

Minutes of the Safety Committee

City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio

April 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday April 3, 2024. Chairman Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Gee, Kovach, Petrucci, Mayor Radeff, Chief Novak, Chief Kory.

Excused: None.

Attending: President Rosso, Councilman Cizl, Councilman DeBottis, citizens.

MINUTES:

*Motion by Gee/Second by Petrucci to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2023 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief's report – Chief Kory reports a couple of cars need oil changes. We fixed some areas in the dispatch area and the basement computers are almost wired up. We are going to put a speaker down there so the guys can hear the radio traffic. Staffing: Ptlm. Pool came on and is doing a good job, Ptlm. Baez went from part-time to full-time, Ptlm. Dobbins is doing training and Ptlm. Sedivy started. We are interviewing and potentially hiring a part time dispatcher soon and a part-time detective. We have been using a lot of overtime, but we haven't been paying the same amount of salaries. Overall, it's kind of an even wash on that. Member Gee asks when you mention equipment being done in the basement, what about the ID laptop and the hardware for it? Chief Kory replies it cost \$3,000 to replace. I did manage to get it semi-working, so I am able to use it now.

Fire Chief's report – Chief Novak reports in March we did 104 calls, so we are at 330 calls for the year. We got the tires on Squad 71 fixed and it was done under warranty. Squad 72, both inner tires had to be replaced on the back. Engine 61 will be going out after the solar eclipse to have the water tank indicator repaired. In April we will be sitting down to finalize the specs on the new ambulance. Last week we paid \$709 to renew our 5 year Medicare/Medicaid provider certificate. All dept. members recertified their pediatric life support certification. Firefighter Ferror completed his 40 hour rope operations class. On April 12th, I'll be submitting the SAFER Grant. The eclipse is 5 days away and the visitor count will be determined by the weather I would say. I had 4 food trucks setup for the boat launch and 3 of them backed out. Chief Kory reports they are ready for the eclipse and what they have setup. Chief Novak says I got an email from the EMA director in Elyria and he said we can turn in all the overtime we are paying out for reimbursement through the Ohio EMA. Chairman Kovach asks how did the test go? Chief Novak replies we had 11 sit for the test and 9 passed. After we get the grant, we will start interviewing. Unidentified person asks

how many openings do you have? Chief Novak replies right now we don't have any, but the list we had expired.

Mayor's report- Mayor Radeff reports porta potties have been placed for the eclipse. We are more than likely going to bring a candidate for part-time detective. With the eclipse, I want to thank both chiefs, especially Chief Novak for taking the time to make sure the city is safe. Member Gee asks who is responsible for the maintenance and inspections of all our safety equipment? Chief Novak replies our air packs, engines, ladders etc., have to be tested every year. We stay on top of that. Chief Kory replies our vehicles, every time we take them for oil changes, they get a full inspection. Member Gee asks I was wondering if the board and administration would consider moving the time of the safety meeting to an earlier time? That way our two chiefs aren't here that many hours in one day. Mayor Radeff replies we can discuss it. Chairman Kovach says my only concern would be with citizens who may want to show up that wouldn't be available until like 7 o'clock. I wouldn't want to start any earlier than 6.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Deputy Safety Director on hold.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: *Kathy DeBottis, 868 Lake Breeze Rd.* says I know we have been talking about new police vehicles, Dodge vs. others and I would like to give you my personal feelings on it. Ford Motor Co. has supported our schools, our city, our employees and a good number of our residents. I feel strongly that the loyalty and honor should be returned.

Tammy Asire, 648 Maplewood Dr. says there have been conversations about the dog ordinances and every time I bring it up, I am asked if I have made a police report. I would like going forward if the citizens could be provided that information because I have been making some calls in and I would like to make sure those are being recorded and documented. Chief Kory replies I will take a look at it.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Petrucci/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:17 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

CHAIRMAN
Steve Kovach

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 Apr. 3, 2024.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso