

**Minutes of the Safety Committee  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
January 5, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday January 5, 2022. Chairwoman Stark called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Stark, Gee, Erdei, Mayor Bring, Fire Chief Novak, Police Chief Kory.  
Excused: None.  
Attending: None.

**MINUTES:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**Reports from Safety Forces:**

**Police Chief's report** –Chief Kory reports for 2021 we ended with 1,050 reports and 8,850 calls for service. We saw an uptick in violent crime, sex offenses and fraud cases.

Currently we have 9 open domestic cases. Sgt. Mariner recently retired, and we are hoping to replace him in the first quarter of this year. Two new cruisers are in service, and we have no major vehicle issues. We are looking to complete the new radio project the first quarter of this year; we basically just have the upgrade of the dispatch center left. New World process is going well, and we are just waiting on some equipment. Training is going well. Body cameras were moved up to next Monday, so hopefully those will be installed, and we can start training. Member Erdei asks when the governor said he was going to add money to local law enforcement for the body cameras, did you receive anything? Chief Kory replies it's a reimbursement grant that I am working with Mr. Hastings on, and it would cover the cost.

**Fire Chief's report** – Chief Novak reports we have been having some problems with squad 71. On Sept. 11th, it went into Avon Truck because it was running extremely rough, and they determined it was the high-pressure oil pump. They replaced it and it came back and it started running rough again. We took it back and it was just returned December 30th. It spent 82 days there, they had a hard time getting the parts. We ran 10 calls with it, and it started again. We took it back on Jan. 3 and I hope to have it back asap. Both squads will need front tires. Our new ambulance is scheduled to have the chassis built on March 10th. I hope to get it in Sept.-Oct. I applied for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase new turnout gear, because ours is out of spec, it is good for 10 years. The grant is for \$74,000 and the city's match is 5%. This was our busiest year to date, we had 1,241 calls for service. Our second busiest was 2017 with 1,186 calls. Most of the increase is due to the COVID pandemic. Firefighter Dalton started his 2 weeks of orientation on Monday, and he is scheduled to go on B shift on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>. The radio project we are working on, we should start getting equipment this month. Member Erdei asks how is our COVID among employees with both departments? Chief Novak replies we just had a couple guys, they

were out for 10 days, but we haven't had a large amount out. That is why we make sure we follow all procedures. Chief Kory replies we had 5 out over Christmas break, but everyone is healthy now. Chairwoman Stark asks the police car, have we received it? Chief Kory replies yes, two of them and they are in service now.

**Mayor Bring's report:** Mayor Bring reports there is a lot of training going on in both departments and it is going to take some time to get up to speed. Chad has been doing training and asked if he could use one of our backhoes and put a dummy underneath it and act like it was a real call, of course I let him. It's neat to see the guys in action and test equipment out. I am very happy with the way things are going now. Member Gee says I heard praise for our police and fire last week at a meeting and it was nice. Mayor Bring says the city is very lucky to have these two departments and these two in charge. Member Erdei asks with our surveillance cameras, is that... Mayor Bring says I am working on that. I just had a meeting with a gentleman to upgrade them and get more with zoom possibilities and wireless capability.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:** None

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:14 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.

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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 5, 2021.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

*Leanna Stark*

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*