

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

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, October 8, 2014. Chairperson Stark called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Absent: Law Director Graves (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens

*Motion by Cizl/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the September 3, 2014 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo – Police Chief Campo advised our Dispatcher that was out sick returned the first of this month. Our Officer that has been out for quite a while scheduled back on the 14th. So those 2 coming back are really going to help. Our 3 – 2011 cruisers slowly but surely; all the laptops in all the cars have broken. Either the plugs are broken out of them or the lids are broken off, they were laptops but they are not tough books and they have all broken over the years. So what that caused is the cruiser cameras to not be able to be viewed through the laptops anymore. So you can't see what you are taking a video of so to correct that instead of buying all new tough books for a whole lot of money we decided to put monitors in those 3 cars. Vasu's got 3 monitors in and they can't be used with the cameras that are in the cars, so they had to return those and order us 3 different kind of monitors. That whole job is going to be about \$1600.00 to get monitors in those 3 cars which is important and saves a lot of problems to be able to record with the Officers. Prosecutors pretty much expect you

to have DUI's on video. We still have no word on the new cars, we are expecting them to be the end of this month. We had our final meeting with all the Principals in the district and the Superintendent and we completed our departments active shooter policy. The Dispatcher working right now is actually completing a book for each Officer that will be issued. The one thing that I wanted to bring up is that we decided for the 3 schools in Sheffield Lake if there were to be an incident in a school that there would be an evacuation of the school and we have pre-determined locations where the students would be – basically flee the school. The District would send buses and then the buses will transport and we decided they would transport to the Civic Center and then parents would be notified to go to the Civic Center to retrieve their children. Law Director Graves said that that was okay to offer the Civic Center as that location. Chairperson Stark stated do you know if the schools are going to let the parents know in any type of communication before hand what plan is in place. Police Chief Campo answered as far as that – yes, they have the mass phone call. Just like when the schools close for poor weather conditions and stuff. So yes they are going to notify them that the Civic Center will be the location that you pick your children up if they were ever evacuated from the school – for all 3 schools in Sheffield Lake.

Fire Chief's report – Fire Chief Card reported I gave you the vehicle maintenance record. E61 had its annual service and the AC problem that I talked about last month was actually the batteries were dying. There was 1 battery that was actually working so whenever we idled there wasn't enough power to run the AC and that was fixed by changing the batteries. S71 had fluorescent lights in patient compartment and we changed those out with LED lights – we bought the LED kit and changed all those to LED lighting. So we don't have to replace bulbs anymore. The Chief's vehicle was ordered and that should be delivered the end of December/beginning of January and there is still no eta on the utility vehicle. I would assume that it would probably be here about the same time the Police cars get here because we ordered them about the same time. We just took delivery of the fire hose that we needed yesterday and they were getting it in-service today and we will be getting our nozzles delivered on Friday. Lieutenant Davis and I are going to be going to Cleveland Clinic down town next Wednesday, they have a seminar on how

to handle Ebola for EMS so we will be doing that next week. We have started ordering some protective equipment for us to wear if we do have such a case in this town. Hopefully we never do but you never know. The new hire Daniel Forror finished his orientation and he is on shift now and seems to be working out very well. So in our department we still have 1 – 3 man shift and hopefully we can take care of that next year once we see money coming in from the taxes we get. We also have some equipment that we have to get rid of now that we have that new hose. We have probably about 500,000 feet of 2-1/2 inch hose that is out of service and we don't really have the space to keep storing it. So we are going to work on trying to figure out how to get rid of that whether it is selling it to someone that has to pump out holes – they can use it for pumps or if the Service Department wants it. So we are going to work on getting rid of that hose. On Tuesday night we had a house fire and their smoke detectors worked and that saved their lives because they were alerted of the fire early in the stages. They were able to call us and we got there and saved their lives plus the property in the house. Pretty much just the kitchen area got burnt up and smoke damage because of the smoke detector. We had another fire in Sheffield Village last night that we responded to and both of those fires started at 1 o'clock in the morning. So we were pretty busy. Lieutenant Novak has been working on starting to inspect and deal with these vacant properties around the city. What he is going to do is inspect them and give violation notices and if the building is found to be unsafe – you guys might see signs posted on them. They will be big 2 X 2 signs with a red square and white X or a white slash going through the middle depending on what we rate the building at. Either dangerous building or just a vacant/unoccupied building and that will basically tell us that there should be nobody in that building. So we will not make entry into that building if it is on fire - it will be a defensive fire only. That will also let the other departments that respond, if they happen to respond mutual aid to a fire here because we are handling another call then they will know that these buildings are vacant and unoccupied and it should be a defensive attack as opposed to putting Fire Fighters in a dangerous atmosphere. So far this year we have had 781 calls, so that is 100 calls more than last year. The guys have been busy. Councilman Cizl asked when you said you would be checking the buildings, are you talking about vacant homes? Fire

Chief Card answered no commercial buildings. He is starting with the Old Abbe Road Lumber building and he wants to do that with the owner but right now he is having trouble getting together with owner for some reason. Then he will move to the next vacant building that has been sitting there and the owner is not doing anything with it at all. Chairperson Stark asked on the calls, is it a certain type of calls that we have seen a spike in? Fire Chief Card answered mostly EMS calls, we haven't had a spike in any particular area – general sickness, couple of heart-attacks, etc.

Mayor Bring stated I think everything is going to fairly well. The only thing is we have had this number of calls especially with the ambulances that we have now things are going a lot smoother and those cots and stuff have helped out. That does take a lot of pressure off of what is going on. Tony kind of mentioned about the 2011 Police cars – we have 3 of those and they have been breaking more than they should be and it is costing us a lot of nickels and dimes that it shouldn't be so we are kind of disappointed and keeping an eye on those too. But when those 2 new cars come in we are going to take the 2 oldest ones out or 1 of the oldest out for now. We are fixing them as we go along but it is getting to the point where it seems like every week one of those cars something was going wrong with the. Police Chief Campo added things that should never break on that year of a car. Mayor Bring answered yes 1 but possibly 2. We are going to see how these go through the winter, everybody that I have talked to with the Explorers – every Police Department really likes them. Obviously they haven't been around for more than 3 years. Most of these are pretty well new. They like them and they have been holding up.

Law Director – None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council#051 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance determining the municipal personal property of the City of Sheffield Lake Police Department is not needed for public use, is obsolete and unfit for the use for which it was acquired, that the property has no value and authorizing the Service Director to appropriately dispose of the property, and the declaring of an emergency.

Mayor Bring advised Chief Campo had some stuff downstairs that they no longer needed and it was building up and he had asked me if he could

dispose of some of that. So 2 Officers went down through and cleaned out, it was just stuff that was just sitting there for years and years and years. There is really no value to any of that; old lights off of cruisers – we are on LED lights now and we will never use the old ones. Boxes of brackets and so forth (1/2 of them are broke). So they just did a general maintenance clean-up so they could get the room neat. Fire Chief Card asked do I need to have an ordinance for getting rid of fire hose or stuff like that? Mayor Bring answered we will have to address that. Councilman Cizl stated coming from a school situation they couldn't get rid of anything unless it was actually put up for auction and stuff like that. Is it different in the city? Mayor Bring answered I think if it is \$1000.00 or so many dollars? Councilman Cizl asked so you can just throw it in the dumpster? Mayor Bring answered he kept a list of it and the Law Director okayed it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Revenue spending – **None.**

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

Bob Ebenschweller, 362 Cove Beach stated I guess I have a question for the Police Chief as to property maintenance codes and do you enforce them as well as the Building Inspector? Police Chief Campo answered the only thing that we are doing is junk vehicle ordinance. Mr. Ebenschweller stated I talked with the Building Inspector several weeks ago about an issue and he said it is not my job – he said that is Shawn Corr's job. Police Chief Campo stated Shawn Corr is the Officer currently assigned to that junk vehicle enforcement and he has been doing a lot of them. Mayor Bring stated any trailers or boats or anything like that is the Building Inspector/any junk vehicles; as far as plates and stuff is Shawn. Mr. Ebenschweller stated well there is a little of both here.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Cizl/Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 7:17 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 October 8, 2014.