

**Minutes of the Safety Committee  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
November 2, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, November 2, 2016. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

Attending: Councilperson Gee

\*Motion by Cizl/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

***CORRESPONDENCE: None.***

***PRESENTATIONS: None.***

***Reports from Safety Forces:***

***Police Chief Campo*** – Police Chief Campo reported our new Officer Chris Garretson started last week and it is his second week of training and all positive feedback so far, he is doing really good. We had 5 cars out for Trick or Treat night with absolutely no problems, all positive feedback from residents on that. It has been real quiet otherwise, no robberies, no burglaries to speak of. I think maybe a game system was taken by a teenage friend of a friend. Other than that, we have been pretty quiet. Councilman Cizl asked I guess the question is how are things going over at Ferndale with all the kids. While it is really good thing for a park, I was just wondering if there were any problems with horse play? Police Chief Campo answered we had heard about kids climbing on the building and stuff and I have asked the guys to step it up and they are patrolling it. We haven't had any problems. Councilman Cizl stated I didn't know if that was something like camera's or whatever else we could do if that is necessary. Mayor Bring answered there is so many kids over there right now that I think that the ones that were doing some mischievous things are getting outnumbered because there is a lot of people that are going there and enjoying themselves. It is a variety of different ages, I had a resident that stopped me the other day and said it is the most people they have ever seen at Ferndale Park since we played Little League back when. Councilman Cizl stated yes, it is great. Mayor Bring answered all-in-

all it is working and we have a few little things but it has been good. Councilperson Stark stated I know this is going to sound like a strange question, if somebody feels like they went to work and they are coming home and they are being followed, I am assuming they can just pull in to a police department and file a report or have somebody come. Police Chief Campo answered hopefully you would be on your cell phone calling and the Dispatcher could relay where you are at to the cruisers. Is somebody following you? Councilperson Stark answered we had a security meeting at the bank this morning and they have had a couple of cases, one of our branches actually got robbed and they found out that people had been followed. They were following tellers, branch people like me and people are being followed and in one case a family was actually kidnapped for a couple of hours. So, they just had us verify the process. Police Chief Campo advised I would be on your cell phone if you think someone is following you and just keep driving around until the Police catch up and sooner or later they will. Our front door is still out of service for probably another couple of weeks at least. Mayor Bring advised they are going to pour the concrete on Friday I think. Police Chief Campo stated we are still using the back entrance for the public. Councilperson Stark stated this is the time of year when robberies go up. Police Chief Campo stated always around the holidays. I saw on the news that there was a home invasion in Westlake on Hilliard so that was most likely a random thing and that is always a concern, keep your doors to your house locked and be aware of that.

***Fire Chief's report*** – Fire Chief Card reported I gave you the vehicle maintenance reports. The two engines; we haven't got all the paperwork back on those yet so that is why you don't have the truck sheets in there. Engine#63 was very cheap, it was just regular maintenance and testing. Engine#61 went in and ended up having some problems. The ERG cooling system is leaking which was leaking into the engine and that was \$3000.00. Then they found water in the rear differential which was caused from when we fill up the tank above the hydrant we know it is full when it overflows, well that was overflowing onto the differential and I guess there was a vent on it and the water was getting in that way so they had to move that or do whatever they had to do to that so they had to change all the fluid in the differential that added some costs. So, it looks like that total costs for the engines this year is going to be \$6548.00. Our call volume; our total calls for the year is 849. The AFG grant, I told you guys that I was going to be writing that for scuba gear and after taking some classes and then talking to the grant specialist they told me that they will not fund that no matter how I write

or whatever. It is not their first priority; it is like a second priority in their grants so they are not going to fund it. I really didn't have anything else to write for so this year I am just not writing one, I will figure something out and write one next year but I still have \$9344.00 to spend from the grant that I did get this year. So I will be buying some other equipment, like get a new rip pak and a thermal imaging camera. Also, myself and the other Fire Chiefs; like Avon, Avon Lake, Sheffield Village and North Ridgeville like Tony did with the Police because we have to figure out something with our radio communications. So we are all putting our heads together and researching equipment and what type of equipment we need, do we need to change frequencies; go from VHF to UHF or Digital or whatever. That is something that we will be working on until we get it figured out and hopefully we can get a grant together and get the equipment that we need. He continued, the addition is going smooth and everything is coming right along. The roof is on and they got the foam on today and I think they got the rubber membrane up and the steel is coming tomorrow so the roof should be done tomorrow. The plumbing is dug out and I think that is going to be put in tomorrow and I don't know if you saw the stucco work they did on the side, that looks really nice and I am glad you went with that option. That is moving along pretty quick. I guess they are talking about getting the concrete done as soon as the plumbing is done. Chairman Wtulich asked what is the addition going to be used for exactly, I know the apparatus room so all the bottles are going to go in there? Anything else that it is going to be used for? Fire Chief Card answered we are going to park T66 and 75 in there and then we are going to move all the weight equipment that is scattered throughout the station right now will all be moved to the back of there and whatever we need to store. I don't know if you have been in there but it is kind of cluttered in there because we don't have anywhere to put anything so it is just going to help us clean up the station. Councilman Cizl stated I am just fielding some questions about – hey, so what is going on with the Fire Station, where they get the money for that; they seem to understand or know what is going on? Is there anything that we can do as a city to display a sign of some sort; funding or something or just something simple that people will know that obviously, we are doing positive things for the city. Mayor Bring answered I agree but the problem is just like everything else, like I said last week with the women that were down at the hair place complaining about the Class of '75's Memorial Park over there and not realizing that that is not being funded by the city. You know as much as we talk about it in here and it is in the newspapers, I think we have put stuff on the website's, other than sticking signs

out I don't even know what to do anymore to be honest with you. We video-tape our Council meetings and I know we talk about that in Council meetings and yet everybody runs around and nobody knows what is going on. We put stuff on the water bills and other then raising their bill up 10 cents which they immediately know that but everything else they kind of ignore. Councilman Cizl asked are we doing any kind of unveiling of the new station. Mayor Bring answered maybe next year because we were talking about that, we usually have something in the fall and because of what is going on we didn't do it this year but maybe this spring. Fire Chief Card advised we are going to have an open house and probably do it in the beginning of the summer/end of spring as opposed to waiting until the fall. You know when we have all this stuff out and have the helicopter land and stuff like that. Mayor Bring advised we are up to a million dollars in grant money right. Councilman Cizl stated that is awesome. Mayor Bring continued but towards the end of the year here when all this is finalized, we will make a list of everything and post it on the website and do everything as much as we possibly can to notify everybody but we will list everything that we have gotten so they understand that. You get people who post and have no idea of what is going on and just say negative things like we are going to ticket everybody in city to pay for this stuff but again you are never going to stop that. Once in a while I am over in the Water Department and I sit and work the window and people will ask me questions on that. For the most part people are interested but I don't know how to notify them, I really don't because we have tried everything we possibly can.

**Mayor Bring** stated Mr. Card and I have been talking about the oldest fire truck that we have is going to have to be refurbished and the estimate was a hundred some thousand dollars. Fire Chief Card answered yes I got that from E1, it was around \$130,000.00. I have the estimate and I have just been talking to him. Mayor Bring advised if you buy a new one right now they are probably \$450,000.00 so we probably will get that refurbished and we will do that and pay for it in multiple years. We have been talking about that for probably almost a year now. Fire Chief Card stated in January we are going to have Kevin from WW Williams come up and he is going to come up and he is going to give us a complete quote. The entire air system needs to be replaced, that is our biggest thing with that, it just keeps blowing leaks everywhere. The brake cans are getting rusted out and need replaced, probably the whole braking systems will need redone. The electrical system will be switched over to LED so that will be less draw on the motor and then the frontend which is the big thing need to be redone. If something needs to be done like the rear-end they will take care of that

too but he is going to give me an estimate on that. That is just the mechanical stuff which will be done over a period of years but they will paint last. Once it gets done, like Kevin said that truck has a million-mile motor in it and that truck is built better than anything we are going to get new. So, if we refurbish it the city could have that for another 15 years or better. I personally like that truck better than the 2008 one, it has got more power and is just a better truck. Mayor Bring stated so that is the kind of thing we talk about and plan for and stuff. Again, we put 5 Police cars out on Halloween and we had some pretty good feedback with that and that is the kind of things that I think we are going to do just to keep our city safe. I drove around a little bit and the kids seemed to be having fun and the families were out enjoying themselves. I think a couple of Officers actually got out of their cars and took some pictures with the kids and stuff like that. I think overall I think our Safety Forces are really good and have a pretty good reputation and we want to keep it that way. I think everything is going pretty well and again we are trying. If you have people that are interested in asking questions I have my cell phone number on my card, if they want to call me or email me I am more than glad to answer them. Councilman Cizl advised I take responsibility about my question because obviously, I say you have to realize that is all by grants but the people that ask me they are not attacking me or whatever. I probably should be more informed so that I can actually. Mayor Bring stated I think they are more curious than anything and I think the people that have seen some of this stuff are happy with it. They do see progress and we just want to continue that stuff. But the grant monies have been extremely good. Chairman Wtulich clarified so it was a million dollars for just this one year in grant money? Mayor Bring answered yes in all the stuff we got, I will get a list to you and it has been pretty extensive.

**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 7:17 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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CLERK OF COUNCIL

*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 November 2, 2016.