

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
July 1, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, July 1, 2015. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

*Motion by Cizl/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the June 3, 2015 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo – Police Chief Campo reported we have our new full-time Officer sworn in and on the training schedule, he started Sunday with his field training Officers. We have our provisional full-time Officer Beese on the full-time schedule and coming the next schedule we have our full-time Dispatcher on the full-time schedule. That is going to help immensely with manpower. We should have our new Explorer probably Monday or Tuesday, they outfitted it the day before yesterday and that should only take a couple of days so that is coming in a lot sooner than we expected. I also put in a request for a surplus Humvee from the federal government. I was told when I put in the request that it wasn't spoken for and that we would get it. It is a standard Humvee with a military style – like a pickup truck/bed on the back and we would be allowed to repaint it and put our logo on it and stuff. It would be ours free of charge until we were done with it and then wanted to transfer it to another agency. I haven't heard back but I would imagine that those transfers take quite a while so I am waiting to hear on us getting that. I think you are still getting the maintenance reports right? Chairman Wtulich answered yes. Councilperson Stark asked what is the purpose of this Humvee? Police Chief Campo answered well it is free and it's a vehicle, it is a super powerful 4-wheel drive that I am told can go through 3 feet of snow like nothing. It would be great for that and that it would get us anywhere and we could haul with it and we really don't have a vehicle that we could just throw stuff in and not worry about banging it up a little bit. It would be great for parades, public relations type stuff,

take to the schools. We could use it for several things. Councilperson Stark stated then I have a question about fireworks in this city, rule on fireworks – if somebody knows of people sitting off fireworks what is our general policy, do we call it in? Police Chief Campo answered fireworks, discharge are prohibited and possession also. We pretty much on the 4th of July holiday tell people just knock it off unless it is real late at night or unreasonably middle of the night. But since it is the holiday and everybody is kind of being a little festive we tell them to knock it off. If we get repeated calls back or they are keeping people awake all night, we do issue tickets on occasion. Councilperson Stark stated I just know in our area we have had a couple of houses in the last couple of weeks that have been sitting them off nightly. Police Chief Campo advised if it is an annoyance call us. Mayor Bring stated some of the larger fireworks are pretty much not allowed, I think that is what happened the other day. They did try to find that gentleman, you did find him didn't you? Police Chief Campo answered yes. Fire Chief Card advised I believe the law is you can buy them in the State of Ohio and I think they only sell to the public up to like an inch and a half but after you purchase them you have to leave the state with them. I don't know what state you are allowed to shoot them off in because pretty much every state says that. We will sell them to you but you can't shoot them off in our state. Mayor Bring stated we don't push the issue unless it is something large going off and they are trying to be disruptive. Fire Chief Card stated if there is a display like they had at Forestlawn a few years ago. Mayor Bring added that was at a school and it was a very large display. That was a big no-no. Police Chief Campo advised if you are listening to it all night and it is keeping you awake then call us and we will do our best to shut them down.

Fire Chief's report – Fire Chief Card advised we are up to 460 runs for the year. Vehicle maintenance like I told you I am in the process of my Lieutenants switching over and once Brian gets in there I will start having sheets like Tony gives you to bring to you. S72 had to go in for an electrical problem that was not even allowing it to start, so we had to take it over to Chevy over in Avon and that was fixed under warranty. S71 that is going to be going in to have that turbo rebuilt that I told you about because it keeps throwing the engine light on and it is actually starting to run a little sluggish so that will be going in within the next week or so. E61 and E63, S71 and S72 – they have all been outfitted with the mobile repeaters and that has seemed to fix our radio issues as long as we are on the right channel to talk to that repeater. Everything seems to be working pretty well, even testing it inside the stores and it is coming in clear. Wherever we used to have a radio issue we are not having one anymore. I am happy to say that seems to be handled. T75

