

Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
September 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday September 1, 2021. Chairwoman Stark called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Stark, Gee, Erdei, Mayor Bring, Acting Police Chief Corr.
Excused: Fire Chief Card
Attending: Lieutenant Novak, Audience members.

MINUTES:

*Motion by Erdei/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the July 7, 2021, meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Acting Police Chief's report – Acting Chief Corr reports the mayor, Sergeant Kory and I went to the 911 center this week to speak with the interim administrator for 911. We spoke about implementing the New World System with out police dept. Then today we met with Christy Messenger from the 911 system concerning New World and what we need to do to get that implemented in our cruisers. Chief McCann has given us 10 laptops with mounts for the cruisers. We will be able to run plates, people, etc. through LEADS in that system. We ordered 4 body cameras this week from Watch Guard which is Motorola Solutions. Those should arrive in about 8 weeks. We will then train the officers and implement them. Sergeant Kory and I were involved in a Zoom meeting with OCJS (Office of Criminal Justice Services) last week. There were 3 chiefs that spoke about the growing pains they had with the body cams and their experience, etc. The mayor hired one full-time officer and one part-time officer. That need sworn in Sept. 14th. Mayor Bring says not hired until council okays it. Acting Chief Corr says for training purposes, we are sending two dispatchers to Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center for 2-day training Sept. 29-30. Two officers are going to the self-aid, buddy aid class on Sept. 22. That class deals with basic life support and limb saving techniques. It is a free training at the Avon Lake Police Dept. and both officers will receive a free tourniquet. Sergeant Kory and I will be attending a media relations/public information class at the North Olmsted Township Police Dept. on Oct. 21st. We will also be interviewing for another part-time position this month. We ordered 4 more tasers today to replace ones that were not serviceable anymore. They usually take a few weeks to come in. Member Erdei asks how is our overdose situation? Acting Chief Corr replies we are running a couple a month. It's about average. Member Erdei asks with the speeders in town, are you cutting down on that a little more? Like from Lake Breeze to Harris, on Lake Rd.? Acting Chief Corr responds we can, but no one has asked us too specifically. Member Gee asks any news on the bicycle patrol for the trail? Acting Chief Corr replies the bicycles we have need some serious maintenance. We are directing money towards immediate needs of things that we have lacked for many years. That expense is

just not high on the priority list. Chairwoman Stark says ammunition and firearms; I know we talked about changing them over, were we able to? Did we get ammo donated to us? Acting Police Chief Corr responds LPD gave us 1,000 rounds of .223 for our AR's to get everyone requalified on those and get them back in our cruisers. I have since gotten 5,000 rounds in and sent those 1,000 back to LPD. We have not switched over to the 9mm's yet. We are trying to get rid of 2 machine guns that we have and if we sell those, that will go towards the purchase of the 9's and ammo. Chairwoman Stark asks have we ever as a community relations thing, thought of doing a self defense class or something of that nature? Mayor Bring replies our new part-time police officer did that kind of training in the Marines and we have talked about that. Once he gets comfortable, we will probably do that and possibly the cpr stuff with the fire dept.

Fire Chief's report – Lieutenant Novak reports in August we did 129 calls for service. 10 of them were fire calls, 87 were EMS calls, 9 public assists, 11 car accidents, 6 co investigations, 2 technical rescue team call outs and 3 wires down. We filled the station 16 times because we started seeing an increase in the COVID calls again. Engine 61 came back from the paint/wrap on Friday and looks really good. We put it in service today. Sept. 7th we will begin interviewing entry-level firefighters. Chief Card said they received the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the radio system. Mayor Bring says my intention with this grant is to not only supply the fire dept. but also the police dept. with the radios. Member Erdei asks when can we expect to receive them? Mayor Bring responds I'm not sure. Chairwoman Stark asks is there anything you need from us? I see all the new faces and just want to make sure. Collective no response. Member Gee asks is there a chance that any of that newfound government money can float to either of those depts.? Mayor Bring responds as of right now, that is going into a fund, and we will look at it. The chief's test has been completed for the police dept. and they will certify that on the 2nd, and it will be coming to council. If you okay that, we will be swearing in a new chief on the 14th. So, a part-timer, a full-timer and chief that day.

Mayor Bring's report: Mayor Bring reports in regard to bike patrol; right now, we are very far behind on the police dept. as far as equipment needed. We are getting as much as we possibly can, but it costs a lot of money, and we have a budget. The bikes now are antiquated. We would like to donate or sell those, and I would like to get 2 electric bikes. That will probably be looked at next year because we are tapped out this year. We have 2 police cars coming, but they probably won't be here until the end of the year. Our new ambulance probably won't be here until next August. We have been talking about keeping the jail or closing it. I think the general consensus is we may end up closing it. There is a gentleman that has to be certified to do that (run it) and he is going to retire, there are many costs involved, etc. It is nice to have, but to be honest, I have instructed the magistrate not to send anyone down during court anymore. As we transition with the police dept., we will talk about the direction the new chief wants to go in, etc. There will also be changes in the fire dept. Mr. Novak will be the new chief over there and I'm sure he is going to have some ideas. They are about 60-70% finished with the new bathrooms over there. Member Erdei asks we had 2 people apply for the chief job, right? So, we didn't have to go out to the community? Mayor Bring replies it's in house, that is the way the charter reads. Member Gee asks will all the equipment we are getting bring the police dept. up to this century?

Mayor Bring replies some, there is still a long way to go. Acting Police Chief Corr says we are looking into LexiPol which is a service we pay for yearly that brings our policy and procedure manuals into the 21st century. They make them defensible in court. Out of the 800+ police depts. in the state, over 500 have it. Member Erdei asks you mentioned closing the restrooms at the boat dock, are they closed and are there problems still? Mayor Bring responds we closed them and shut the power off. We have video of some of the people that possibly did some of the damage there. Every time we do something good in this city, there are people that destroy it, and it penalizes all the good people in town. I'm not going to keep dealing with it. Chairwoman Stark asks with the vandalized tree, can we set up like deer blind cameras, etc. that we could set up there? Mayor Bring replies we have 2 old ones, but I think I'm going to purchase a couple new ones because I have been thinking of that too. Chairwoman Stark asks I thought we had a conversation with a former police person about some stuff the state wanted done and there was some back and forth, etc. Do you remember what I'm talking about? Mayor Bring responds the only requirements we need right now I think are with the jail. We are a certified department.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Erdei/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:27 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 1, 2021.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Leanna Stark

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso