

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
April 5, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, April 5, 2017. 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: Councilperson Gee

MINUTES:

*Motion by Cizl/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the March 1, 2017 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo – Police Chief Campo reported I have been talking to the Mayor about our car situation and the crown vic's are starting to show they're age. You have the vehicle maintenance logs that show they're mileage. We have one right now at Kowalski's that needs a dash cluster and it is \$720.00, we have another one that is doing the exact same thing. The entire dash goes out and nothing works; fuel gage, speedometer, nothing. That is probably going to be another \$720.00, so I got a hold of Statewide Ford yesterday and requested a quote for another Explorer to come in late December. However, I am still waiting on that quote but I will report back with that when I get it. There has been a lot of social media that kind of upsets me and I know I am not the only one that it upsets when I read that the Sheffield Lake cops are too busy writing people for parking on their lawns to catch the people that are breaking into the cars. People have no idea what we do, we arrested 2 young men who stole a car out of Windjammer apartments the other night and crashed in Lorain. There are several crews out getting into cars right now. We know who a couple of them are, we don't know who a couple more are but on that case several of us worked it. We followed them on several different video's and we saw them in that car because they passed a cruiser doing 98 miles an hour. The Officer knew enough not to chase them so he didn't kill somebody but they are both in jail right now on real good cases. I don't want to put too much out on public record but I have some plain clothes surveillance out right now and in different cars that no one is going to know and we will catch the rest of them. So, I just wanted to report that we are doing stuff with that. Councilperson Stark stated so the lovely thing that has made the news the last couple of days about our little spray-painted proposal on the side of Apple's. So, was this somebody that we knew or had a past because they said something about having his handwriting on file is what one of the news stories said. Police Chief Campo stated actually when we got a tip, there was a city employee from another department gave us

a tip not that she knew anything but just some research that she did on again social media as people brag about what they do. So, she was able to give us that information and after I was given that name, I looked at an old 2012 statement that we have as the boy wrote us a witness statement in an assault case that he was involved in. Some of the letters that he had painted on that wall were very unique and matched the written statement to the point where I looked at it and said it's him, it was that unique. Councilperson Stark stated good job and thanks to whoever gave the tip to you for stepping up and saying something. Chairman Wtulich asked so is that cleaned off of that building? Mayor Bring advised we sent the city worker over there and he was over there most of the day cleaning it off and we did charge that gentleman that. His comment in the paper yesterday that the City of Sheffield Lake is money hungry and that he got railroaded and he was very disappointed in how hard we came down on him. Quite frankly, if I would have been the Magistrate it would have been a lot harder. He would several other derogatory comments and there are other things about that young man that I am not going to bring up but when you commit a crime. I did tell the Chronicle Telegram reporter, it doesn't matter what he wrote on there and how sympathetic I am – I am not sympathetic when somebody commits a crime. I also made comment to the reporter that which he didn't write in there, that the Chronicle Telegram has a very nice which I have been there several times. I told him I have my 41st anniversary coming up and I would love to spray paint that on the side of your building over there, I told him you would think the Chronicle Telegram would be sympathetic about that. He stated the reporter just said well. I told him use some common-sense reporter, instead of sympathetic you just use some common sense. This is a public building and when that gentleman walked up to that building with a can of spray paint, he made a choice and he made the wrong choice and he got caught. He had no intension of turning himself in, we caught him and it was by his stupidity as to why we caught him and now he is paying the price. If somebody else goes and does it then we are going to do the same thing. You make examples out of these people to stop people from doing that. We have got more stuff over there by the covered bridge if you look, there is several of those coolers over there. When you are driving down the road, you can visibly see where kids have sprayed other derogatory things over there. I am going to have that gentleman who owns those buildings contacted and have them removed or we are going to go over and do that too. That is the kind of nonsense that I had somebody tell me today that this young man is just now learning how to read and he told his mommy, what does that mean? So, that is the kind of stuff that we want to stop. I have 0 sympathy for these people. So, unlike the Chronicle Telegram gentleman who thinks that we should have been sympathetic, he can go pound salt and that is the nicest thing that I can say. Police Chief Campo advised the last thing I have is that we are trying real hard to get that Governor's Collaborative, we have submitted now for probably the third time now for what we thought was the final submission and we still keep getting things back. The last email we got back was to make this one little change and that is it, we're done. So, that is not going away and we are trying, it is almost there. Chairman Wtulich asked are you anticipating anymore changes to that, I thought I read something the other day that they might be changing some of those? Didn't that start from the City of Cleveland originally? Police Chief Campo advise it was a result of

all the stuff in the media all over the place. I haven't heard of any changes. Chairman Wtulich stated I thought I read it in the paper yesterday about trying to ease back on some of that stuff. Councilperson Stark added the Attorney General going through and reading it and seeing what needs to be fixed. Mayor Bring advised some of the Police Departments were being taken over by the Federal Government and they have to report to them. That is what it was, it was some of the large municipalities; Ferguson was one of them and there was a couple of other ones that the Police Department was being overseen by the Federal Government and they had to make reports and such. That is what the President was talking about as far as pulling back a little bit. We would not be involved in any of that, we have not ever had that and Tony can tell you we don't do that kind of stuff. We follow what we are supposed to do and we do a good job and we want to stay that way. Police Chief Campo advised that is Federal Department of Justice that you are talking about. What we are talking about is the accreditation that we are going for statewide thing. Mayor Bring added which is recently new. Police Chief Campo advised we will get it, it is just a slow process. Mayor Bring stated there are other mandates they are talking about doing, I talked to one of our Officers about that because he did look into it but we will cross that bridge when we come to it. Right now, we just need to get in compliance with this

Fire Chief's report – Fire Chief Card reported you have the vehicle maintenance reports. So far, this year we are up to 345 calls, last year same day 263 so we are up 82 calls this year. So, we have been pretty busy. Chairman Wtulich asked is manpower doing okay? Fire Chief Card answered yes, my overtime is down and nice payrolls. He explained overtime is for overtime and tone out's and some training. We did have a couple of guys get sick, I think there was 2 sick yesterday so that caused some overtime but the flu is going around. Everything is running pretty smooth over there. Councilman Cizl asked how is the addition working out, it looks nice from the exterior? I haven't been in it or anything yet. Fire Chief Card answered it is going good, really nice and you should stop by and see it. He advised as soon as the weather breaks, we can start working on getting the grass growing and the flower beds put back to the way they are supposed to be. Mayor Bring advised we have to get the flag back up too. Fire Chief Card added that way no one will hit that cement thing.

Mayor Bring stated just to follow up with what the Chief said, the guys are out there doing their jobs. You know people will complain that they don't do anything but then they complain when they do their jobs. He reiterated we are going to clean the city up and our guys are going to be out there making sure that people will abide by the law. That is all we are trying to do. We are not trying to harass people, we are not trying to do anything what they need to do but they are going to abide by the law as everyone has to and when they break the law they are going to be punished. That is just the way it is and there is no other way to say it. So, people get on social media and complain about that and the problem is they are probably getting parked cars or they got picked up speeding or something like that so they go on there and say all kinds of things and 99% of what they say on there is not true. Recently, Pat and I just sat and went over some of that stuff in his office because we went down the list of what people said particularly about the Water Department. Almost every one of those was looked at by another employee in that office and every one of those were not

true. That employee followed the complaints down and made reports on them and advised not true. So, it is a little frustrating because people say whatever they want to stir people up, for the most part our city is very well run and it is a very safe community and we are going to keep it that way. This summer is going to be a safe summer.

NEW BUSINESS: None./OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: Councilperson Gee state at the shopping center the other day, someone brought up the fact a vehicle almost went up and over the berm and they wondered if the city was ever going to consider putting some sort of stoppers along the parking area in front? Mayor Bring stated I had not heard that. Councilperson Gee stated I just heard it, it was just last night that I heard it and they didn't go very far over but the store was really nervous because with the pizza place there, there is a lot of traffic pulling in a lot more right there. Mayor Bring stated we will take a look at some stuff but you can have the best cases of everything and something is going to happen, that is why they call them accidents. We will take a look at that.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Cizl/Second by Stark to adjourn at 7:12 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 April 5, 2017.