has been repaired and looks like new. The new hire Tim Hollingshead seems to be fitting in pretty good, he is doing a good job and is still training. I am happy that we got him. I talked to Lieutenant Langin yesterday and he went to the State of Ohio today to figure out his retirement date set so I should be getting that paperwork pretty soon and Tammy should be getting it as well. Once that happens then I think we are going to plan on swearing in the new Lieutenant in the near future. The fireworks are on schedule, we have the permit and so far everything is looking good for that. Lieutenant Novak has also made contact with the Knights of Columbus to get all the information we need for that circus that is coming to town as well. As you guys know we are doing hydrant flushing that is still ongoing and that will be happening throughout the summer until it is finished. The other day I checked on the AFG grant and there has been some activity on it and this is kind of what happened when we got the squads and I don't know if this means anything, it could just mean that it moved to the next level. The submission date that I had when I submitted it has now changed to June 2nd so it has been moved to another level. So hopefully we will hear something on that in the near future. This grant is for SCBA's and a new fill station and training. Mayor Bring stated Mr. Card explain how the striker cots are doing for you guys. Fire Chief Card answered they are doing excellent, my guys love them. The only thing that I found which is a complaint from me was the maintenance on them is a little more every year but I guess you can expect that because everything is electronic now. They pick people up for us so how can we complain about them. We don't have to pick the cot up and then we don't have to load the cot into the squad, it just loads itself. It is very helpful and I think it is definitely going to reduce our back injuries. Chairman Wtulich stated on the hydrant flushing, we do have a program for painting the hydrants? Fire Chief Card answered I don't have one this year but. Mayor Bring advised we are going to do that through the Service Department.

Mayor Bring stated Leanna you were talking about that Humvee, we had the discussion before we ordered this and it is not like we are going to be running this thing around town and having the guys playing around with this thing. The purpose was basically if something was going on down at the beach and you couldn't get a vehicle down there. We will probably have some kind of a wench on that, if we have a storm where there are trees in the road or something like that they would be able to move that or if Tim can't get an ambulance into an area or something then we would be able to get in with this. The whole purpose is that it is just a heavy duty vehicle to get in and out of things. So that is kind of what we are going to do with it if we do get it. The first thing we talked about was what are we going to use

it for. We have ran into situations where we could have used another vehicle to be able to get into that. Especially in the winter time when it is really, really bad out and then apparently this gentleman told Tony that they ran it through 3 feet of snow like it was nothing. Again we are not going to run it all over town and do all kinds of things but like with the open house we will have it there for the kids. Once in a while just bring it out and let people look at it. We will not be pulling people over with a Humvee but I think it will be a very useful vehicle. The other things is we have got Community Days coming up and we are going to have a full force of Police out there for all that with the parade. We should have the new vehicle for that and I think Tony has got everybody scheduled for that day. So we will be keeping control of all that stuff and hopefully we will have a very safe fireworks too. Overall everything has been going pretty good with the Police and Fire, I have been pretty happy with everything. The new guys in the Fire Department are doing real well and the 2 young guys in the Police Department and everyone seems to have a better attitude and things are going well. It is really good to see and I have been very happy with that. Tony has the guys stopping at the businesses and talking to them individually and I have seen the Officers doing that. We did have a complaint about the crosswalk down there which is a safety thing, they said the paint was getting dull but I have been down there twice and it shows up very well. The problem is that these kids are walking across the road thinking that is a legitimate crosswalk which it is for the purpose of going through but it doesn't stop traffic and it is a whole different purpose for that. So Pat and I were talking about getting some solar flashing lights, we are looking into that and possibly putting them up there for that purpose. I just don't want kids walking in front of traffic and somebody getting killed, even at 20 to 25 mph these kids don't even look. I watched them do it the other day and they just walk right out in front of everybody. With the storm the other day we had some issues with some people going down by the boat launch over there too, I was getting kind of concerned about that. The water quality is not real good right now. Councilman Cizl asked on that crosswalk that you are talking about, I am not sure what the legal thing is? If you are in a crosswalk, traffic has to stop right and if they don't you can always cite the driver? Police Chief Campo answered correct. Councilman Cizl stated so there is different types of crosswalks right? Police Chief Campo answered right. Mayor Bring advised like I said these kids think that they can walk across without looking. We did take that light down over there and I haven't heard anybody complaining about that but we are looking at some kind of flashing or solar, they make all kinds of new things now which is a lot nicer. Chairman Wtulich asked who is responsible to paint the striping in the

handicap spots over at Apples? Mayor Bring stated I think Apples actually takes care of that because they have their own signs and stuff. Police Chief Campo stated I don't know who is actually responsible to put them up. Chairman Wtulich stated I know they are really hard to see right now. Mayor Bring advised Pat is on vacation and will be back on Monday, I will talk to him and have him maybe give the owner of Apples a call to have that repainted.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,

*Motion by Stark/Second by Cizl to adjourn at 7:18 PM. Yeas All.

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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 July 1, 2015.