

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
March 7, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, March 7, 2018. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Wtulich, Cizl, Fire Chief Card, Police Chief Campo

Attending: Stark (excused)

MINUTES:

*Motion by Cizl/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2018 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo – Police Chief Campo advised we have been pretty busy as of late. First week of February we had another person die from heroin/actually it was fentanyl. We were able to identify his supplier and setup an undercover purchase off of that supplier. He delivered more fentanyl and we arrested him and we are pursuing through the County Prosecutor a charge against that man related to the death itself. We will see how that goes, they have it in their hands now. Andrew Kory, our new Detective has been really busy. He has been doing some in-depth stuff and just worked with the FBI as he identified a young man from Lorain who has contacted numerous girls offering them money for sex. Dirty photos back and forth, the whole deal – all underage girls. They did a search warrant on his house in Lorain and based of Detective Kory investigation that man has been arrested. We have a Civil Service proceeding with a promotional test for Sergeant and an entrance exam. I look to getting that new Officer as we can use them. I have entered Sheffield Lake Department into a newly formed participation with a mental health court that the county is creating. It will probably be under the Probate Court, Judge Walther who is part of setting it up. He explained person that we are dealing with over and over and aren't getting anywhere with 2 or 3-day hospital stays and criminal charges that are not helping, will now be ordered into mental health court as soon as it is up and running and maybe get longer commitments and court ordered treatment and things like that. So, we are going to participate in that. Avon Lake is still working on their dispatch center, they have told me by the end of March now we will flip the switch to go digital. That has been on-going and dates have come and gone numerous times that we are supposed to switch over. I have ordered new equipment from Vasu, our equipment that we have now that records our phones and radios work half the time and that is important equipment. So, we are waiting for it to come in. It is all on social media how the house on Harris keeps getting struck and now the girl took off and we didn't hold her and all that. Well, she has left the state, she has missed court dates that we charged her with. We believe we know where she is at. We have put in motion through the Marshall's service extradition on her and if they find her which we believe she is in Florida. If they find

her, we will use a private prisoner transport company to bring her back here and we have a felony warrant for aggravated assault waiting for her. I wasn't going to mention this but the state now has a good Samaritan law which is not going to help matters at all. Just like if you go to a heroin overdose, in fact we just had one and we will probably have to dismiss the charges on the young man because all he has to do is show within a certain amount of time is show that he has had an assessment and the criminal charges are dropped. In my opinion, the amount of fentanyl and heroin that they are allowing you to have is way too much also. It is almost a dealer amount on the fentanyl in my opinion. It is not going to help matters and I think it is a bad law, it is just another thing to take the fear out of this stuff. So, if you overdose and get caught with it, they are going to bring Narcan and they are not going to charge me. So, what the heck. Chairman Wtulich stated that is a different good Samaritan law then the one that I was thinking of. I was thinking of the one that if somebody needed CPR or something. Police Chief Campo explained if it is a medical call, an overdose, the person who makes the call is immune and the person that has overdosed if they have heroin on them and I think they even want you to charge them, I don't believe. But if you do charge them with possession of heroin, they have so many days to get a drug assessment and the charges are to be dismissed. So, you might as well legalize heroin. It is silly, it is crazy. Mayor Bring advised they get 2 strikes and the third time you are able to charge them. Like the Chief and I were talking today, if you are not charging them which they don't want you to do then where is the record. So, maybe in our little town we might be able to keep track of it because we will remember that it happened but a lot of these places where there is multiple overdoses all the time they are not going to be able to keep track of this stuff. So, these people are just going to get away scot free. You know, yes, they have a medical issue but they are also using an illegal drug and they should be penalized for it. Obviously, the people in charge don't believe that way and I agree with Tony, I just think it is going to make it 10 times worse and these people are going to take advantage of it. Member Cizl asked who are these people? Mayor Bring answered it was signed by the Governor of the State of Ohio. Chairman Wtulich asked did that law already take effect? Mayor Bring answered yes. He has I think another year left and hopefully we can petition that to be repealed because I think it should be in my opinion.

Fire Chief's report – Fire Chief Card advised I didn't get you any maintenance reports because we didn't have any until yesterday, the squad 71 siren went out. We actually thought it was going to cost like \$500.00 with new speakers and everything. But we went there and they just found a bad wire and they fixed it for \$45.00. Fire truck 63 is back and just like anything else when it goes out, now it has to go back. We can get it back in service but it has got to go back as it has a little lean to the right, one inch lower and it wasn't like that when it left. I am not sure when it is going back yet but they ordered parts. Chairman Wtulich stated well it looks good. Fire Chief Card advised so far this year we have had 212 runs and 3 house fires, we had 2 in February and we just 1 on Monday. The CPR class that they put on went really well. Wes is working on the details of scheduling another one and trying to figure out how we are going to get people to sign up. I think we are going to advertise on the website and however else we can get it out there to get people to get signed up. Chairman Wtulich

asked the fire on Monday, what was the cause of that? Fire Chief Card answered it is still under investigation.

Safety Director Bring – Mayor Bring advised when a fire happens or there is a car accident, everyone has to understand that these guys in doing their jobs can't release any information about any injuries or anything like that. We had a Council person ask about that the other thing, asking about the fire. There is HIPPA laws and they get in trouble just like anyone else just like in the hospitals and the nurses can't talk about it. These guys are the same way and they can't really tell anybody that. Just for general information, they have to complete investigations before anything can be released at all. Fire Chief Card concurred. Mayor Bring advised I was asked by our Dispatcher Leach requested that I inform you that she has successfully got past her probation and that she likes it here and she is staying here. The guys are doing a great job and I appreciate what they are doing. **/NEW BUSINESS: None./OLD BUSINESS: None.**

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Cizl/Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 7:13 PM. Yeas All.

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Kay Fantauzzi

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William R 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 March 7, 2018.