

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
September 2, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday September 2, 2020. Councilwoman Stark called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Absent: None.

Attending: None.

MINUTES:

*Motion by Erdei/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the July 1, 2020 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo – Chief Campo reports our cruisers are doing quite well, no major maintenance issues with them. Our new full-time officer is starting his training September 9. That usually lasts about a month and then he will be on patrol alone. He should do great based off what we have heard from his previous department. We may hear some feedback about the police chasing children off of the covered bridge and boat launch. That is because they are throwing trash in the creek, trying to rip open electrical boxes and twice we have picked up a bunch of litter off the bridge. They are thrashing the areas. We have stopped the congregating. I do want to say it is disgusting what I see in the news lately about anti-police sentiments. I feel sorry for the guys who have another 20 years to go. Member Erdei asks how is the drug situation? Chief Campo replies we have had overdoses here and there. It seems to be mainly people that are buying and from out of the area. We have the same situation we always have. There's been a dealer pop up here and there over the years, but nothing is on our radar right now. Chairwoman Stark asks have the calls been down this year since everyone has been stuck at home? Chief Campo replies just generalized, all the calls, we are having a lot of domestics. There was one burglary I can recall in the past few months and that was a son's girlfriend. Member Gee states I would like to thank you personally, and also officer Corr. You went above and beyond to help a veteran in need in the city. When people bad mouth the police, they don't realize we have one of the best forces around. There is the consideration with mental illness. You go above and beyond to not get someone into the court system. You go out of your way to try and do better. Sheffield Lake should be grateful for it. Chief Campo replies I appreciate you saying that.

Fire Chief's report – Chief Card reports we are up to 687 calls this year. On 8/27, we responded to a structure fire in Avon Lake. The guys all did a great job. 7/19 we had a water rescue situation right behind the community center. Luckily for them, there was a

resident there to go out and save them, otherwise they would have drowned. On the 22nd, we had another water rescue situation. The man was not hurt, it was a kayaker whose kayak took on water. On Friday we were awarded the AFG COVID Grant that I wrote on PPE. I have \$9,100 to spend on PPE. The federal share is \$8,666.67 and the city's share is \$433.33. I ordered stuff in March and I still haven't received it. AFG Regional Grant that we are in with the other cities for the radio equipment, we still haven't heard yay or nay on that. They did call and request a copy of the MOU and how the money was going to be split between the cities. That's a good sign. There is another grant I can write, the CARES ACT Grant. I am working on figuring that out. If I can get it, I'm going to purchase another Lucas device. That is the CPR device we put on people to do the chest compressions. Engine 61 and 63 will be going up for their annual service this month. 71 still has something pending. It keeps throwing a code, the turbo code. When we take it in, they can't find anything wrong. As far as training, on 8/15 the tech rescue team had confined space training at one of the pump stations. Member Erdei asks what is the Kussmaul charging system? Chief Card replies when we plug them in, it charges anything we have in the truck. i.e. radio, flashlights, etc.

Safety Director Bring – Mayor Bring states I had a chance to go on WOBL radio station the other day and did get to talk about our city. I was able to speak about our police dept. fire dept. and service dept. I said in general how good a job everybody is doing and the many hats the departments wear. Everyone agreed. The nonsense you are hearing on tv is mostly from a small group. The national media for whatever reason is now on the bandwagon. I will tell you I'm sick and tired of it too. It's unjustified. I would not want to be a policeman right now. What's going to happen is there is going to be a shortage and things are going to happen. Then they are going to wonder why nobody is getting protected. The crosswalk lights did come in and I know they are working on them. We are trying to be patient with these young girls and boys in our community, but when they have no respect for the community, we are going to treat them the way they treat it. We are spending a lot of money to make the city better and they treat it like trash. I'm tired of it. We watch them on the cameras and have to send the police over. Member Gee asks were we able to order more of the flashing light signs, the speed signs? Mayor Bring we did not, we are going to. We were a little disappointed in the turnaround time of the one that went down. It took several months for them to bring that back. So, we were looking at a different supplier. They are very successful. We are going to get two more and we will move those around the city. Member Gee asks is there anyway that the juveniles doing all this damage can be fined and brought into court? Mayor Bring replies Mr. Campo can tell you that the juvenile court right now is not worth taking them to. They don't want to see them. Chief Campo states we cannot charge a parent into mayor's court or municipal court for something that their child does. In other words, if the child vandalizes a park building, you have to charge the child in juvenile court. You can't fine the parent, but you can hold them responsible for restitution for damages. But that has to come through the juvenile court. The only thing we can charge a parent for here is curfew. That is because of how the ordinance is written. Member Erdei asks how are the boat ramps doing as far as all the people going down there and having

picnics, etc.? Mayor Bring states there are no picnics anymore. We put all the rocks over there and stopped that. The concrete over there is finally drier. We are going to add probably an additional 3-4 inches to it. Chairwoman Stark asks so we can't go after the parents, but awhile ago weren't we bringing these kids in and making them do some type of community service? Mayor Bring replies that was for like curfew violations and a few other things. That was in lieu of them getting a fine. We aren't having curfew problems like we were. Chairwoman Stark states the people out here letting their kids run wild and not watching them and also defaming the names of our officers need to step up and come to a meeting and show their faces. Stop hiding behind social media. Come in and have a discussion with us, this is unacceptable.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Erdei/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:21 PM. Yeas All.

CLERK OF COMMITTEE AFFIRMATION: This meeting of the City Committee of Governing The Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio as they may apply. All meetings are recorded and available in Council's Offices.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Brandy Randolph

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 September 2, 2020.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Leanna Stark

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso