

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
February 5, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Monday February 5, 2020. Chairwoman Stark called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Erdei, Stark, Mayor Bring, Fire Chief Card, Police Chief Campo

Absent: Gee (excused)

Attending: None.

MINUTES:

*Motion by Erdei to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo – Police Chief Campo advised you have the yearly reports in your packet tonight. I wanted to mention the categories that will jump out. Rapes are up this year. That category includes reported rapes that are unfounded, 20 years old, etc. Calls for service are down. That also is something I would not pay too much attention to. The reason being, one dispatcher may log every time someone calls and says my power is out, what time is Trick or Treat, etc. another may not log those. More telling is the number of reports typed. Every time an officer types a report, that is an incident that actually occurred and needed to be typed up. In 2017 they typed 1,139 reports, in 18: 1,107 reports and in 19: 973 reports. That is down a little. Our new 2020 Explorer was delivered yesterday. There was an issue with the camera system that I've been negotiating with Statewide Ford and it looks like we have a resolution. Departments around our area are warning that people are doing distraction burglaries. People are posing as utility workers like Ohio Edison, etc. and saying we need to inspect your utilities. They are warning not to let these people in unless you have a prior appointment for this specific utility. Member Erdei states I see our burglaries are down too. Chief Campo replies yes, they were down. We do not really have a burglary problem here. 99% of the time it is an ex-boyfriend, son, son's friend. Chairwoman Stark asks do we track if people are being frauded through SSI? Chief Campo replies we do have a lot of people call us and say: hey, I got this call, this piece of mail, etc. I can not recall anyone that has actually been victim recently. That would be tracked under theft.

Chairwoman Stark asks when was the last time we had a homicide in Sheffield Lake? Chief Campo replies it was 15 or 16. The murder-suicide we had on Edgewater. Prior to that would probably have been in 92 maybe. We did have an involuntary manslaughter a few years ago. A couple from Cleveland sold a guy drugs that he died from. They were sent to prison.

Fire Chief's report – Chief Card reports so far, we have done 65 calls this year. The annual report is in your packets tonight. Chairwoman Stark states thank you for that, you guys do a wonderful job getting that to us. Chief Card states I would point out with the vehicle maintenance, it's a little high this year. We had to put a transmission in engine 63. Member Erdei asks what is going on with the ambulance that needed a new frame? Chief Card replies we are still working on it. I got the quotes and have given them to the Mayor and Finance Director. We are also waiting on a quote for a brand new one, so we can compare them. If we go with the remount, they basically take the box off the chassis, strip it and put it on a new chassis. Mayor Bring states on the ambulance, we decided to do that because the remount is about \$175,000. We are looking at a new one just to see if it is even close. If it is, we may go that route. I think both chiefs are doing an excellent job. It makes my job a lot easier. They keep me well informed. The two new policeman and the one new fireman are doing very well. Chairwoman Stark asks we are ok on staffing for both departments? Mayor Bring states we are for right now. We may look into another part-time dispatcher. We are looking into those flashing lights in Lake Rd. They will be battery operated. It lasts 7-10 days. We will put them up by the shopping center. That will coincide with the crossing we are going to put in. If it helps, I think we will put another two on poles throughout the city and rotate them. It makes you aware of the speed. Chairwoman Stark asks how many back up batteries will there be? Mayor Bring replies I am not sure. These units are about \$3,000. We were going to get the solar ones, but they don't always work in the winter. Chief Campo reports we put on the city's website that we wanted to hire a part-time dispatcher and got several applications. When I called them and explained that you may work one day this week, none the next week, 4-5 the week after that, they all said thanks, no thanks. It is hard to fill because of what it entails. We have been getting by with what we have. We have a dispatcher going on extended leave this week. I may talk to the Mayor and see if our part-time dispatcher will fill these shifts. It's either that or put my detective on, which I don't want to do. Once 911 takes over for Lorain, maybe there will be more people available. When we have a 911 at our dispatch, we get to know our residents and where everything is, and our response time is much quicker, I think. Chairwoman Stark asks is there a way to have someone maybe work part-time for us and part-time for another city? Where maybe we could work with them? Chief Campo replies no, that doesn't exist. With no dispatchers on vacation, there is only one shift available a week for a part-timer. With two part-timers, someone doesn't work this week, and they don't want that. We will get by. Mayor Bring states we can't just pull someone off the street, there is a lot involved.

Safety Director Bring – None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Erdei/Second by Stark to adjourn at 7:17 PM. Yeas All.

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Brandy Randolph

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Leanna Stark

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso

I, Brandy Randolph, 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 February 5, 2019.