

**Minutes of the Safety Committee**  
**City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio**  
**June 1, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday June 1, 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: Rick Lombardo, Councilman Kovach.

**MINUTES:**

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2022 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Rick Lombardo, Flock Camera Systems gives a PowerPoint presentation with the following key points. Mr. Lombardo states we make license plate reading cameras. They take a picture of every vehicle that drives by and runs that through a national crime database. If it is a wanted felon, stolen vehicle, stolen plate, known gang member, known terrorist, known missing person, etc. it will alert your dept. within 7-15 seconds of the vehicle passing. It takes a picture of every vehicle and will tell you the make, build and color. Your dept. can use that to clear a lot more cases. For example, the dept. can go in and say show me all the blue Kia SUVs in the area at the time of incident and quickly locate the vehicle. We are currently in over 1,500 police depts. and all the cameras work together. Mayor Bring asks this is set up to go to you and you send to our guys? Mr. Lombardo replies it is all through Amazon web service, so it is all cloud based. Member Erdei asks do these cameras have a zoom in feature? Mr. Lombardo replies yeah. Mr. Lombardo shows on the screen what the picture/search will look like. Chief Novak asks will it record regardless of the speed the vehicle is going? Mr. Lombardo replies it will take an image up to 100 miles an hour. Member Erdei asks is the city getting billed for the camera per month/year? Mr. Lombardo responds it is \$2,500 per camera per year and there is a onetime installation fee of \$350 per camera. You aren't technically buying the camera; you are buying the service the camera provides. Chairwoman Stark asks when it takes a picture, is it just registering the plate, not speed or anything else? Mr. Lombardo replies it doesn't register the car to a person, our system is not connected to LEADS, etc. Our cameras can be electric or solar. Police Chief Kory says I like the option that they have the potential to pick up bicycles. Also, neighboring communities have seen an uptick in gang activity and a lot of people use Lake Rd. to get to Cleveland, Lorain, etc. Mr. Lombardo says you can also create your own custom list. Say you have someone you have arrested multiple times; you can save their license plate in there and it will alert you next time it sees the plate. Mayor Bring says the computers in our cars can use this. (Unidentified person) asks is there a battery backup? Mr. Lombardo replies yes. Chief Novak asks will that monitor both lanes of traffic? Mr. Lombardo replies we can capture two lanes, but it is two lanes in the same direction.

### ***Reports from Safety Forces:***

***Police Chief's report*** – Chief Kory reports for the month of May we had 606 calls for service. Domestic Violence calls were up some. Sgt. Corr has been working with the FBI on a fraud case where one of our residents lost a quarter of a million dollars. It looks like he will be able to get that returned to our victim. Ptlm. Fisher is going to SORAT training which is single officer response to active threat training. He is going to be our range instructor and is also going to Armorer school. We have no major vehicle maintenance except an axle problem on 722 that was under warranty. K-9 Lenny is still set to begin field work in July. We had another officer injured so now we have two out. Antonio Baez was sworn in last night and should start soon. Harris radio system is now being used and is working flawlessly. Member Erdei asks did you find anything out about the boat for recovery? Chief Novak replies I have sent letters out but haven't heard back from anybody. Chairwoman Stark asks do we have any idea of when the first injured officer is coming back? Mayor Bring replies late August is best case.

***Fire Chief's report*** – Chief Novak reports in May the fire dept. did 101 runs. There were 9 fire runs, 4 public assists, 1 hazmat incident, 1 wires down, 84 Ems calls and 1 CO call and 1 car accident. The open house was a success. We had many visitors and residents attend and Lenny was a hit. I was able to sell the used extrication equipment on Gov Deals and we got \$2,025. The new squad's chassis is in Parma, it had to have some alterations. Once it leaves there it will go to Lifeline onto the production line, and they are going to get back to me on expectant date. Hydrant testing is going well, we are on Sheffield right now and working east. Because of the events in Texas last week, Chief Kory and I had a conversation, and we are going to reach out to Sheffield Village Police/Fire Chief and the school superintendent to sit down and talk and plan for something like this. I hope the day never comes, but we would like to be better prepared. This week the guys will be going to the high school and walking through and familiarizing themselves with it.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairwoman Stark asks with the conversation about the cameras, how would you like us to move forward with this? Mayor Bring replies with our new body cameras, we had great footage of the recent officer incident. Any tool that can help our dept. and city solve problems; we will try to get as long as the cost is reasonable. We are not trying to invade privacy; we are trying to protect our city. We will do whatever we can to make sure our community stays safe. We are considering getting 4 of these cameras. Member Erdei asks how is the boat ramp, the restrooms, etc.? Mayor Bring replies we have cameras on all that. Chairwoman Stark says I was in Texas last week when the incident occurred. We have a master plan for the city for the parks, for all sorts of other things, but do we have a master plan for the evil that lurks in all cities? Maybe we need to revise the master plan a little bit. Mayor Bring replies we are taking this very seriously. Member Erdei asks Chief Kory what do you think about having teachers carry firearms in the schools? Chief Kory responds it is a discussion worth having. There is a lot of stuff involved with that, training, etc. Mayor Bring says the body cameras are working excellent and we got some really good video.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:** Renee Hackey, 879 Pasadena Ave. says there have been comments about dogs being off leash and it is terrible. Dogs rushing at you in the middle of

the street makes you fearful, what can we do about it? It's everywhere. I talked to a gentleman yesterday who bought a taser because his dog was already attacked. Chief Kory says the most important thing is when you see it, call. If we are available, we will respond. We have to see a violation. Ms. Hackey says there are 3 different houses on Dunny. Mayor Bring replies we will have the guys check it out.

Councilman Steve Kovach, 850 Hollyview states I am here representing Community Civic Council tonight. I wanted to update the chiefs on community days. It is going to be structured a lot differently. It will be 4 days: Thursday through Sunday. The events planned are the parade Thursday night, fireworks Friday and I am working on getting some vendors and a cruise in for Saturday/Sunday. I'm not sure if it will be possible to have you guys come have something like the open house. Chief Kory says I know in the past we used to do the ids for the juveniles and the sheriff's office will also come and do the same thing. Maybe I can coordinate with them to bring it back. Mr. Kovach says there will not be a carnival, there are no workers. Chief Novak asks do you plan on having food trucks or vendors selling food there? Mr. Kovach replies we will have food vendors.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:55 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 June 1, 2021.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

*Leanna Stark*

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*