

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
May 4, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Attending: Members of Media

*Motion by Cizl/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo – Police Chief Campo reported just a couple of things. We placed the order for the new unmarked car for the Police Department last week and they told us I believe around 90 to 120 days for that and it is going to be a Dodge Charger. We recently were able to issue all our Officers new ammunition to replace the ammo they have been carrying in their side arms for probably at least 12 years. So I was happy to be able to find a company that gave us a real good trade-in value for our old stuff and supply us with all new ammunition. So I was happy to be able to do that. We are continuing to stay a little busy, last night we worked with the Lorain County Drug Task Force and arrested what I would call a mid-level heroin dealer who recently moved into the city. The Drug Task Force had a female who was arrested on some heroin charges and she agreed to purchase heroin off of this male in the Shoreway Shopping Center and he was arrested during that transaction. He had over 2000.00 on him and we will get a little bit of that money when it is over and done with. Our Officers had a young boy walking down the street the other day with what looked like and at 10 feet you wouldn't be able to tell it wasn't real stuck in his waistband, a replica pistol of a 45 semi-automatic pistol. He was moving his coat back around showing it and our Officers actually saw it and they approached him with the fore thought

that this is going to be a bb gun and luckily it was. So he was taken home to his parents. We asked the Civil Service Commission to arrange a test to obtain a promotional eligibility list for a new hire for a full-time patrolman. I have an Officer full-time in the Detective Bureau but on the schedule that I am working on now, when 2 guys are on vacation at the same time I have to pull him out of the Detective Bureau to cover a road shift. Like I say we are getting busy so I need him to stay in there. He advised Pat Hastings I am told was successful in getting us a COPS grant that I believe will cover \$100,000.00 maximum and that is over a year for that full-time Officer. Chairman Wtulich asked so that COP grant, that pays the Officer's salary then for a year? Mayor Bring answered it pays up to \$100,000.00 and actually I think we are allowed to have as many as we want but probably looking at the process we may get 2. The only thing is we have to wait and find out when this actually starts as far as availability for that and how much we are going to be on the hook afterwards but it sounds pretty promising. So I think we are probably going to take advantage of that.

Councilperson Stark stated I know you said we just replaced ammunition, I know a couple of years ago we had looked at replacing some of the actual side arms? Police Chief Campo answered we did. Councilperson Stark asked so how long do we need to look at before we need to do that again? Police Chief Campo answered the guns themselves, we replaced our last guns because of the frames were cracking and there was a recall on them that prior people here missed. So they were never recalled and as soon as I heard about that recall, Glock agreed to take those guns anyway even though they were within that batch that were cracking and supply us with new and of course there was a payment involved. Those guns could last 20 years easy. The ammunition, I am estimating 12 or 13 years which the guys have been carrying around that same ammo so it had to be replaced. Councilman Cizl asked is there a firing range south of the tracks or something? I don't think it is hunting and I called Sheffield Village because it happened once before when I was in the back yard and I live close to the tracks on Lakewood Beach. I heard multiple shots and I counted at least 24, 25 or 26 at a time and I called the Village and they said oh we will check it out and get back to you but they never did. I just wondered if there is a firing range or something going on back there? Police Chief Campo answered in Sheffield Village – no. It was probably somebody shooting that shouldn't have been shooting where they were. Councilman Cizl stated that is what I figured, I keep thinking about the hunting season but it was not just 1 or 2 shots, I mean it was multiple shots and it has happened multiple times over the weekend and probably within 2 weeks I

heard it. I never heard back and I just wondered if you had heard. Police Chief Campo answered nothing that we have heard about but it is probably somebody that shouldn't have been shooting.

Fire Chief's report – Fire Chief Card reported I didn't get you guys any vehicle maintenance sheets because we didn't have any vehicle maintenance, they are all working fine. So far this year we are up to 343 runs so we are pretty much right on target for a normal year runs. Today the Mayor and I met with the other Fire Chief's and other Mayor's of the 5 cities that we do most of our mutual aid with to discuss our 911 issues. I think the meeting went really well and hopefully we will be able to get these issues resolved with them. I am still waiting on the AFG grant to hear if I got or if I didn't get it and I will obviously let you know if we get that. As you guys know, we did have a fatal fire on April 19th and I think that was handled as best as it could be. That fire was going long time before we were even notified and by the time we got there the fire was easy to put out as there was barely any fire. The state helped us investigate it and they actually handled the investigation and that is still under investigation so I don't have any answers as far as that goes. We are giving a Civil Service test on May 14th. Chairman Wtulich asked the Civil Service test, is that going to be for a full-time Fireman? Fire Chief Card answered yes. Chairman Wtulich asked the 911 problems, is that the new world? Fire Chief Card answered no these are just on-going, there is issues with our times which seem to always be wrong or messed up and then you go back in and listen to the tapes and get correct times off of it. So we are trying to figure out what the issue is with that. There is dispatching issues, they dispatch wrong departments for calls. It is just every day there is something new that pops up. Hopefully we can get this resolved with the help of the Mayors because we are not getting anywhere.

Mayor Bring stated to follow up a little bit on that meeting, the Fire Fighters and the safety of our Fire Fighters just like our Policemen – that means everything to us and this is the whole issue that we just to try to resolve the problem and get it to where our guys are safe/the communications/times and everything else. It is not only for that but for our residents and make sure that we get to the calls on time. So that is basically what it was about and hopefully we can sit down and talk to the county and everything and it will get resolved. They just asked for our help a little bit so that is what that was. There was a comment made at the meeting about the 5 communities on how well they work together, that is what we have always talked about with any safety force or with any group of whatever. It is like our Police Department, if there is a call someplace else and they call us

we will run to it. But those 5 departments right there with the Fire Department all work together and extremely well. I just want to compliment them for their services and having everybody there you could tell they all communicate together by the conversations that we had today. It is just nice to see that there is 5 communities; North Ridgeville, Avon, Avon Lake and Sheffield Village and us. It seems to work very well and we want to keep that going like that too but it is better for everybody. But overall everything has been pretty good, we have been busy with a lot of little nonsense stuff. Tony has been doing a great job in the Police Department and we are catching people that are doing stuff wrong and we continue to catch them. Nobody wants to spend time in our jail so it is a deterrent. Our community is still very safe and we want to keep it that way and that is the goal. Fire Chief Card advised the Police Officers have been very helpful with us on calls especially our fire calls and the heroin calls. I think in the month of April 2 of our Police Officers had given the nasal Narcan before we arrived on scene so I just wanted to say the Police are doing good job helping us. Also when we have a fire, if they are there they usually help the pump operator if our incoming crews from other cities haven't arrived yet, so they help them get the hydrant and stretch the hose and that saves us a lot of time.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Wtulich stated I am going to bring this up as Mrs. Jancura just mentioned maybe putting a stop sign at Sunset and Ivanhoe going east and west. Mayor Bring advised we can look into that I will tell you that we did have a lot more stop signs in the City of Sheffield Lake a long time ago. But actually the State came in and recommended that we take a lot of those down. So because somebody makes a recommendation we have to actually check with the State and see if it is even possible. If you remember and I am old so I have been around here forever but on Walker Road a long time ago we used to have a stop sign at every one of those intersections there. We had stop signs everywhere and like I said the State came in and said you can't do this stuff because it was actually slowing traffic down. I don't know if you remember that Tony? Police Chief Campo answered yes. Mayor Bring advised I will take a look at that but like I said I can't make promises until we contact State. Chairman Wtulich advised there used to be one on Beachwood too but they removed that. Police Chief Campo advised Irving Park had several. Chairman Wtulich added also Ferndale. Mayor Bring stated it is no different when you go down Lake Road now and the stop lights were removed and that was a recommendation by the State in Avon Lake and the one down there by Lake Breeze. We called them and they said take it down. They want traffic to flow but they don't want to be and I

forget the exact wording of why they said that they are not allowing that but that was through the State.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Stark/Second by Cizl to adjourn at 7:15 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 May 4, 2016.