

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
May 1, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday May 1, 2024. Chairman Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Excused: Mayor Radeff

Attending: Councilman DeBottis, citizens.

MINUTES:

*Motion by Gee/Second by Petrucci to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2024 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief's report – Chief Kory reports we had about half of our fleet go down with various issues over the last 3 weeks. I'm happy to report everything is back up and working. The two guys in training are going good. We have some applications we are still looking at. We hired a dispatcher and had a dispatcher resign. Citations for the year, we are up about 400%. Traffic enforcement has increased. Chairman Kovach asks I understand we have picked up quite a few dogs lately, is that true? Chief Kory replies not that I've noticed. Member Gee says you are starting to crack down on checking licenses when you get the dogs? Chief Kory replies yeah.

Fire Chief's report – Chief Novak reports in April, the fire dept. did 91 calls. We are sitting at 421 calls for the year. On April 10th I submitted the SAFER Grant and we should find out no later than July 31st. If we do get it, we would like to hire 3 more firefighter/paramedics and they will be funded for 3 years. The solar eclipse was pretty uneventful. I submitted the reimbursement paperwork for the overtime for both Chief Kory and I. My overtime was \$15,207.60 and the police dept. was \$17,470.16. We should recoup that money from EMA. I had a meeting last week regarding the final specs of the new ambulance. The chassis is probably gonna be built in the first part of May and then will go to an outfitter to have some of the equipment put on. We didn't get a delivery date on that yet. The jet skis are going to be moved down to the boat launch by Memorial Day and Lt. Davis will start putting the fence back up next week. In May we are going to start doing the fire hydrant inspections and will start on the west side and work to the east. Cleveland Communications is going to come out and perform radio maintenance on all our radios. We had some grant money left over, I believe it was \$16,000 and one of the things we purchased with that was portable master streams. That allows us to pull these portable master streams off the back of the truck and position them at a large fire and pull 500 gallons a minute. Community CPR is going to be May 6th at the community center at 6pm. June 11-13 there is an active threat incident

management class that Chief Kory and myself are going to go to. Member Gee asks where is the class at? Chief Novak replies Avon. Member Petrucci says there was a publication that came out today from the county commissioners and it was talking about the new radios, etc. It mentioned that all the schools in the county would be receiving some type of communication device, do you know if that has been done yet? Chief Novak replies in our schools we aren't gonna need them because we went with the Harris system. Chairman Kovach asks in regard to the dispatch, do we have a list of anybody that is interested in that job? Chief Kory replies yeah, the detective bureau is going through the applications now. Member Gee asks how long does it take someone that is not trained? Chief Kory replies it depends, minimum 2 months. Member Gee asks are there any on the list that are already trained? Chief Kory responds no.

Mayor's report- Excused.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Deputy Safety Director on hold.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: *Sandra Jenson, 865 Warwick Dr.* states I am here about the dispatch position. I applied for that. I filled out the app and put it in the drop box and about a week later I got a call from the person in charge of the applications. That was April 21st. They said I'm gonna send you the packet. A 27-page packet came and it was a background check. It took me awhile to fill out and I turned it in on April 29th. I had copies of my unofficial college transcripts and I ordered the real ones. I can't speak for what happened to those, but on April 21st around noon, I showed up and handed the bag with the individual's name on it, wrapped up with my name on it and I said could you give this to the person. The person at dispatch looked at it kind of puzzled and I said just give it to this person. So, time went by and I don't really come to meetings. I did come to the one about the new cars and that was controversial. I read that two dispatchers were hired and I knew that one young person studied criminology and I thought good for you. The other person has experience, good for you. The whole time I'm thinking this is such a small community, can't you just give me an email saying thank you for the time you put in? Today, I emailed the person and said I know you hired some other people and that's good, and it was fun filling out the app. It made me reflect on my 61 years of life. Then I got an email back and they said I never got your packet. I emailed back and explained what it was and what it looked like and who I gave it to. I don't need a job, I'm ok, but I worry about the young people who really do need a job. You're told you can either email it back or deliver it and I hand delivered it to a city employee. It went from the window to I don't know where. All I'm asking is when you are hiring people, be mindful of where this stuff is going. Chairman Kovach asks the Chief if he will look for the packet and chief replies yes.

Tammy Asire, 648 Maplewood Ave. says I am here speaking for Mary Robinson tonight. As a quick reminder that on Saturday/Sunday at Robinson Soap, there will be food trucks and vendors selling product. One of the food trucks, Dontenelli's is owned by a firefighter and all of the proceeds are going to be donated so they can buy Apples gift cards for the firefighters. If you get a chance stop by and have a visit.

Member Petrucci asks will that be on the Sheffield Lake Community page? Ms. Asire replies yes, I've been putting it on daily. Member Gee says remember this Saturday is the day we honor all firefighters. We don't honor police and fire on the same date because police have their own day too. Chief Kory says as a note, I text our tack officer and she knows where your information is and will file it for you.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Petrucci/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:19 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 May 1, 2024.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso