

**Minutes of the Safety Committee**  
**City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio**  
**March 2, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday March 2, 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 Jan. 5, 2022 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**Reports from Safety Forces:**

**Police Chief's report** – Chief Kory reports with vehicle maintenance we have not had any big issues, everything is up and running at this point. With equipment, new radios should be coming this week. On the K-9, we had him x-rayed and he has hip dysplasia, so we had to take him back. They are going to reimburse us that cost and the search will continue. We had an officer slip and injure his leg and he will be out for a duration of time. Chairwoman Stark asks so we are looking for another dog? Are some of the other options we looked at still available? Chief Kory replies we had several we were looking at and they were the closest and highest quality for the price. We are looking for a calm mannered dog that is good with children, we want the right fit for our city. Member Erdei asks how is our dept. now that we don't have a jail? Chief Kory responds we have a 6-hour jail facility, and it hasn't interrupted operations at all.

**Fire Chief's report** – Chief Novak reports on the truck report, our biggest expense was squad 71. It had issues with the turbo and high-pressure pump. We also had to replace the water pump on squad 72. We are keeping squad 71 in the back as a backup until we get our new squad. We sent the purchase agreement out and it's supposed to go on the line March 10, and we should take delivery in Sept.-Oct. In January we did 108 runs, in Feb. it was 101. The new radio system is coming along, and the equipment should be arriving soon. On Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> we did some surface ice rescue training at the boat launch.

**Mayor Bring's report:** Mayor Bring reports at the police dept., we are in the process of getting a K-9 Explorer. We had shotguns in the Explorers and half were one brand and the other half another brand so the chief picked up some new ones and traded in other ones, now we will be more uniform. The new part-time dispatcher is going to start training soon and also the new part-time patrolman. We still need to fill the spot from when Mariner left and now with Frank leaving, we may have to do a provisional. We have new cameras going up today by a new company who is also doing the computer systems. We had an incident at Ferndale where someone spray painted one of the ramps and the camera did not catch it because it was snowing. Member Gee states I have been reaching out to residents about the

trails and the only complaint is dogs running loose and the owners refusing to leash them and pickup after them. It seems to be a large issue. Mayor Bring replies if they don't call and tell the police, we don't know. They need to describe the dogs and owners. We aren't going to stop everyone on the trail to check. If you see it happening, call.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairwoman Stark says I would like to bring up the new fireworks law. I would like your opinions on it. Chief Novak says I definitely think it's going to be a concern. Mr. Graves called me and wanted my opinion and I told him I would reach out to Northeast Ohio Fire Prevention Association and get their opinion. It will be a problem here with how dense it is, I am not for it. Chief Kory states I agree. We already run back-to-back for the week prior, it will only be worse. I definitely think we need to regulate it. Mayor Bring says Ordinance wants to take that to Worksession so council as a whole can have an opinion. I think it's going to be a free for all. Everyone has a chance to celebrate. We pretty much let them have free reign on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we very rarely arrest someone. But on other holidays, I don't think it's fair to older people, pets, people with PTSD, etc. They left it open on our end. There are several cities that have already passed ordinances saying they will not follow with the decision, and I think we should do something similar. Member Gee says I received an email from Mary Ellen Gunther who asked for the city to please start acknowledging May 4<sup>th</sup> as the fire appreciation day for our fire staff. Also, she wanted one of the police recognition days, that is either Jan. 9 or the third Saturday in Sept. Those are national recognized holidays. Some cities have it on their webpage reminding citizens. Chief Kory says Sept. works best for us, although our citizens usually recognize both days. Mayor Bring says I will tell the lady who does our website. Chairwoman Stark says I know at Midway Mall there used to be a chili cook off with different departments and they did fun stuff together, maybe that is something we could get back to when the weather gets better. Mayor Bring says we just did one at the community college.

**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.

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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 March 2, 2021.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

*Leanna Stark*

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*