

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
September 6, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, July 10, 2017. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Wtulich, Cizl, Mayor Bring, Police Chief Campo

Absent: Stark, Fire Chief Card

Attending: Councilperson Gee

MINUTES:

*Motion by Cizl/Second by Wtulich to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo – Police Chief Campo advised Dispatcher Valerie Catalano has retired as of September 1st, she had 25 years here in full-time service. She has been replaced by a young lady named Sara Davis who started August 24th. She comes from Sheffield Village as a Dispatcher there, she is catching on probably faster than anybody I have ever seen. She started on the first shift August 24th and is already working on her own this week. She is doing really well in our computer system and paperwork procedures. The new Explorer/Cruiser is due probably the middle of next month. It is on its way to Statewide from Ford, for all the equipment and installations they have to do. Finally, I can report that we got our full accreditation from the Ohio Collaborative. The state admitted that they lost our paperwork but we have been approved for a while. So, our certificate is on its way and I will make a news release when we get that. I am pretty proud that as we put a lot of work into that. I want to say a couple of things here tonight because I know it is going to go on the public record and that is where I want it to be about forming neighborhood watch groups in partnership with the Police Department. Before I, for lack of a better term “partner” the Police Department with anybody in a neighborhood watch it will be done with guidelines that I select from research that I have done or we are not going to partner with anybody. It is plain and simple, it is not going to be open for discussion. These are the guidelines that are accepted and practiced now for the forming of a neighborhood watches. Specifically, the neighborhood watches will be formed for a specific reason by a specific person in a specific neighborhood that they reside in. In trying to stir something city wide does not work and it is not going to be done that way. If there is a neighborhood watch on East Drive, that neighborhood watch has nothing to do with what is going on on Erieview, Lynne or Gayle. It is East Drive to consist of members that live on East Drive with a liaison to the Police

Department. If we can't do it that way then the citizens will have to be on their own. In forming a neighborhood watch because you have some perception that the city is being raked over the coals by criminals is not an acceptable reason for forming a neighborhood watch. A perception that we are having all these car break-in's when we are not, is not an acceptable reason for forming a neighborhood watch. There is a false perception in our city being fueled by our lovely social media participants that we are being plagued by car break-ins and burglaries. We are not...I cannot remember the last time a car was broken into. We are having people that leave their keys in their ash trays and unlocked cars with guns under the seats and they wake up the next morning and wonder why their car and gun is gone. If you would lock your car and take your keys and your gun out, we probably would have 0 theft from cars for the entire year of 2017. I wish people in this city would learn what is really going on in the city, instead of just bashing politicians, elected officials, the Police Chief, specific Officers or things from the safety of their keyboard and have no interest in learning what is really going on in this city. That is pretty much the extent of venting that I wanted to do, thanks for letting me do that. Chairman Wtulich stated I just have one comment about your new Dispatcher, I did talk to her and she said she has learned more in...I think she was there a week at that time, then she did in the whole time she was in Sheffield Village. She is very happy being there. Police Chief Campo stated she is going to do well.

Fire Chief's report – under Mayor Bring's report.

Mayor Bring – Mayor Bring reviewed the report from Fire Chief Card which is attached to these minutes. [Fire Chief Card's September 2017 Safety report.pdf](#)

Mayor Bring continued with safety report, we are still having some issues with...I am assuming they are kids at the parks destroying some of the equipment which is very, very frustrating. We put a lot of money into the equipment and try to get the kids to use them, the younger kids are enjoying them and it seems like the older kids have destruction in their minds. I will tell you that we are putting up some camera's and we will be outfitting them very shortly which will run back to the Police Department. So, when you are caught on camera, we will be prosecuting you at the fullest level. We are getting tired of trying to do good things in the city and having people destroy things and it is an on-going thing. The little kids are paying the price for it because they are going there to enjoy the equipment and something is either broke or missing or whatever. It is getting very frustrating. It seems like the younger kids are afraid of the older kids because they are not telling who it is and it seems like they are getting threatened on that and I won't stand for that either. So, we will punish when we catch them and we have come close a couple of times and it is just a matter of time. So, if they want to continue this, when they are caught they will be banned from the parks permanently and I think that is all I have for tonight. Again, there has been several things about the social media like Chief Campo said about what is going on. All I would ask is that those people would take the time to come to a meeting, either City Council or this type of meeting to understand what exactly is actually going on and how things are actually run. I would again invite people to come and every time we invite people tonight we have exactly 2 people and that is the most people we have had here since the beginning of this year. They

talk a lot on social media but nobody ever shows up. So I appreciate the 2 people that have come here tonight to actually get some facts and to understand how we do things.

NEW BUSINESS: None./OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

Tammy Asire, 648 Maplewood thanked this organization and the Chief for opening...and I understand that this has been open for a very long time and I understand that me not knowing about it is my own fault. But I do want to thank you for the opportunity here to learn more about what is going on. Hopefully, find a way to improve what is happening on social media so that people are understanding what is going on. I am a very big fan of people need to know what is happening but they need to do it in a positive manner. That is kind of the focus that I would like to work on. If at any time anybody has any ideas on how to make that happen, part of the Pride Committee would like to help out with that if there is any way that we can.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Cizl/Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 7:18 PM. Yeas All.

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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 September 6, 2017.