying use them equally. E61 is being scheduled for service right now so it will be going in for its annual service towards the

end of this month. We also hired the new Fireman that you guys saw at Council and he finished his orientation and he is on shift now. He is working out very well. Firefighter Crittle – he has submitted his resignation and his last day is on Friday. That will bring us back down to 11, one short shift. The utility vehicle, I called them today and they did not have any answer of when it would be delivered. So he told me in a couple of weeks he should have a better idea. I think it 120 days and we ordered it on June 25th. Today I talked to the guy from Ford about the Chief's vehicle and he is coming tomorrow to go over the process of ordering it with me. So we will be doing that in the morning tomorrow. Also just to let you guys know we have had a total of 681 calls and 573 of them were EMS calls this year so far. So we have been kind of busy for us. Chairperson Stark asked how did fill the boot go for you guys? Fire Chief Card answered from what I understand they did pretty well, I guess they were only out there for a few hours and I think they got over \$2500.00. I think they are planning on going out again in a couple of weeks. Chairperson Stark stated I know there is at least 1 other gentlemen I believe in the Fire Department who has possible retirement plans. Mayor Bring advised that is not anywhere in the near future and we haven't gotten confirmation on that yet. We have to be 100% sure that a person is retiring before we do anything.

Law Director – None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Revenue spending – Chairperson Stark stated I left the revenue spending on there because I didn't know if there was any other need at this moment that we needed to discuss for either department. Mayor Bring advised we have got the 2 new police cars coming in and they will be in some time in October. We have not ordered the Fire Chief's car yet and we will be actually working on the Police Department refurbishing some of that, getting some computers and a few other things. We are also addressing some of the maintenance issues in there. So we will be working on that department shortly. The gentleman is finished up in the Building Department right now so we will be actively looking at that. We have cameras at the Covered Bridge and we have new cameras at the Boat Launch with a speaker and we have new cameras over here at the Service

Department and we do need to get another TV for that to monitor the Service Department. So once that is all up and running we will have a speaker down at the Covered Bridge too and the Dispatchers will actually be able to talk on those and talk to people there but the people will not be able to talk back which is the way we want it. We will be actively be able to see them and then if there is an emergency we can talk to them and tell them someone will be arriving shortly or whatever and the same thing down at the Boat Launch. So that is going to help out quite a bit. We did point one of the cameras towards Shoreway Shopping Center now so that we can see some of the traffic in case something happens over there. We did have a water break tonight and the reason I bring it up at Safety is because that has to do with some residents right now that do not have water and they are actively trying to get that repaired. It is not a very easy one to get at so I just left there a little bit ago and they were still trying to find it. That is going right into Shoreway entrance so the apartments across the street and a few other people do not have water right now. We did stripe the streets, I don't know if you have seen that but that all has to do with safety and making sure that it is visible especially for older people like me. So we can see at night time and that is all part of the maintenance program and it is actually something that should be done – state routes it is required but on some of the other streets it is maintenance. The Police Department we were pretty busy for a while and it has quieted down some which is good. Like Tim said the Fire Department has been very busy here lately. The cars that we had we had a lot of maintenance issues so hopefully these other 2 new cars coming in will help us out and relieve some of that pressure too. Councilman Cizl asked since you mentioned the water break and this came up to a complaint that I had heard early in the summer but since the website is up is there an opportunity or chance or feasible that someone could immediately put something on the website. Water main breaks or water shortages – when that happens. Mayor Bring answered when you find that employee then we will do that. We are still working on that and we have the website up and running and we are going to give Tony and Tim an opportunity to be able to post things on there. The Service Department is going to be able to post things on there. We had somebody come in the other day and we did a little sit-down talk about how we are going to proceed with that. There was a little faux-pas in there

about the Classic Autumn and I think we already corrected that. Yes and that is part of the purpose of getting the information out. So hopefully with the numbers up now, we got numbers posted on there for the Police, Fire and everything else. Everything is kind of updated and we are continue to update that so that will help people for emergencies and stuff. But yes that is kind of what that is all about and we are also talking about getting a kiosk for that kind of information too. We are slowly starting to get this stuff done. Councilman Cizl asked I have 2 questions on the parking ban; how is the ban working – it has been 9 months or so? Mayor Bring answered still getting a lot of customers. Police Chief Campo added still a lot of violations. Some people don't have any choice I think – over the weekends they have people visiting/they have get together's and they just violate it knowing they are going to get a ticket. They just do it, especially over the weekends there is still numerous cars being cited. Councilman Cizl asked is it all over the city or just certain areas? Police Chief Campo answered it is everywhere. Mayor Bring advised I have told people that if they call and there is something going on and I will be more then glad to do that and we have done many of those. We had a couple of people that just moved into town that got tickets and didn't know about it and I did tell those people that I would give them a one-time break. Again we have got people that continuously do it and think this is the worst thing in the world but every other city is doing it and they have managed to do it. What do we average? Police Chief Campo answered on Monday mornings there is a stack usually. Mayor Bring advised we have got people that are putting in driveways now calling me and they are giving me a time period so we put that on the books so the Officers know that. We are flexible with what is going on. It is working because I drive around a lot and I see a lot of driveways going in, aprons and stuff like that. There is some people that are absolutely stubborn. Councilman Cizl asked they keep paying? Mayor Bring advised it is \$15.00 a day. Police Chief Campo advised we have had numerous warrants for non-payers on those parking tickets and we have picked several people up. We just bring them in and they are under arrest and miraculously they pay. Mayor Bring advised for a \$15.00 parking ticket and they will end up paying court costs and everything else and getting arrested. It is always the same story – I didn't know about it. Councilman Cizl asked are people allowed to have chickens in the

community? Mayor Bring answered that is not here, that would be Ordinance Committee question. Chairperson Stark asked the Boat Launch and back by the Library – have we had a lot of activity that we have had to pick kids up back there because I have noticed bike riding across the street – they are not paying attention in that area of town? Police Chief Campo answered no not specifically there, we have the sporadic curfew violators but the skateboarding type/loitering complaints have slowed down. The guys have really talked to a lot of kids and told them it is not going to continue and it seems like it has really slowed down. So no there hasn't been any issues, no vandalisms, no fights or anything like that. Mayor Bring advised we did have juveniles and an adult going around vandalizing cars and the Police did catch those people and they are going to get punished and they did quite a bit of damage. A lot of it was just stupidity, stuff that they are going to get in trouble for and they damaged some things that costs a lot of money. It was stupid little games that you don't think you are going to get in trouble for and they are going to get in a lot of trouble. Chairperson Stark stated I know that Police Chief Campo had been talking with the Village now that school has started – are we still working through that plan about an emergency with the schools? Police Chief Campo answered yes that is going to get finished very soon. It is on my desk – the policy is pretty much written and David Graves and I did meet with the school Superintendent even before school started and talked about some things involving that. The Fire Chief is on board with it as far as staging areas. That should be finished and in our Officers hands within the next couple 3 weeks, typed up and a packet made out of it for each Officer with guidelines for handling a school situation. Mayor Bring advised the Superintendent will be at the next Council meeting, he will do a little presentation. They had some training I believe in Avon Lake right Tim? Fire Chief Card answered yes. Mayor Bring advised it is a good thing and it needs to be addressed especially when we share the same school system. We have our children going there so Mr. Campo has to be aware of what is going on at that school at all times. Police Chief Campo advised I sent an Officer to observe Lorain's Police Department practicing at the old Southview High School with their SWAT type of stuff that they were doing and he brought a lot of ideas back for us but for us it is a small operation. We are not responding with 8, 10 or 12 guys we are responding

with 2 or 3 so it is pretty cut and dry of what we can do when we get there anyways.

Council#048 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the City of Sheffield Lake to accept and approve the donation of a KA-Band Single Antenna Radar package from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office and the declaring of an emergency.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

Rosa Gee, 272 Gayle stated a lot of people are concerned about Community Drive being open, is there any consideration for putting a stop sign there for safety purposes? Mayor Bring advised actually that was on one the blogs I guess, that road has been open for 3 years. We opened that because the Safety Forces had asked me to open that because not only for them to drive through for the Police Department but also for EMS. Instead of driving all the way around and backing down the street to get to someone if they had a medical issue. They wanted that opened up and our Street Department also wanted it opened up because we didn't have to back the snowplow down. I see there are complaints that people are speeding down there, Mr. Campo and I had a brief discussion about that. I have driven down that road numerous times and I have never seen anybody speed down there. The only thing that I have observed is that people are actually happy that the road is open and that road is going to continue to be open. I have had 20 or 30 residents when we initially opened it up called and said thank you because of driving all the way around. So no I don't see an issue with that and we are not going to do anything and I saw also that they were concerned about kids walking down the road and getting hit. We would have to close every road in the City of Sheffield Lake because kids walk down the road all the time. So it is not a safety issue – I walk down the road all the time, it is just common sense. They just need to get over it and get a life. Mrs. Gee advised I am for it being open but I volunteered to ask the question and volunteered to get the ordinance. I think everybody is doing a great job and I am really glad that issue#23 passed because we really have seen a difference in what they have been able to do and get.

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 September 3, 2014.

COUNCIL PRO TEM

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