

**Minutes of the Safety Committee  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
May 6, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

Attending: Demo Board Rosa Gee, Charter Review Joe Gee

\*Motion by Cizl/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2015 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

***Reports from Safety Forces:***

***Police Chief Campo*** – Police Chief Campo reported first thing I wanted to say is over the last year we have got new cars, building improvements, people, equipment, computers – just a lot of commitment to the Police Department and I do appreciate that and thank the Mayor and Council as it has made my life a lot easier. As far as what is currently going on, we are still in progress of attending the New World computer system build sessions. My one Sergeant and Dispatcher; the date for us to be on the new county wide program should be around September. We will have a satellite disk installed on our tower here within the next week or two to receive the data and that is being paid by the county. Our new in-house hardware for the computer is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  done, we have some bugs being worked out. There is new computer systems at almost all the work stations and a server is being installed and that is progressing. One of our new Explorer's is back at the dealership for a couple of bugs being worked out and we should have that back within a week or two. Every year we pay along with Sheffield Village Police Department  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the T-shirts that are given to the kids when they graduate from the DARE program and I believe they do it at Forestlawn now. We have been asked again this year to buy the T-shirts for half of the children graduating the DARE program and that is a little over \$400.00. I will be asking Tammy if we can participate in that again this year. I have one full-time Patrolman who is going out sick for a couple of months next month

and I have already approached the Mayor and asked the Mayor for a provisional full-time employee for about 120 days out of our part-time ranks, scheduling will be almost impossible without doing that and I would ask that that proceed. Also we lost a part-time Dispatcher today through her probationary period, she wasn't fitting in and able to grasp the work required of her and was not retained. Hopefully that won't create too much of a scheduling problem. Councilman Cizl asked will you be short a Dispatcher now, do you have to replace that position? Police Chief Campo answered I am hoping that the others will step up and they already are to fill her shifts, so I am hoping that it will work out. Councilperson Stark asked are you going to bring us an ordinance for the 120? Mayor Bring answered yes. Chairman Wtulich stated I know we used to have a Police Officer staging by Knollwood School a lot, do we still do that? Police Chief Campo answered yes. Chairman Wtulich advised I had someone say that there was a lot of speeding going on around there. Police Chief Campo advised there is an Office almost every morning that sits across the street from Knollwood. I don't know that speeding is much of an issue there on Oster because you really couldn't. It is more a traffic jam issue than anything else. Mayor Bring advised I think when you are standing there and you are looking at somebody even though they are only going 25 miles an hour it looks much faster. Especially if you are outside of a vehicle and see that and when these guys go and put a radar on it they find out that most of the time these people are going right about the speed limit. For 20 mph – you think that they are flying down the street and they are really not, they do pay attention to that. Chairman Wtulich asked have we ever done check points in the city? Police Chief Campo answered we have never done that. Chairman Wtulich asked do other cities still do that? Police Chief answered yes they still do. Chairman Wtulich asked do you guys think that would be a good idea to do that? Police Chief Campo answered I don't think we have that type of traffic volume, the guys that are midnights now do a good job with DUI enforcement. We have a retired Trooper working here now who is a DUI expert and works about 3 nights a week and he is always out there looking and we just don't have that much bar traffic really anymore to justify it. Mayor Bring advised I think you have to get State Highway involved in it to if you do it – like one of the main streets and it is pretty extensive. Honestly I am not a big fan of that and I know that a lot of people are – yes, we want to keep people from driving and drinking but I think for the most part I think our Officers do a good enough job that we wouldn't have to worry about that. As far as warrants and stuff, these guys all they have to do is call Dispatch who runs these cars and they will find out they have warrants. Chairman Wtulich asked when is the new Explorer supposed to be

coming? Police Chief Campo answered 2 are here and 1 of them is back at the shop. Mayor Bring advised no he is talking about the 3<sup>rd</sup> one. Police Chief Campo answered around July is what they are estimating. Councilman Cizl asked just an update, how is the parking ban going, it has been in effect for over a year now? Police Chief Campo answered they still write some tickets. Mayor Bring advised we had one day where we didn't write a ticket since that was instituted. Police Chief Campo advised a lot of people arrested on warrants for not paying or contacted who have warrants and told that they will be arrested if they don't pay and end up getting in and paying. It is still being violated, not as bad as at first but still is. Councilman Cizl continued in the winter you were reporting that the drug issues in the community were pretty good, I didn't know if it is increasing or any further troubles? Police Chief Campo reported we had 2 drug overdoses, since the last meeting I mentioned that there were 2 large scale drug trafficking investigations. There was a house on Howell that was raided and approximately 30 people were arrested. I believe that that was a huge cocaine operation. I participated in the search warrant that night on Howell and there was almost 4 pounds of cocaine in that house and that is a lot of cocaine. Then there was another person selling heroin in Mariners Watch area that was arrested. So that was a good volume of drug trafficking taken down. We have had a couple overdoses and the Fire Department does a heck of a job with the Narcan. If it wasn't for that there would be more people gone. Mayor Bring stated the thing about those busts, we knew about those for quite some time with people calling in. We had to be very quiet on that because it would ruin the investigation. I know I kept asking Tony probably every 2 weeks and I know he had to have been getting a little tired of hearing about it. It makes it very difficult when you have residents calling us and saying when are we going to be able to see something done and we couldn't do anything about it – we couldn't react. It all paid off in the end because it worked and it did exactly what we thought it was going to do. Chairman Wtulich stated good job on that.

***Fire Chief's report*** – Fire Chief Card reported E61 – the issues that I had were all fixed 2 months ago I believe and everything seems to be working fine with that now – no issues. T66 – we are still working on getting all the equipment mounted on it because the Lieutenant that was in charge of that is now retiring and he did not do some of the things that he said he was going to do and I believe he is gone on vacation. Me and the Lieutenant that is going to take his spot are going to work on getting that stuff handled. S75 – I am getting quotes to fix that dent on it that happened. You guys heard about the dent right. Committee replied no. Fire Chief Card advised they were fixing a water main break and I wanted to know what

hydrants were working and when I parked I parked kind of next to the back-hoe and it had its out-riggers down and the bucket was down. While I was getting the information it started sliding across the street very slow and just touched the vehicle and put a little dent on the back of it. Mayor Bring advised that was when it was really cold out and icy. Fire Chief Card continued 63 and 71 – still need to be serviced, 71 still needs to have the turbo done. We haven't had an issue with it though and again my maintenance Lieutenant is not here to do those scheduling so I am going to be talking with the guy that is filling in for him as soon as he gets back from vacation and we will get these things scheduled and in there. 63 – if I do not get that in until July, then that will just go in for its annual service and get whatever needs to be fixed done at that time. We found out what is going to fix our radio problems or it seems like it's going to fix our radio problems. I had Avon Lake come over with one of their pumpers and they have a mobile repeater mounted in all their vehicles and I used their portable which is programmed with a frequency that talks to the mobile repeater and the mobile repeater sends it to the mounted radio in the vehicle and then sends it out to the repeater. It is a pretty complicated thing to explain but anyways I went into Apples and it was perfect. It was clear and I haven't actually heard radio traffic that clear since we switched to narrow banding. So we are working on getting mobile repeaters put in both engines and both ambulances, so that should fix our problem. I went into Apples and Dollar General and into the basement at Erie Shores and all of those places were clear radio traffic from me all the way to Elyria at the Lorain County 911. On grants – I am still waiting to hear from the AFG grant and the Ohio Training grant. So far this year we have had 312 calls and to what Tony was talking about the Nasal Narcan that the Police were doing. It has really helped, in the County there has been 67 people saved from the use of Narcan from either Police or EMS doing it. Of those our Police had a couple saves I believe. There is just a celebration for that program that they had going up at the college that I went to and they showed all of the statistics and I think Sheffield Lake had 15 saves out of those 65. So that is pretty good. He continued we are doing some training, today we did hydrant training with the Service Department and we will be starting to flush hydrants on Monday. Next Wednesday we are doing extrication training and we will have 4 vehicles out here in the parking lot, we will have a class in the morning and then we will be cutting the cars up sometime in the afternoon. So if you guys aren't doing anything and you want to swing by – we will be doing that. We will have the cars out of the parking lot and gone by Friday for Pride Day that weekend. Elyria Township got the state flash over trailer, get the fire going in there and it starts rolling over and reaches the

temperatures of flash over getting close to 1000 – 1200 degrees. He explained the guys go in the trailer and they sit that and feel the heat through their gear so they know when it is time to start getting out of a fire. I have 4 guys to go into that; Mariner and Forro going on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> and Novak and Starcovic going on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>. We are also going to be doing interviews to hire somebody to replace Bill when he leaves and the sooner we get him hired the better it is for my overtime budget. I think you guys got that information at the last Council meeting. Special events – this is kind of a question that I have for you Mayor. The circus – what date is that? Mayor Bring advised it is a Saturday and it is either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> whichever date that Saturday is. It is a one day event with 2 shows during that 1 day event and then pack up and go. Fire Chief Card asked are they going to be setting up on Friday? Mayor Bring answered yes. Fire Chief Card explained the reason I ask is that we have to inspect that building inspector and make sure that they have all the certificates and stuff. We are also going to need EMS and probably a Firefighter stationed there also. Mayor Bring to give all company information to Fire Chief. Fire Chief Card continued then the Triathlon date? Mayor Bring advised that is in June and I don't have that but will get that for you. The other thing that you guys probably have to attend would be the movie event – My Blind Brother because they are going to be setting up for that. I believe we might have somebody down there for that. Fire Chief Card asked where is that? Mayor Bring answered at the Boat Launch, they are going to have a movie set-up with the equipment and stuff but I don't know if anybody is actually going to go in the water but I think maybe we will have somebody down there anyways just to make sure. They are going to close the Boat Launch for 1 day but I will get all that stuff.

Mayor Bring advised on that thing that Tim had talked about on those repeaters. I talked to Mayor Zilka today, I was at the County and met about something else which I will tell you. He is not very happy with this, those repeaters also require maintenance and everything. They are not just something you buy and it is said and done, so Mayor Zilka would like to have a meeting between our Chief and I and just go over this and then go back to the County. I was at the County today mentioning a few things so they are going to have to maybe pony up a little bit with this too because I think we spend about another \$8000.00. They keep telling us to do things and it keeps costing us money but Mayor Zilka and I both agree that we are not going to have one of our guys get hurt over not having the proper equipment and that would be the same for the Police Department. Our guys life's are way too valuable to have a \$1200.00 piece of equipment that is not available or having something fail. So we have to make sure that our guys are safe. Again if we have to

keep spending this money as they keep telling us. It is just like 911, we were having trouble with that so I talked to them a little bit about that too. I think that is an on-going thing too and Mr. Cordez was at the meeting. There will more to that. Also the Fire Department is going to have an open house this year, when is that? Fire Chief Card advised we are going to try to get it set for September 12<sup>th</sup>, I had to kind of wait until vacations were over so I can have participation. Mayor Bring advised I think we had a good turn-out last year and I would like to have more of a turn-out this year. I think it went well and we will have some of the new equipment there. Just one more thing, we had a resident complain that he saw one of our vehicles on I480 and Brookpark Road and was making a big issue out of seeing a vehicle out there. The vehicle was out there because our guy had to go to a mandatory training for EMS. You would think that you would see a vehicle out of the city that you would happy seeing the guys are out there. This was broad daylight, they are not trying to hide from anyone. They have fluorescent paint on the vehicle that says City of Sheffield Lake and its red so the guys are out doing stuff. It is just like Mr. Card said the other day, he had to go to Cincinnati for training and had to go to Beachwood for training and also Elyria training. We have to take the fire trucks to Strongsville to get checks on the pumps and stuff. Mr. Campo – his guys have to train, so vehicles do leave this city. I would hope that everybody understands that the reason they leave this city is that there is things that we have to attend and there are training sessions and yes the vehicles are going to be used for that. So I just want to make sure that if anybody complains about it this is what is going on and I think it is very, very petty if someone would even think about that and it really angers me but I had to bring this to you. Councilman Cizl asked what vehicle? Mayor Bring answered 66 and like we said the reason we got these is so that these guys can do this training and be able to use the equipment. Occasionally they have to go pick up a part or something that they need or a piece of equipment for computers or whatever and yes they are going to use the equipment and go pick it up. That is what they are here for. Everybody makes a big issue out of nonsense and it is very frustrating. Chairman Wtulich asked for the Fire Chief – can we get a sheet with the numbers that correlate with the vehicles, like 66 is whatever. I am not sure what is what. Fire Chief Card asked are you talking about the maintenance form that I give you guys? I haven't given it to you in a month or so. Mayor Bring clarified like 66 – what vehicle it is. Every vehicle we have in the city has a number on it. Fire Chief Card advised 66 is the pickup, 75 is the Chiefs car and then ambulances are 71 and 72, engines are 61 and 63. But yes I will give you a list. Councilperson Stark stated the parking for the Soccer people, I know we cannot

discuss what they do on the parking but we are still having an issue every spring. The new people that are moving in are complaining too. The kids are getting out of the cars without looking, they are parking illegally still and blocking peoples driveways, they are not paying attention to the traffic of the people who live there. Mayor Bring asked on the side streets? Councilperson Stark answered yes on the side streets. Mayor Bring asked so even with all that extra parking that we put over there, they are still parking on the side streets? Councilperson Stark answered yes every Sunday, we all know when they are coming – it is a neighborhood joke. You go out and make the turn onto Gayle and they park so far that you are pulling all the way out into  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the block to see if somebody is coming this way and somebody is going to get hit. The kids aren't even watching when they get out, they are just running and the parents aren't watching them. So it is still a concern, especially with new kids moving in. So that is why I asked the other day if they were going to do something about parking over there. Mayor Bring stated we were going to do that handicap parking but we aren't doing anything else right now. We added all that grindings which we probably have 30 or 40 additional parking but I know the Soccer Association was asking about that but I didn't realize it was that bad. Councilperson Stark advised it is mostly our streets but then they are now moving over onto Lynne, it is mostly up in ours for some reason. They are not watching when they cross over on Walker either, those kids are just running across that street. Mrs. Gee advised the parking lot is half empty when they are doing it. Mayor Bring stated really. Mrs. Gee advised parents need to be told to use the parking lot. Councilperson Stark stated since it is summer and I know I passed by the Library the other day and a biker – I don't know if they got hit or something but I know there was an ambulance. Do we have any ordinances on the books that they have to have mirrors or if they are out at night they have to have lights or anything. Since it is getting warm out and everybody is out using bikes. Police Chief Campo advised you have to have a light at night that is in our city ordinance. Councilperson Stark stated we are seeing more and more people out using the bike path which are great but you are seeing a lot of them not necessarily following the rules. I would hate to see somebody get hurt, like someone walking or something and getting hit. Mayor Bring advised one of the things I told Mr. Hastings was the bike path was full of gravel and we hadn't cleaned it yet this year so I think we either did it today or will get it tomorrow. Some of these people who are on their bikes and they were pulling around the gravel and they pull right out in front of you. I did see that and that is what prompted me and then we had a bunch of people from a bike group, after I had told Pat that – they sent me an email saying is there any way you could clean it up.

We kind of hit each other within a 24 hour period. The problem is when they get on that bike path they are going 3 deep sometimes and they are out in the street and they get very angry if you even get near them. Sometimes it is very difficult. I think on that day it was somebody that came out of Risco's. Police Chief Campo advised I am not sure of what that was. Councilperson Stark stated well I know there is going to be more motorcycles out and stuff and maybe promote some safety somehow so that everybody can enjoy the road together. Mayor Bring advised we do have those signs "be aware of the motorcycles" which I think is a good idea and I think people should put a few of those in their yard along Lake Road because it is important. I saw it coming back from Cleveland the other day, he advised of an accident. Police Chief Campo advised we ordered some of those signs, they are like the for sale signs. So anyone who wants one we have some at the station. Mayor Bring advised we are probably going to put some at the Civic Center and the Boat Launch and the parks.

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,  
\*Motion by Cizl/Second by Stark to adjourn at 7:30 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 6, 2015.