

**Minutes of the Safety Committee  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
September 7, 2016**

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

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

\*Motion by Stark/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the June 1, 2016 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

***CORRESPONDENCE: None.***

***PRESENTATIONS: None.***

***Reports from Safety Forces:***

***Police Chief Campo*** – Police Chief Campo reported we are still working on our state accreditation, Sergeant Corr is doing an excellent job with that and taking the lead on that. They asked for a couple more things this week, we had to tweak our use of force policy for them again and they are also asking for an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan from us. We are discussing with the state rep who is dealing with us just what we are going to have to do to satisfy them on that. We want to get that accreditation hopefully before 2016 is up and get on that list. We got our results of the entrance exam for Patrolmen from Tri-C and after wedeling it down to people who didn't pass the psych test or physical agility or didn't show for everything we have five people on the list. Only five and I don't know how we are going to come out of that list or not with a qualified person but we are looking at it. Our new unmarked car should be in hopefully the end of this week or next week, they did the install yesterday. We over the last couple of weeks have arrested 3 people who were really causing us problems. Again we arrested a maintenance employee at Tradewinds apartments who was using a pass key to do burglaries and steal property. We actually had a lady there put a camera in her apartment and caught him going in for like the third time stealing medication, cash or whatever he could get hands on. He has been to prison for that once at the same complex and they let him come back and work again and we just arrested him again. We had a male going door-to-door and we warned him the first time in

2013 and he has been back since the fall going door-to-door telling people he is moving into the neighborhood and he is broke down nearby and he is doing it in 4 different cities. We finally arrested him, he was asking for money and got money from a lot of people. Most importantly we arrested a young man who moved in with his girlfriend on Devonshire and started doing burglaries in the neighborhood. He went into a 72-year old ladies house twice while she was home and she didn't know it that he was even in there. The second time he was caught by our guys in the process of stealing her car out of her attached garage and after a short chase he was arrested. Those were 3 priority issues that we had over the last couple of weeks.

***Fire Chief's report*** – Fire Chief Card reported you guys have the vehicle maintenance that I gave you. The ambulances, the Explorer and F350 are both getting they're quarterly oil changes and services done right now. The engines are scheduled to be serviced in October and so forth this year we are up to 692 runs. I am sure you guys heard that we had a drowning on July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Boat Launch. That was really just a recovery because there wasn't anything that we could do because they didn't notify anybody for an hour after he went under. So by the time we got there and got the Dive Team it was already an hour. We did some dive training with the Lorain County Dive Team behind Perch on Lake on August 18<sup>th</sup> and it went really well, so we did some scenarios. I have the rest of the department right now is in the blue card incident command class and we are done with that. That is just a class that goes over running smaller incidents like fires and stuff like that, smaller incidents. It is something that the county paid for. The last time we had a meeting I told you we got the AFG grant and we were going to be purchasing the equipment. Everything on it that I got the grant for is already in service, so we got the Life Pak 15's first like 2 weeks after I ordered them and we just got the SCBA's 2 weeks ago. That is all in service and on the trucks. I was going to have them come over and give you a little show with it but they are on a call. Chairman Wtulich asked how many SCBA's did you get? Fire Chief Card answered we got 19 paks and 38 bottles and we have 6 bottles that we bought in 2014 that are new. I just have to change the valves on the top of them. I will work getting that done next year but they are good bottles so we might as well keep them. The paks have a different type of valve on them, it is a quick connect so it just pops in as opposed to screwing them on. So it just pops into place and then when you pull it pops out so it is a lot quicker to change the bottle. We delivered a baby this afternoon, it was a baby girl.

**Mayor Bring** stated since we have added the extra gentleman over in the Fire Department with a full crew everyone seems to be working very well together. I will tell you that the young men over there right now are actively keeping the training up and like I said working well together, they are very intelligent young men. I have seen them a couple of times working when we needed them and they are doing a good job. I am very pleased on how that all went. We will be filling that position for the Police Department, we did have one part-time gentleman get a full-time job in another city and he was not able to continue over here. So he turned in his resignation for that. We are going to look at bringing this one Officer in and then possibly maybe even look at bringing somebody else in too. Even though the weather has been very hot and you get a lot more activity with hot weather, things have been pretty quiet over here. If you look a little bit west of us they have had a lot of problems in that city over there and we have maintained what we have over here, so is the Village and so is Avon Lake. That is a testament to how we operate and the surrounding communities. We want to protect the city and we want to make it safe so that everyone will be able to enjoy themselves and so far, knock on wood we have been able to do that. One of the big things that I would like to say is that the people in this community do pay attention to what is going on and that is how we got the one gentleman breaking in. Somebody actually called because they saw him jumping the neighbors fence and that is how crimes get solved. Again if you see something don't be afraid to call. Councilperson Stark asked I am assuming that we will address the whole marijuana issue that David sent an email about, we need to address that? Mayor Bring answered some of the cities are putting moratoriums on that and the reason they are doing that is if it is not done before a certain time, companies can come in and pretty much do whatever they want to a certain extent. So we will probably, I told David I would take a look at that. We probably might jump on board with that and do a moratorium, it doesn't mean that they won't be able to do anything it is just temporary until they figure out what laws and how they are going to follow everything. That is all it is, so I think that looking at that and I talked to a few people about that too on what action to take and just about everything said just temporarily put this moratorium on it. So I think we will probably follow suit with that.

**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 7:11 PM. Yeas All.

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*Kay Fantauzzi*

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

*Bill Wtulich, Jr*

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*

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 7, 2016.