

**Minutes of the Safety Committee  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
May 9, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

**MINUTES:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**Reports from Safety Forces:**

**Police Chief Campo** – Police Chief Campo advised I mentioned at the last meeting that we had a male on the east side of town pass away from a fentanyl overdose and that we were making headway in that investigation. Since the last meeting, we were successful in getting a manslaughter indictment on a male and female from the Cleveland area. Both have been arrested and we have a real strong case on the two of them. The only other thing that I have is the 2007 grey Crown Vic (silver) sitting by the old dog kennel here which we have been using as a Detective car is rotted out underneath to the point where Kowalski's won't even work on it anymore. We took it over there for a leaking gas tank and some air conditioner issues and they sent it back and they won't work on it. That car is going to have to be replaced, we need 2 unmarked cars on the department and right now we have 1. Chairman Wtulich asked do we have a plan for that? Chief Campo answered a couple of plans and one would be to drive it anyway. It is not a real unsafe car at this point but it is a car that can't be worked on anymore because you try to take one thing off and everything is just rotted and rusted out. Also, Ford is no longer supplying parts for Crown Vic's that are that old. So, Kowalski will only replace parts on it with Ford parts which are no longer available. One plan would be to drive it and another plan until we get another one, would be to strip an Explorer and turn that into an unmarked car. Chairman Wtulich asked Mayor Bring, do we still plan on trying to continue for a new cruiser in the budget every year? Mayor Bring answered we already got one this year. But the company that we got it from now decided to start stocking some and we were very fortunate as they had one in there and we got one right away. The Chief and I were talking the other day that we will try and get through the next 7 months and we will be right back in the new year again. So, we will see if we can't get through that and then get another one of those Explorer's and then take the oldest Explorer that we have and turn that into a Detective vehicle. We are going to see if we can drive this thing and if we can then we can. I mean we can't obviously take it too far, the brakes are good, the tires aren't bad, so it is basically the parts are starting to wear out.

But we are not going to take it 80 miles one way, that's for sure. Member Stark asked just to patch us through until we can get a new one, have we looked at other mechanics that might be willing to do patch jobs for us to help us out? Mayor Bring answered like the Chief said, Ford is not even making the parts any more. So, there is nothing available to fix it. Then you have got the frame rusting out and the gas tank rusting out. Then when you take the fuel pump/sending unit out, everything is in there. He said when you take that out then the sending unit could go bad and then you have to take everything apart again.

**Fire Chief's report** – Fire Chief Card advised so far this year we are up to 389 calls since we last met and that is down 39 calls from last year. Vehicle maintenance, I don't really anything to give you a report on. Engine 63, we are still mounting up the equipment. Unit#66 is getting the corner strobe fixed, the tail lights and the headlights but that is not done yet. Some training that is going on, Firefighters Starkovich and Foorer are at Bowling Green this week doing some engine company training with the Fire Academy there that they put on. Also, July 14<sup>th</sup> or the 28<sup>th</sup> the Lorain County Dive Team will be doing training off of our shores with boats, they will be practicing diving off of the boats and doing some scenarios. The Dive Team will also be meeting May 24<sup>th</sup> but they will be meeting in Avon and they are just going to do some training in the pool and our guys are going to that. Also, I had Kay print this up for you, the Lorain County Specialized Rescue Response Teams 2017 annual report. It used to be Lorain County Hazmat and we changed the name because we brought the Dive Team and Water Team into the same one under the same umbrella. If you look through there you will see some of our guys names in there. We have got Lt. Dave Novak, he is on the Dive and Tech Teams and Thad Campbell is on the Tech Team and Wes Mariner and Jeff Cochran are on the Hazmat Team. We are doing some station improvements this year. We got the lights in the bays changed out and it is a lot brighter in there. The siding on the building right here that you see, that is going to be done by the end of this month. They are also taking that glass door out that is in my office and putting a window in. I am still waiting for a quote for the shower. Lt. Davis has been off with an Achilles tendon injury. I just talked to him today and he said the doctor said he should be back beginning of June. The issue with him right now is the alkali is healing fine but at the beginning of the injury when they had his foot immobilized it got a blood clot in his calf so that is what they are concerned with right now. They have him on medication right now that he couldn't come to work with because if you start bleeding, we wouldn't be able to stop it. Right now, he is just waiting to hear about the blood clots. Chief Card continued I am still waiting to hear back if I got that grant from FEMA for extrication equipment and hopefully I will hear soon. This year I had told you guys about remounting the box 71 onto a new chassis. I am just going to give it a shot this year and try to write for a new ambulance and if that doesn't work then we will go with the remount of the box. On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we have an ISO scheduled, insurance services office. They are coming in right now, we are at a 4 and 5 years ago we were a 5 and dropped down to the 4. So hopefully, we can maintain a 4, when they come in they expect our records and then they go to the Water Department and inspect theirs as well. Chairman Wtulich clarified that determines our rates? Fire Chief Card answered yes. Chairman Wtulich asked how much is the FEMA grant for? Fire Chief Card

I think I wrote it for seventy-some thousand, it is for 2 sets of battery powered jaws of life. If I get the 2 sets, that would be great but if they just give me 1 set that would be fine too. We will have a set of spreaders, cutters, ram that will run off of a DeWalt or a Milwaukee battery.

**Safety Director Bring** – Mayor Bring advised we had that civil service test and will find out in about a week who will be the next Sergeant. Then we will be actively looking to get a new Officer hired here too. Officer Andrew Kory is doing a real good job in the Detective Bureau so he has been working very hard doing that. There is enough to keep him pretty busy and I think Chief Campo has put him on duty a couple of times, but we would like to probably leave him as the Detective. He is doing a fantastic job, he is good at research and he is good on the computer and he likes to see and follow things through to the end, he doesn't stop. But he has a good mentor too. That 66, the truck with the lights thing, the install with Vasu is where 2 wires were touching the metal and that is why that kept going out. Today in Ferndale Park, we do have cameras up and working and then we are going to Freedom to hook them up. At the covered bridge where the tree fell down and took out the wires, they are going to repair that. So, by Friday, we should have of that going. What we are going to do is probably add another TV inside the Police Station because way the photos will be larger. So, now we will have video recording and they can zoom in. If you have driven over by Ferndale Park, the activity over there is very good and we haven't had any problems. This should eliminate a lot of the nonsense because somebody does something wrong and we go over there, they will be surprised. We have been waiting a long time but the weather finally broke, they are pretty neat cameras. The ones that they put up, each year these cameras as far as the clarity on them getting better and better. We are going to start changing even the ones that we have out there. Also, the entrance exam is the 27<sup>th</sup> for Police Patrolman and hopefully, we can find somebody. Chairman Wtulich asked on the cameras, do the Dispatchers kind of keep an eye on that? Mayor Bring answered absolutely, yes they are right there and it is something that the Chief has been adamant about watching. I mean you can't watch it 24/7 obviously but they do keep an eye on all of that. But now, if something does happen it is recorded and even has a zoom on it. The one camera actually rotates and I think the gentleman that is putting them up is going to show us how you can actually move the camera with via your phone. There has been a lot of activity down there and everything has been good. Chairman Wtulich advised I usually walk through the every day with my dog and there is a lot of kids over there. Mayor Bring advised the whole idea is to let the kids enjoy, I don't want the older kids picking on the younger kids or tearing something up./**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 7:17 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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*William R 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 May 9, 2018.