

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
Safety February 4, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Chairman Kovach called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Excused: Gee

Attending: Councilman Fogel.

MINUTES:

*Motion by Petrucci/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the January 7, 2026 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief's report – Chief Kory reports vehicle maintenance, we have no major maintenance costs, just regular wear and tear items like oil changes. We did retire one car and we did order a new car, which we're budgeted for. Regular equipment report, no major changes. We did get painting done down the hall just to get some holes in the walls and stuff like that. The whole upstairs is the same color now. Staffing, no changes. Taverner, I believe he's almost done with FTO, just had to do some final checks there. Budget, no changes or issues.

Fire Chief's report – Chief Novak reports in January, the fire department did 134 calls. I think that's got to be a record as far as that many calls in one month. Of those calls, 106 were EMS and 28 were fire related. You probably noticed that the flag at the fire department said half-staff, and that was for Vivian McCullough. She worked here for many years as the secretary to the finance director. Her family called and asked if we would lower the flag until Friday. Got new tires and a front-end alignment on car 73. We're hoping to move forward with the new engine purchase agreement. The price that we have right now is \$995,000, and that price is going to be held until February 27th of this month. So, we're still on track to take delivery of the new ambulance in late July. We're going to do some ice rescue training down at the boat launch probably next week. The guys will be down there doing some drills and practicing their skills with ice rescue. Three of our members attended a countywide active threat training class, and it follows the national response guidelines. It's intended to improve integration between law enforcement, fire EMS, and telecommunicators. This is just so that in case there's an event that we're all working off the same page and everyone knows what everyone else is doing. I submitted the state fire marshal grant for just under \$5,000, and

that's to purchase 4 portable lights for our fire engine so we can have some portable lights on the engines. We are going to have a CPR class in May and October at the community center.

Mayor's report- Mayor Radeff reports I did have a gentleman reach out to me and wanted to acknowledge our fire dept. I believe he had some sort of cardiac issue a few weeks ago. I just wanted to really thank the fire dept. He said one of the firemen was so good at keeping him calm and relaxed and really kept him from it being a way worse issue than he wanted to be. Our safety forces are second to none. On the police side, if you were wondering today, there were 2 officers that were giving an escort to a gentleman on Lake Rd. That was the gentleman who was doing a run across the United States. He'll be the third one to complete that. We have 2 officers who did a nice job of making sure that he was safe as he was going down Lake Rd. We're working with the finance director with putting together the bond that's going to be required for the fire truck. We also know that the bond, the actual delivery of the fire truck is going to be a couple years. We know that we have to purchase now if we want to get it in time.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: *Aden Fogel, 4351 Brockley Ave.* says I want to say the same thing Rocky said. I've been in, I think, 4 times in the last month with rescue up to the hospital in Avon for high blood pressure. Every time those guys have done everything they could to keep me calm. They turned the sirens and the lights on one time when I saw them. I said, is it that bad? He said, no, we just want to get you there as quick as possible. They've all been above and beyond professional, and I think that they really deserve anything that they need to guarantee citizen safety. So, I would hate to be in the back of that ambulance and have it break down on the way to the hospital. That would definitely have sent me into a panic, and I would hate to be in a house on fire and have the fire truck break down. So, I think that shouldn't be an issue. Your guys were good too. I called the police station. One time I had to call dispatch at 9-1-1, but the rest of the times I called the police station first and let them know that I was coming up, and they came out. Like I said, they sent Roger Watkins out the one night, but they were all great. So, thank you.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Petrucci/Second by Kovach to adjourn at 6:39 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

CHAIRMAN

Brandy Randolph

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 February 4, 2026.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso