

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
February 4, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, February 4, 2015. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Absent: Fire Chief Card (excused)

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo – Police Chief Campo reported I had hoped to get our 2014 stats to you tonight but the Dispatcher who does them is off on extended sick leave again until the end of March. We are putting them together and hope to have them done by the end of the week. I guess I will just bring them to the next meeting. Mayor Bring advised Tim doesn't have his done either. Chief Campo advised I will definitely have them by the next meeting. As you can see from the maintenance sheets our cars continue to be maintenance issues; I actually had 2 down today, it is just a continuing thing with those cars. The new cars – they are still promising them by the end of this week but that might not happen. It might be next week due to the set-up that was done on those. We are still not having any major crime issues; burglaries, car break-in's – everything is down. We have been pretty quiet and probably a lot due to the weather too. We still have had no major issues of any importance. Chairman Wtulich asked how many vehicles do we have total? Chief Campo answered right now we have 4 marked cars and 2 unmarked cars. We have 2 on the way, 3 actually but the 1 will be later this summer. Councilperson Stark asked are we going to budget to order another one again next year for another car? Mayor Bring answered we have already ordered it. We have 2 that are

coming now and we have already ordered 1 for this upcoming year and then after that we will have the budget to order another. At least 1 but maybe 2. Councilperson Stark stated we used to help people if they got stuck – locked out of their cars and then my understanding if I am right is we pulled that equipment out of the cars? Mayor Bring answered we don't do that anymore. Chief Campo stated we kept 1 in case there is a baby locked in the car or something. But as a routine service we are not doing it anymore. With the newer kind of cars, you damage things a lot and there is a lot of liability in breaking people's cars. Councilperson Stark stated there was an elderly lady at Apple's the other night and she had an older car and they had no clue of how to help her get in the car and they called and were told they no longer had equipment. I didn't know if it was a cost or liability thing. Chief Campo advised the equipment that you use actually bends the door frame away from the frame of the vehicle and you can do a lot of damage. That is really the only way to get them open, there is a lot of liability. Councilman Cizl asked a year we were talking about the parking ban and how that was impacting and we had a lot of discussion about the snow ban. Can you give us an update about how that is going, do we have a lot of cars parking in the streets with snow? Chief Campo answered they are still citing a couple a night but nowhere near as bad as when it first started. It was a big stack of tickets every morning, but now we get a couple cars a night at the most. Councilman Cizl asked how is the plowing with no cars? Mayor Bring answered it has dramatically helped out, it is not even close to being what it was and thank goodness. People are actually doing a very good job with that. The snow ban – did we have 2 tickets? Chief Campo answered a couple. Mayor Bring advised everybody has been paying attention and it has been good.

Fire Chief's report – Mayor Bring advised Mr. Card wrote me a little note here which he read “under equipment; when we last met we were waiting for the delivery of the F350 and the Explorer” and he says he is happy to announce both of these vehicles have been delivered and are in service. The F350 has already responded on calls as a chase vehicle and this has allowed us to send 1 or 2 Firefighters/Paramedics by to the station to be ready to handle the 2nd call. Mayor Bring stated if you see the ambulance going down the road and see that red pickup truck behind it – that is what they are doing. They are not doing it on every call, such as; if somebody is

having a heart attack or something like that then all 3 Paramedics are going to go to the hospital with them so there is no need to take the pickup truck. On other calls they are taking that pickup truck that has the equipment in it just in case something is needed; jaws of life, you name it – it is in there. It is a nice feature and then that way 2 of the guys can run to the hospital and then 1 of these guys can go back and be on station. It has been working out pretty good and that vehicle is working out very nice. The last one lasted us 14 years and I am assuming that this one is going to last us just as long and we are going to take good care of it. E61 will be going to WW Williams to have the air dryer replaced and relocated. Chief Card says that he is trying to get E1 to help with the costs because these are the ones that are located directly above exhaust muffler. What happens is where it is mounted actually kind of melted so it was poorly done from the factory. We are trying to get our money back out of that. E61 – 50% of the paint and I think when I first became Mayor I was walking around the Fire Station and I looked on the paint on the one of the new Fire trucks and I looked at the Fire Chief and I said the paint is peeling. He didn't even notice it because I am a little taller at that eye level. Originally when they saw that we were a month behind the full warranty and they wouldn't honor that. So we were pretty ticked off about it but there was nothing that we could do about it. So we just got a new costs of what it would cost to do that and it was \$24,194.00 and they will pay 50% of that but it is still going to cost us \$12,000.00. If we didn't have that in the budget for this year then we still have until next year to do that so we are probably going to do that next year. On a Fire truck you have different metals touching and it has happened to all the trucks, we called around to all the stations and it has happened to every one of them and nobody is happy about it and it should have been taken care of a long time ago by whoever was designing the truck. It is no different if you have a hot water tank and you got a copper line and the dielectric union which is aluminum – around all the windows it actually oxidizes and the paint peels off. The Amherst Fraternal Order 1442 is donating \$1765.00 to purchase a vehicle stabilization kit, this equipment to stabilize a vehicle when it rolls over on its side. It is basically like an air bag that they put underneath there to raise it up. Training, I don't if anybody called and said that we had fire trucks down at the boat launch the other day. We had the fire trucks and the

ambulances along with Avon's, on January 30th we had an ice rescue training with the Coast Guard and Avon Fire Department. This was the first time our Firefighters had the opportunity to have hands on training with their rescue suits. They actually went out there with the chainsaws and cut a hole in the ice and jumped in the water and believe it or not they jumped in the water. I was out there with the guys when they jumped in that water and they said they did not feel that water. It was pretty amazing. The Coast Guard, while they were there gave us a very informative power point presentation in the morning and then went to the boat launch in the afternoon. Also it is my understanding that the Coast Guard is going to donate one of their Board Rescue's which I think is about \$900.00 so that is something we will be thanking them for. We will be giving a promotional test in April for the position of Lieutenant, one of our Firefighters is probably going to retire here. He keeps saying that he is but we are just being proactive just in case that happens. Also Chief Card did go for a training session down in Cincinnati the other day so he took the new Explorer down there and came back. He said it was an all-wheel drive and Tony can attest to this – it was a fantastic drive. That vehicle is here during the day and he drives his own personal vehicle back and forth but he did use that on that. He will use that on meetings and other cases that may happen. So far we have been pretty lucky, we haven't had a fire and I don't want to jinx it because I told everybody that the trucks in the Service Department were all running real good and we have had 2 of those breakdown. Councilman Cizl asked the 4-wheel drive, it is a switch on/off or 4-wheel. Mayor Bring answered it is just a switch. Councilman Cizl continued I saw in the Avon Lake Press about the lake training and that was awesome, is there any other pictures or video of that? Mayor Bring advise I called John Edwards and told him about it so he went down and took pictures of that. Tim and the Coast Guard videotaped that and also took pictures so we will put that on the website. Mayor Bring advised tonight we had 2 of our trucks breakdown and this is a serious issue because the streets are going to be plowed the best that we can for tonight. We had 2 gentlemen that called off and we are very short-handed. Plus the vehicles are shorthanded so we are going to get through the night the best we can so if people are calling with complaints about the streets – they are what they are. People are going to have to slow down, I drove through all

the back streets and they are all passable, they are snow covered. Pat has been out almost 18 hours and I don't want the guy passing out on us and he is only one available right now. I just told Chief Campo the same thing – the Police are going to have to just deal with it tonight. So far I think we have only had 1 minor accident but as long as you are driving slow then you can get through the streets. I had one guy today saying that his street wasn't plowed and I told him that was absolutely not true it was plowed at 8:30 this morning and I told him we will get to it as soon as we can but we have 1 guy. So we are just going to have to deal with it. The one thing that I will say is that little ATV that we have, Jerry has been plowing the Civic Center, City Hall parking lot, the bike path and several other things and that thing is doing an absolutely fantastic job. The walkway is very safe along with the Civic Center and here and they have never looked better. That has been a great asset.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Revenue spending – **None.**

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Stark/Second by Cizl to adjourn at 7:16 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 February 4, 2015.