

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
January 6, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday January 6, 2021. Chairwoman Stark called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Absent: Police Chief Campo.

Attending: None.

MINUTES:

*Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the Oct. 7, 2020 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief Campo – Absent. Member Gee states according to December 29, we still didn't get that tablet that was removed to get replaced by Statewide. Mayor Bring responds we called them last week, called them yesterday and they have not returned our calls. We also have some parts on the new pickup that need installed.

Fire Chief's report – Chief Card reports in 2020 we did 1,072 runs. When COVID started we transported a few here and there, then over the summer it kind of died down. May and June, we barely had any calls, but from July to the rest of the year it picked up steadily. Since it started picking up again in the fall, we have transported 14 confirmed cases. In talking with Tammy, it looks like we are still going to work on getting a new ambulance this year. We need to replace the 2008 one. I got the AFG grant for the COVID supplies but have not ordered those yet. I am trying to get quotes from various places. I'll be ordering it soon. We will need to figure out where to store it. Dave Nowak is still working on the jet ski we spoke about last time. At the end of this year, I think I'll actually be retiring at the end of January. I'm going to go to civil service, and we will put on an entrance exam, a lieutenant's promotional exam and a chief's promotional exam. I'll start that at the end of the month. Once I find out who's replacing me, I'll start working with them to figure everything out. Are you guys ok with them coming to these meetings when they start? Members say yes. Chairwoman Stark asks have they talked to you guys about being in line to get vaccinated if you want to? Chief Card replies we already have been. Only 4 of the guys in my department did not get it. We will get our second shot on the 20th. Member Erdei asks for storing all the extra stuff, can we just keep it downstairs in the one office? Mayor Bring replies we will figure it out. We would hate to put it down there and then it floods or something. Chief Card states also with the vaccines, the mayor okayed it, the fire dept. is going to work with the health dept. and one of the vaccination pods will probably be set up at the community center. The fireman will be assisting the nurses. Mayor Bring reports we will have to get some directions from the governor or someone. We aren't going

to just say ok, come down and get your shot. The last thing we want our long lines and them getting overwhelmed and frustrated. We will have to figure out how to do it. Chief Card replies I believe there are classes. We were 1A and that will probably be finished by the end of this month and they will start 1B. I'm not really sure who falls into those categories. Mayor Bring asks don't they also have to wait 15 min. after getting the shot? Chief Card replies yes. Mayor Bring says so it's not like you just get the shot and walk away, someone has to watch you for 15 min. We will probably end up checking id's etc., because we want our citizens to have them first. It will be done correctly; it will just have a lot involved. Member Gee asks when I keep reading the lists of the order they do them in, is there anyway our police can be offered their shots? Chief Card replies I believe they are coming up soon, because the city workers are coming up soon too.

Safety Director Bring – Mayor Bring reports we are trying to get the rest of the new pickup outfitted and then we will be looking at getting another explorer this year. We do have a couple vehicles that have high mileage. I don't intend to take them out of service, just want to try to keep the miles down. The program we have been on has worked tremendously; we are saving a lot of money on maintenance. We are on our fourth officer with COVID, so we are down a man right now and we have another on personal leave. That's making things a little stressful. The new part time officer is doing very well. We did catch the 4 juveniles that were breaking into cars, since then we haven't had any problems. They were in court the other day. The parents were also charged. I talked to them and was not very nice and I don't think these kids cared, it's unfortunate. We had two overdoses the other day at the same house. A 61-year-old female which was the mother, who passed away and the 32-year-old daughter who passed two days later. We have been watching that home and have gotten more information. We had two more overdoses yesterday. It's pretty sad. We have been actively going out and checking on junk vehicles, etc. Today I found a covered trailer that was parked at Memorial Park, it has been removed. I found a 50ft. boat that was put on blocks in the middle of the yard and then a dump truck and trailer left on the street. If anyone sees anything, call. I know people get angry, but we aren't out to punish people. We got our speed camera on Walker Rd. right now and it's working. I know Lorain is talking about getting speed cameras and that will never happen here as long as I am sitting in this chair. I don't believe in that. I think it's a scam to be honest with you. They say it's for safety. If you want to use it for safety, use the cameras we use. Those work for safety. Chairwoman Stark asks the snow event right before Christmas, did we go out and ticket people? I know on my street it did not matter and they ignored the 2in. snow ban. Mayor Bring replies we had a number of people calling and saying they had family coming over, could they put the cars in the street until they cleaned their driveways out. The dispatcher said yes, but if the plow comes down and you are in they way, you will get ticketed. As far as I understood, the guys only saw two cars. Chairwoman Stark asks the speed camera on Walker, is there a way we can have it to where we get the people coming in from Avon Lake? Mayor Bring replies yes, it's portable. I agree with moving it. Chairwoman Stark asks right before the holiday, there were two Avon lake cops sitting in Guenther Park and one had a radar gun and was clocking people, do we have something with them that they can do that? Mayor Bring replies I saw that and was taken aback by it. I meant to ask Tony about it. He may have just been checking his equipment. I'll find out. Member Erdei asks

with the two overdose deaths; how many do we have in the city this year? Mayor Bring responds there will be a report at the end of the year here and everyone will get it. Chief Card says I will try to have it done by February. Member gee asks has it gone up since COVID? Chief Card replies I heard the guys talking about it and they said they have responded on a few more lately. It was quiet for a while. Member Gee says there is a short course the county put out about it and it makes more sense as to why they do it. It's sad.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Bring says I really appreciate what Mr. Card is doing. It gives us an opportunity to get everything in place instead of 3-4 weeks before he decides to retire and upheaves everything. He has done a great job and we will miss him. The department is in great hands. Member Gee says I have gotten 2 complaints in the last week from Irving Park about a small dog barking. One was a lady, and one was a gentleman. I forgot the name of the street. One called the police, but I gathered it was not what they expected. Mayor Bring says the dog may bark when they call, but not when the police are there. I don't know, but our police do respond. We have had some issues on Thelma with some noise. I approached ordinance yesterday to see what we could do. Our police go over there with a decibel reader. We are looking into possibly lowering that or changing the times when you can do those things. So, we have the ball rolling.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Erdei/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:39 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 January 6, 2021.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Leanna Stark

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso