

Minutes of the Safety Committee

City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio

April 7, 2021

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday April 7, 2021. Chairwoman Stark called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Excused: None.

Attending: Citizen.

MINUTES:

*Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the March 3, 2021 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo – Chief Campo reports we have a full-time officer who is going to be off for 2 weeks due to COVID. His 14 days start tonight. At a previous meeting, I mentioned getting emails from intelligent sources on the projected meth epidemic that is going to hit us here in this area. I think they were spot on. In the last 7 days we have made two meth arrests. Both had decent quantities on them. The one yesterday had meth, heroin and crack on him, he was in Goodwill stealing. The difference between crack/heroin is people would do their \$20 fix in the morning and go to work, unless they died from it, you didn't really know. Meth is different. There will be more crime and people on the streets. If it hits like it has in some of the midwestern states, I hope we are ready for it. I am saying this tonight so next time we have to talk about it we can be ready. We have never seen meth here before. The other arrest was a female who was asleep in a parked van. These are people that are kind of desperate. Member Erdei asks do they live in our city or are they from out of town? Chief Campo replies the one in June lives in this city and had enough to be considered as probably selling. The last two do not live in our city. One was found in the driveway sleeping at a vacant house in our city with someone who has connections to the house. Member Gee asks is there a concern about meth labs? Chief Campo replies that is always a concern. Member Erdei asks what happened to that guy that was cooking on Lake Rd.? Mayor Bring replies he wasn't really cooking; he was setting up to. He went to prison, got out and did some other stuff and I think he is back in. Chief Campo states his charges here were possession of the chemicals to manufacture drugs, he didn't have any product or lab set up. Chairwoman Stark asks was this pure meth? I know sometimes they mix stuff. Chief Campo replies what we got in the last 7 days still needs tested. Mixing heroin and fentanyl is usually what's done, not really meth. Chairwoman Stark asks are we working with other cities to keep an eye out? Chief Campo replies when we develop information that we need to pass on, we do.

Fire Chief's report – Chief Card reports we are up to 277 calls this year. Engine 61 is currently at South of the Square Collision Center getting the dent fixed. We have some

training coming up. Avon Lake is hosting a fire behavior class and I am going to try to send guys from every shift to that. It is on April 28th, 29th and 30th. Over the past few weeks, we have been to a few structure fires. We had one on Warwick, one in Avon Lake and one on the 7th floor of The Perch. No one was hurt, we put them out pretty quick. Member Erdei asks The Perch residents; do they have a sprinkler system in those apartments? Chief Card replies no, it's not sprinklers. It's only sprinklers in the common areas and garage. Mayor Bring responds the rooms are solid concrete. Chairwoman Stark asks the chief's test is the 4th? Chief Card replies the 3rd. Then the 17th is for lieutenants. The ones who take the chiefs test are going to have an oral exam on the 21st. Chairwoman Stark asks how long after testing do you get results, and we know the next step? Chief Card replies I think about 2 weeks. Member Gee asks is there any more news as far as the insurance claim, with #61? Mayor Bring replies it's getting fixed right now.

Mayor Bring's report: Mayor Bring reports on Engine 61 we are getting the body work done and are looking at getting that wrapped also. The wrap worked very well on the truck and we are very pleased with that. We have a part-time officer looking at going full-time for us. We will probably bring that to you guys and look for another part-time officer. The mayors of the 5 communities met again concerning the radios for the Fire Dept. I think we have narrowed down who we are going to go with. If we do go with that company, it will take about 6 months to get going. We would save quite a bit of money. I know Mr. Card is happy with the radios, he is using one now and they work really well. I was getting COVID updates, but recently have not. I think it is going down. There had been an uptick in DV calls and I think it was partly due to COVID. Member Erdei asks on domestic calls; you have two people going in all the time? Chief Campo replies hopefully. Sometimes there is only one guy in the city. If things keep increasing, we are going to have to consider increasing our staff. We are also not going to be able to keep talking our way out of hospital bills. I have done it 4-5 times since being chief. Mercy hospital bills us for taking prisoners there. They aren't going to keep giving us freebies. Member Gee states considering the rise in domestic violence and the meth issue, neither is going to go away quickly. Shouldn't we really consider how to add another person already? Mayor Bring replies we have people we can call pretty regularly to get in here quickly. We will see how this works for a little bit. Chairwoman Stark asks I know we got the blinking lights for Walker Rd., when were those going to go up? Mayor Bring replies it may take a while; we just got the grant, and we have to order them. Chief Campo states I don't want to cause panic, but things aren't getting better. More people want to arm themselves, more people wanna fight, do drugs, etc. Mayor Bring states the scrutiny the police departments are under right now is a shame, it makes it hard for them to do their jobs. Chief Campo states it is 100's of thousands to clean up a meth lab. If you touch anything in there, it's yours and a lot of money. That is just something to consider. Chairwoman Stark asks for the hospital bills, do we have something that lets us tack that on to the person? Like restitution? Chief Campo replies no, we have never had to pay anything that needed restitution. Mayor Bring states we have been fortunate.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Gee states April 11-17 is National Public Safety Communications week, and we need to thank all our dispatchers for the work they do. They are behind the scenes getting everything connected, it's a hard job.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Erdei/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:24 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 April 7, 2021.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Leanna Stark

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso