

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

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Excused: None.

Attending: None.

MINUTES:

*Motion by Gee/Second by Petrucci to accept the minutes of the February 4, 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, no major reports. We're selling some old vehicles, replaced some vehicles, so that's all done. Equipment, we got the new medicine box in the lobby. We were emptying that like, every other week, so hopefully this one will last a little longer, and it lets us take some more sizable things. Usually, people were dumping them out of the containers and stuff like that. They just throw everything in there. It all goes to the incinerator anyways. The drug task force handles all that, so it's safer for everybody involved. We don't have to handle stuff as much, and it just goes in a box to be destroyed. Staffing, no changes. Budget, again, still beginning of the year, no major concerns there. If anybody's curious, we're at 2510 for activity for the year goals. Member Gee asks any news on whether we're getting a new patrol car for 2026 and if so, when? Chief Kory replies yeah, it should be in by June. Member Gee asks did we ever decide on hiring another member for your pd? Chief Kory responds I think that's a conversation for me to have with the administration. Member Petrucci asks that pill dispenser, do they take the container that the pills are in, the labels and everything? Do they put the whole thing in, or do they dump the pills? Chief Kory replies you just throw the whole thing in there now. Before, you had to dump it in and we ended up with pills on the ground, etc. Chairman Kovach says she brought up a question about speed bumps, temporary speed bumps particularly I think on Maplewood. I do remember that we did put a safety bump temporarily over on Community. Mayor Radeff responds I'll have to talk to Pat, because I don't think we can just put, somehow that's kind of like, it's not like a public road, and we own it, so we're able to put one there, because that's still connected to the drive-through, so I'm not sure. Chief Kory says I remember a lot when into just getting that to happen. Chairman Kovach

says I will tell you that in my travels out in Rocky River, there's a street that they had put speed bumps, not quite like ours, they were a little bit longer, not quite as high, but they were set in there to slow the traffic down, because it was, I think, an area that they had a lot of people exceeding the speed limit. Mayor Radeff says I'll follow up with Pat, because I know there's requirements. Chief Kory says if you're getting complaints from any residents, or particularly even yourself, just tell them to call the PD, we kind of track those things for patrol, and then they make extra traffic details in those areas. Mayor Radeff says and Pat will also move over the speed check sign there. Member Petrucci states she said that she has 3 children, and they're all on the autism spectrum. So, the oldest one is 9, the younger 2 are 3 and 4. She said the neighbors are very aware of the situation, but last week, the 9-year-old, when they were going out to meet the bus, broke free and ran and almost got hit by a car, who was just turning off of Lake Rd., south onto Maplewood, and flying. Mayor Radeff replies she can tell us if there's a specific time she's looking at and we will make sure they are there. Whatever we can do, we will.

Fire Chief's report – Chief Novak reports last month we did 123 runs. 104 were EMS related and 19 were fire related. Right now, we are at 264 runs at the end of February. On April 13th, we're going to be doing the annual fire hose testing, then on the 24th, we're going to be doing the bench testing of the SCBAs or the air packs. They have to be tested annually. Squad 71's going in for an oil change, and the jet skis are going in for the annual service before the summer starts, before we start putting them down at the boat launch. We're moving forward with the purchase of the new engine. The finance director is working on the final bond details. We got a new civil service list, because the old one was expired. Friday, I'm going to be participating, I think the police chief is as well, in the Right to Read program at Knollwood School, where we go in and read to second graders and stress the importance of reading. On March 27th, the 3 of us are going to be at Career Day at Brookside. Member Gee says I know the fire truck will be way down the road, but any idea when we are getting the legislation? Mayor Radeff responds I'll go over some of that stuff.

Mayor's report- Mayor Radeff reports we have 2 separate dates this year, I know one is going to be Friday, in which we will have a shred machine out. If citizens want to come and shred papers, it's a good opportunity for them to do that. As Chief Kory said, we're selling a total of 5 cars; 3 are old cruisers, we're going to sell the Dodge Journey and then the little Honda that was confiscated. As for the fire truck, I did speak with Corey and we've been trying to get ahold of the bond, but the bond company hasn't responded. We went through Huntington Bank and they actually kind of told us it'd probably be cheaper in the long run for us to just do a regular loan instead of a bond based off of interest. Hopefully, if possible, the next meeting. If not, hopefully the following meeting to have legislation so we can buy it, because I know we're kind of on the time crunch of them holding the price. Then as Rosa asked about the fire and police, I know that there is a fireman who is retiring in September, so we will definitely be looking to hire ASAP to fill that. Then what I told both of them is once we get a couple months into the year, we did budget in each dept. for 1 possible new 1, but we also agreed that by May, June, we can sit down and make sure that we're good to go, and then we'll probably look to hire both. Like I said, with the new union agreements and everything, I just wanted to make sure that the money's good before we just jumped in and

added 2 more. We're hoping to hire 1 in each dept. I know we want to get up to 5 in each shift for the fire dept. Chief Kory will do a presentation about the Flock system. One nice benefit is it does give us an idea of how many people are using Lake Rd. There're days where there are 23,000 cars passing on Lake Rd. It can be used for getting grants and getting people to want to put businesses in here. It's just good data to have. Member Gee asks what about the count on Walker Rd.? With the Flock Camera? Chief Kory replies if I recall correctly, it's 6,000 cars ish a day. Member Gee says I know regular traffic has really picked up on Walker Rd. Mayor Radeff replies and it's gonna get real busy with the splash pad too. Member Gee says that's gonna really increase in warmer weather. Mayor Radeff responds yeah, especially because they'll be doing soccer and everything.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Gee says the do not knock registry, we really need to start pushing that with all our residents, because we're getting a lot of complaints about different businesses, different people knocking. The other thing I'm hoping is the calling, finding out how to bring back the text alerts. Mayor Radeff replies I just talked to Cathy today. She just talked to Avon Lake, who has one, and whoever did their website built that in with them, so we're actually going to call tomorrow and see if they'll build it in a text system for us. Member Gee says it got very confusing during that water break on Gayle. Even though all of the Gayle residents knew what was happening, the rest of the city had it all blown out of proportion. Then Spectrum didn't help any. They had it on Spectrum Channel that Sheffield Lake's water was under a boil alert. Mayor Radeff says I think there's already 500 people on the do not knock list, so I'm sure they're going to sign up for the text. With the door-to-door stuff, a lot of people don't want you to come to your door anymore, and a lot of them with cameras on them, they won't even answer the door. Member Gee says I had to call the chief after my incident. I had a Breeze Line salesperson stand in my own driveway and tell me that the mayor had authorized all residents to switch to fiber optic Breeze Line. When I told him, no, I have Spectrum, and I'm keeping Spectrum. He goes, oh, no, the mayor can verify. You switching to us, you'll still have Spectrum, it's just our fiber optic going in. I'm pretty sure almost the whole conversation is on my camera. Member Petrucci says just a couple houses down from me, an older woman said that happened to her, but they actually disconnected her landline. I couldn't really follow; I was having a very difficult time. She was in her car, someone was talking, the radio was on, etc. They said they disconnected and she fell. Somebody came up her walk and if they hadn't, she would have died, because she would have laid there because she couldn't get up. He went over to the building at the end of Maplewood and said she was disconnected completely and she had paid her bill. I suggested she call the police dept.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Kovach asks the fraud that is going on in our city, what kind of tally do we have on that? Chief Kory responds last I looked; we had 11 cases for the year. As year to date compared to last year, I don't know. I know dollar amount; we are way under. People haven't actually lost what they had last year. Mayor Radeff says it was a good turnout at the detective's talk last week; it was packed. I give Cathy credit, because she's been in the newsletter trying to put at the bottom if there's a new scam going around to warn people.

Member Gee says I am getting fantastic feedback from the police dept. putting that list on their Facebook, saying what all they've done. Residents are really happy to see that.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Petrucci/Second by Gee to adjourn at 6:51 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 March 4, 2026.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso