

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
October 5, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, October 5, 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, Fire Lieutenant Novak, Fire Fighters; Pat Starcovic and Branden Dement

*Motion by Cizl/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2016 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo – Police Chief Campo reported the departments new Dodge Charger came in and is parked out front, very nice vehicle and has been all equipped. It has got the first of the new digital radios that are coming in on the grant that Pat Hastings got for us. Two cars already have the new digital radios, they are putting them in as they come in so that car was the first to get one. We have had a quiet spell as far as criminal activity since the last meeting, nothing I can really think of to tell you about. However, clowning is becoming an issue, here, there and everywhere. We have had probably 5 or 6 complaints that are to be concerned about. We had a person report being chased by someone in a clown suit with a knife in Gary Green Park. We had somebody jump out in front of little children waiting for a bus stop at the west end of town. So that is going to be something that we will address and try to pay attention to. While the front porch is being built we are going to use this back entrance as our main entrance and there is signs front and rear and Pat put an intercom up in case anybody asked they can talk right to the Dispatcher via that intercom. The last thing I guess to tell you is we have been doing interviews off of our eligibility list, the Mayor and I and we think we have a pretty good young man to bring onto the department and we are going to finalize those things here in the next couple of days. Chairman Wtulich confirmed that is for a full-time Police Officer correct? Police

Chief Campo answered yes. Mayor Bring advised we actually, if everything goes right bring that to Council for Council's approval on Tuesday. Councilman Cizl asked is this one that went through the Civil Service exam and all that? Police Chief Campo advised he took the written, psychological and physical agility at Tri-C.

Fire Chief's report – Fire Chief Card reported I had these guys come over so you guys could see what we got with that grant. Lieutenant Novak explained this is the equipment that we got that Chief Card wrote for the Assistance to Fire Fighters grant. We have two of these which are our new Life Pak 15's and everything is all together here. We have our blood pressure cuff's and all the cables are in here. What is nice about this is if we suspect that someone is having a stymie or heart attack we can transmit an EKG tracing to the hospital so when they get that the emergency room physician and I believe the cardiologist on call would also copy that. So they can kind of get things moving faster for when we get there and these are very necessary. We are very happy to have them.

Chairman Wtulich asked so those stay on the patient once they go to the hospital then? Lieutenant Novak answered no, no these won't stay on which he explained these take a very in-depth look at the heart. He explained the process.

Councilperson Stark asked how many patches does it come with? Lieutenant Novak answered we get these patches from the hospital and they are free.

Chairman Wtulich asked that is not a defibrillator too is it? Lieutenant Novak answered yes, it is, which he explained use and the process of defibrillation.

There was a brief discussion on equipment. Fire Chief Card explained both were covered under that grant, each one was I think \$36,000.00 a piece. Lieutenant Novak explained some of the upgrades to equipment received. Chairman Wtulich asked you guys can fill those bottles right here right now? Lieutenant Novak answered yes, we got a grant for the air compressor system so we have that capability now as well. Mayor Bring asked don't you guys have a separate tank that you fill them all? Lieutenant Novak answered no. Another thing that makes that connection so nice is we have a Fire Fighter that is down they have a rip pak that is an hour bottle so we can hook that into his cylinder or his SCBA. Mayor Bring advised by the time they put their jackets on, their helmet on, their gloves on, their boots on and everything else and you go into a fire – trust me because I did that, I was sweating my butt off. It's a lot, I think it is 45 pounds. Fire Chief Card answered another thing is when the bottle is on, it is full and then as it goes down it will blink yellow and then red, I can see that from my car that those guys need their bottles changed. We have an alarm also which was demonstrated. Fire

Chief Card explained what happens when a Fire Fighter is down and we can't find them, this will find them (he demonstrated alarm which searches to locate downed Fire Fighter). Mayor Bring asked are those air tanks lighter than the old ones? Fire Fighter Starcovic answered, these are a little heavier than the old bottles, but the way that they formed the straps and the actual frame perform much better. Fire Chief Card explained most of the weight sits down here as opposed to up on your shoulders. Lieutenant Novak advised we are very lucky to have this new equipment, we really are. Fire Fighter Starcovic stated, we do appreciate it very much. The committee thanked Fire Chief Card for the grant that he wrote and accomplished for the department. Fire Chief Card advised you guys got the maintenance sheets right? The committee confirmed receipt. Fire Chief Card advised we just had the oil changes and I think some brakes on both ambulances. The two engines will be going; one will go next week and I think the next one after that gets done. So they will be going for their engine service. So far this year we are up to 763 calls. That grant that I got that equipment on because we put it out for bid, I ended up coming way under the quotes that they gave me. So I have \$9,344.00 still left on that grant so I am going to write an amendment to the grant and see if I get some scuba gear because I need dive gear. We have one diver that is able to dive with the Lorain County Dive Team and that is Lieutenant Novak. I have two other divers that are trained to that level, but we don't have the equipment for them to dive because they have to be in dry suits and they have to be completely encapsulated with full face mask with com's so that they can talk to the surface. So with that \$9000.00 if they allow me to do it, we have one guy that just needs a face mask and a hood put on his dry suit and I need one more fully outfitted person. So with that \$9000.00 I should be able to get those two, so then I will have three. Also Pat Starcovic, he was the bigger guy that was here just finished his first part of his dive training stuff. He has got his open water done. It takes a couple of years to get up to rescue divers. The other three new guys, they also want to be divers. So by the time we are done, we should have seven divers. Another AFG grant opens next Tuesday, so I am still working on the one I just got and they are already opening the new one for me to write. So I am writing that for all scuba gear if I can get it, we will see what we end up with. Those old SCBA's that we just replaced, you guys allowed me to get rid of them so I donated those to Tri-C and they came and got them today. So with that donation, they are going to figure out about what they think they were worth and they are going to give me free training hours. So with the training hours I am going to send the three new guys out there and let them do some

training with them. Also Lieutenant Novak, who was just in here, he just finished his Fire Investigation School. So that was a two-week class, he had to go to Tri-C for every day. Tomorrow they will be pouring the footers for the addition hopefully.

Mayor Bring stated the guys that you have actually approved through Council, these young men – there has been nothing but good things said about them. They are very professional, they work very hard and are all energetic. I am getting this from the guys that are already there. They are very happy with what is going on and we want to continue this process, not only there but in other departments. But Kory over in the Police Department, the young man over there has been fantastic. I will say that things are getting much, much better around here. Just one little note, there has been several scams going on. One is that people are calling and saying you won the Publishers Clearing House \$174,000.00, they are hitting up elderly people because they are saying that they won that. They say we will send it to you and all you have to do is pay the taxes we just have to get the check. They are badgering the heck out of people. The other one is that they are calling grandparents acting like they are your grandson or granddaughter saying I am in trouble and I need money, please don't tell Mom and Dad. That scam is going on and that is about \$1000 to \$2000.00 and people are sending money believe it or not. The lady next door to me is German, he even said "Oma" which is in German grandma which she actually believed that that was what was going on. Again, these are scams so if anybody is calling or doing this stuff and there is one more. The IRS is getting rampant, they are calling you on the phone saying that there is a problem with that and you need to immediately to call them and all that they are doing is trying to get your bank account information. So if it is the IRS on the phone, that is not the IRS, but if you have relatives or people living here and they get a call you got to make sure that you tell them that it is a scam. They are rampant right now, it is going all over the place. I was sitting in Tony's office and he got one on his cell phone and I think it was the IRS one wasn't it. Police Chief Campo answered yes. Mayor Bring advised it doesn't matter who you are and most of them are out of the country, but they are very pushy about it and they will not give up. Just want to get that out there. Councilman Cizl asked how many of our Firemen/Paramedics live in the community? Fire Chief Card answered none. We have Bryan Davis and Daniel Ferror that live in the Village. Councilperson Stark stated I was out in North Olmsted today and they were doing an event for their Police and Safety and Building Departments, it was like a Wellness event where the guys could come in and they got their flu shots through

Cleveland Clinic and I think they got physicals done too. Is that something that maybe we could look at doing for our guys? Fire Chief Card stated, we have people that come out and give us flu shots and my guys do annual physicals at Mercy Occupational Health. I actually just got them set up and scheduled so they are all going through their annual physicals. Mayor Bring stated everybody that is here, they kind of require us to all get flu shots and I was the only holdout. Fire Chief Card advised I will let you know when they are coming to give the flu shots, Lieutenant Mariner is supposed to be talking with them. Police Chief Campo stated it is already scheduled for the city, our guys are already signing up for flu shots. Tammy has them scheduled already. Mayor Bring advised I think insurance is requiring it now too. Councilperson Stark stated yes the guys can get their physicals done there if they weren't able, so I just thought it was a nice idea that the city put this forward and invited other people in. But it was nice that they took care of for everybody, all the guys walked in in their uniform and got their shots and got their physical and walked out, it was nice of them. Chairman Wtulich advised are those yearly physicals required as part of a surveillance program? Fire Chief Card answered if you use respiratory stuff you need to have a physical. Also, if you are driving emergency vehicles, you need to have a physical. Once you run lights and sirens, you need to have one. Mayor Bring advised have high blood pressure and driving a fire truck around. Chairman Wtulich asked how are our fire vehicles; the ambulances and the fire truck, are they in good shape? Fire Chief Card answered so far, ever since we replaced those two ambulances and we got those other two vehicles. It is really just normal maintenance. Mayor Bring advised oil changes and brakes and the normal stuff that wears out. Fire Chief Card advised S71 is 8 years old this year and E61 is 8 years old, S72 is 3 years old, but the E63 is 20 years old this year. Things seem to be running pretty good right now, but with S71 something to think about is maybe in 2 years we should start looking at replacing it while it still has trade-in value. Whereas if you wait too much longer past that 10-year period where you might get \$25,000.00 for it and I am just throwing a number out there I don't really know what it is worth. But by the time we got rid of those old squads, we only got \$4000.00 for one and for some reason somebody paid \$6000.00 for the other. Mayor Bring advised a new fire truck is about \$450,000.00. Fire Chief Card advised I was talking with the Mayor about refurbishing that old one, just get the mechanics fixed and a new paint job. That is \$100,000.00 to do that to that one and then it should last another 10 years if we do that.

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 7:24 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.

CLERK OF COUNCIL
Kay Fantauzzi

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
Bill Wtulich, Jr

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 October 5, 2016.