

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
September 2, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, September 2, 2015. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Wtulich, Stark, Mayor Bring, Police Chief Campo, Fire Chief Card
Absent: Cizl (excused)

*Motion by Stark/Second by Wtulich to accept the minutes of the July 2, 2015 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo – Police Chief Campo reported the last time I was here I talked about a Humvee from the Federal Government and when it was about time to get it, it ended up having everything you can imagine wrong with it so I canceled that request for that. There has been nothing else similar come up. We are progressing with our new world system; the county wide computer system and they are talking about October to go live on that which connects all the Police Departments in the county and 911. We have been pretty quiet activity wise until today when Chase Bank got robbed a little bit before 4. We are getting somewhere with that, we have some video evidence and good witness descriptions. Councilperson Stark stated in light of all the people being stupid and deciding to shoot at our Safety people. I am assuming that we have some information or source that if somebody was acting that way that you guys would know or if people were making threats that there are procedures in there to protect you guys and protect the Fire Department and Service Department if something were to occur? Police Chief Campo answered we get notified from various sources about people that are on “watch” list or have threatened. That could be anything from where a family member got in an argument with his Dad and left and says if the cops come I will shoot them – we get notified locally through an FBI notification of a known terrorist in the area and everything in between. We have been talking to our guys about limiting stationary stuff especially after dark so nobody can sneak up on you and stuff, sitting and doing

paperwork and stationary radar and things like that to be a little more careful. Councilperson Stark stated I just wanted to make sure that we had something to watch out for everybody in case. Police Chief Campo stated there has been way too much of that happening. Chairman Wtulich stated I know we mentioned at some point about using body camera's for the Police, have you looked into that anymore? Police Chief Campo answered not really, no. Our cruiser camera's have a microphone that you clip on your shirt and that is wireless obviously so not only are you videoing out through the front window of your car but you are recording all your contacts. That video 99 times out 100 is the important piece that is going to be used. Mayor Bring advised if we were doing foot chases, a lot of that kind of stuff. It is a different scenario I think in Cleveland where they are into a lot of other situations. We talked about it and just like Mr. Campo said we have our video camera in the cruisers and we think that it is more than sufficient and the audio is very important as we have recordings of all of it.

Fire Chief's report – Fire Chief Card advised we are up to a total of 648 runs this year and I wanted to let you guys know that we are having an open house on September 12th so if you guys want to come out and hang out or help. Vehicle maintenance, Brian is still getting settled into being the maintenance Officer so he hasn't gotten that form that we will be giving you. S71 the last time I told you it is going in to have its turbo repaired and that cost \$762.40. E61 is in right now for its annual service and pump and ladder tests and we had to have one of our gauges replaced on that and that cost \$1371.50 and we are picking it up tomorrow. E63 will be going in on September 9th for its annual service and the cost of that will be \$2250.00 and what they do is stagger them so one year one gets a complete full service/completely gone over and the other one gets oil changes and pump tests. That is why there is difference in pricing there. The F350 has for some reason the air bag light is on so that is going to be going in to get checked out and it should be covered under warranty so that shouldn't cost us anything. I had the F350 and the Explorer repeaters put in them and we used the money from a donation we received I think last year to pay for that and that was \$4355.00. Since we have put those in the vehicles, our radio traffic has just improved it is clear. I don't know if you can get it any better than it is. We are still flushing hydrants and we are half way through the city, the biggest part of the city is done with all the long streets. So we just have from Harris to Erieview to do and we are hoping to be done by October. I don't know if I told you guys but we did get awarded after the last meeting so we did get that grant. I don't know if you guys heard that at a Council meeting or not? The grant I wrote for the SCBA's and SCBA fill station; we didn't get the SCBA's

but we got the fill station so we are getting a brand new SCBA fill station to replace the old one that Columbia Station donated to us. I have already got that ordered and it should probably be here in 2 or 3 weeks. The special events that we have had over the summer; the Circus and the Triathlon went off pretty well without issues. Next year at the Triathlon though we are going to have a squad sitting there because we did have to have one of the older gentlemen looked at. For equipment; I am purchasing some new bunker gear for guys and I am getting 8 sets of bunker gear and that is from the money that we got on loan last year and that is \$17,400.00. I also had more money from the donation that we received that was like \$14,500.00; helmets, gloves, boots and hoods. Everybody is getting those and that total cost is \$9,168.00. If you see us out at 3671 Lake Road those people donated a house to us to train in. We are not lighting it on fire, we are just going to be doing evolutions in there; stretching hose, bailing out windows, practicing pulling people up from the basement. It is going to get to a point where they are going to start allowing us to start cutting into the floor, cutting holes in roof and stuff as soon as they know when they are going to actually tear the house down. So we will be training in that until then. I am sure that everyone heard that Lt. Langin retired and he has never come back. Our new hires; Bowman and Starcovic, they have finished their one year probation. Bowman finished his on June 10 and Starcovic just finished his on August 25. Ferror will be off probation at the end of this month 9/29 and Hollingshead is still doing well, he is fitting in well and his Lt. says he is doing a good job. Chairman Wtulich asked on the Fire Department, is it a one year probation? Fire Chief Card answered yes I think it is Police too. Chairman Wtulich stated so in that time if you had to let them go you can let them go without the union trying to save their job? Fire Chief Card answered yes. Chairman Wtulich stated you were talking about the donation and the loan, can you refresh me on who the donation was from? Fire Chief Card answered I forget what her name was, she passed away and she left us \$14,500.00 and she also left Sheffield Village Fire Department \$14,500.00. We took it last year and I actually forgot about it and I was sitting trying to figure out how to pay because I was trying to figure out how to get the money to put those repeaters in those other two vehicles because as soon as the engine or the squad leaves the scene if we are still on scene with 66 or 75 our radio traffic goes back to being crappy again. Now once the pumper leaves the fire scene or whatever and 66 is still on scene doing an investigation or whatever or if I am on scene then I just turn the repeater on everything works great. Mayor Bring advised the thing with the loan was the original one after the ½% income tax passed, well there was still money in there we haven't spent all of it. The reason we spent some

of it initially for some cars and some of the other equipment but there was still stuff there, a little bit left. That is what Mr. Card is talking about, he had asked us about that and that money was still available. There is not a lot left in there but there is some. Fire Chief Card stated yes I had it earmarked for how much of each thing and there is \$20,000.00 for bunker gear and I was just waiting until we got people hired to figure out who was going to get gear and if I was going to have to buy gear for the new hires right away. We have been lucky all of our new hires have fit into old gear that I just sent out and had serviced and it was verified that it was still good to use. But now I am working on getting everybody new gear so we are getting 8 sets right now and I will possibly be able to order 2 more sets like around November I just need to see how things go with my budget. Then next year if we get those 2 we will just have 3 more sets to order after that so that everyone will have 2 sets of gear. We will have the gear we have now plus the new set of gear because after a fire we are supposed to wash our gear so then our backup set will be the one we use if we get another call while our gear is drying. Chairman Wtulich stated the SCBA fill station; first where are you going to set it up. Do you have SCBA's now, enough of them or are you going to have to buy them? Fire Chief Card answered right now our SCBA's are over 10 years old and they are more than 2 NFPA cycles and I don't know why I didn't get that. When I talked with the representative from the AFG who is helping me process this whole grant and she looked at it and she sees what I could have done better and what would have made it pass. So in November I am going to write it again and she is going to help me so that we will get that next time because I believe that was like \$174,000.00 so they are not cheap. The ones that we have do work but they are getting old and outdated and our bottles are on their last hydro. We hydro'd them last year so in 4 years those bottles are not going to be able to be used anymore and that is 30 bottles and they are about \$1000.00 a piece. So if we can get the grant we will have 42 bottles plus 22 air packs. Mayor Bring stated the air filter machine is going to go where the other one is right now, we will just take that out and we will either donate that or do something with that when we have the new one. Fire Chief Card advised I am going to ask at the Lorain County Fire Chief's meeting at the end of this month I am going to see if there is any smaller department that might need one. If not then we can put it up for sale, it is heavy and it is metal so maybe it is worth something at the scrap yard I don't know.

Mayor Bring advised we were having an issue with the 3 new cars camera's and Tony had been talking to the rep and they sent us 3 brand new camera's today. Police Chief Campo advised the 2 that are on shift right now the guys tell me that

that seems to have fixed the problem. Mayor Bring continued they were interfering with some of the electronics with the Explorer and it seems to have corrected that problem so we sent the other 3 camera's back. So hopefully that takes care of that and the other thing that is coming up by September 29 we have to have an order in for the new cruiser we want to purchase for next year so we will be bringing that to Council. All we are doing is each year we are ordering one and that is already in the budget which is \$40,000.00 and we will probably be bringing that to Council as an emergency on Tuesday night and I think Tony has the quote and he will have all that information and we want to keep this rotation going. It is working out pretty well and I am assuming you will get the same thing. Police Chief Campo answered another Explorer, it is the best vehicle for the money. Mayor Bring advised I talked to the other departments and everybody seems to agree that this is working out pretty well with these plus with the all-wheel drive. That is basically all I have.

NEW BUSINESS: Amend 85-92 to include other expenditures – Chairman Wtulich advised I am not really sure what that is so I will just bring it up on Tuesday I guess.

OLD BUSINESS: **None.**

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: **None.**

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Stark/Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 7:29 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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Kay Fantauzzi

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Bill Wtulich, Jr

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Alan Smith

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 2, 2015.