

Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
June 5, 2024

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday June 5, 2024. Chairman Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

MINUTES:

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the May 1, 2024 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief's report – Chief Kory reports attached is the vehicle maintenance report. Not much has changed in the cars. We got the five Durango's in and two are at decals and should be back in the next few days. With the other cars, I think two need oil changes right now and we will get that done. They are all up and running. The ID card thing broke again. The only ink ribbons I can find are outdated and old. That's the only real equipment issue I have right now. Staffing; With the new hires, training is going well. We've got a couple more weeks at least on the patrol officers. Budget; Not much has changed, no major expenditures. Overtime is still a little high. Chairman Kovach asks we just have the one piece of equipment that should be addressed at this time? Chief Kory replies yeah. Member Gee says on the staffing, exactly how many are we short in the dispatch and how many are we short in the patrols? Chief Kory replies I have two open spots for patrol and we are budgeted for one more dispatcher.

Fire Chief's report – Chief Novak reports in May, the guys did 97 calls. We really didn't have any maintenance issues last month. May 6th the guys had 33 participants at the community center for the CPR program. Jet skis are going to be moved down to the boat launch tomorrow. The mayor gave me some ideas on grants and I applied for one for \$15,770 for thermal imaging cameras. The Firehouse Subs grant opens July 11th and we are going to be applying for funding to get some bullet proof vests. We are going to do a commendation for the three firefighters that were on that car accident the other night. They did an extremely good job. We will probably do that at the next council meeting June 11th. Member Gee asks do you have any new information on the SAFER Grant yet? Chief Novak replies I haven't heard anything. They are saying we should hear before July 31st. Member Gee asks are you going to be doing a safety town? Chief Novak responds yes, June 11th at Knollwood School. There will be a morning group and an afternoon group. The guys are going to talk about fire safety and they are going to show the children the trucks.

Mayor's report- Mayor Radeff reports we probably will not fill that 4th spot for dispatcher. We made a decision to move dispatch on the weekends to the county. This has a couple benefits. One is that it saves us the salary of a 4th dispatcher and the second is that it now allows all three full-time dispatchers to do their shifts Monday through Friday and open it up for the weekend. It also still allows us to have part-time so they can fill in the full-time spots if needed. That's gonna start this weekend. We still have that funding there if for some reason we feel it's not as benefitting as it's being preached to us, we could still possibly hire a 4th dispatcher. As for the firefighters, I brought this up to the chief because even the police officers had spoken with us about that incident and they really had a lot of positive things to say about the firefighters. I wanna make sure we commend our firefighters. On the training, I just wanted to bring attention to something positive; Officer Baez is training some of the new officers and I got an email from him and the new officers about things they have observed around the city i.e.: maintenance issues, things people could be cited for, and he has been actively teaching the guys that just because there is no crime you are working with then, there isn't other things you can't look out for and observe. I encouraged them that when they see things like that, let us know and we can move it on. Chairman Kovach says in regards to the dispatch as I understand, there is no cost to us from the county. Mayor Radeff replies correct, we paid a small cost so they can have access to our system. Chairman Kovach says so it's actually working in our benefit; reducing overtime and we're not burning out the dispatchers that we have. Mayor Radeff responds correct and we budgeted for four dispatchers so there is cost savings there as well. Member Gee asks as far as them having access to our cameras, that's all week, all 24 hours a day or is it only on the weekends? Chief Kory replies I don't believe we are shutting down a camera feed to our lobby, which is a secure link between us and another law enforcement entity. Member gee asks so it will always be on for them to see also? Chief Kory replies if they wanna take a look, they can.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Deputy Safety Director on hold. Chairman Kovach says we talked 2 months ago about the thought of possibly moving this to start at 6:30, or are we more comfortable with just staying at 7 o'clock? Mayor Radeff says I have no problem with 6:30. Chief Kory and Chief Novak agree.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: *Carrie Kress, 4865 Ivanhoe Blvd.* says I have a couple things I was just going to question the fire chief on. Has the search and rescue formed and manualized standard operating procedures for what they are going to do? Chief Novak replies yes, we do and I believe I sent them to you. Ms. Kress says they are somewhat lacking as far as that goes. Are you going to go ahead and go with National Fire Protection Association as far as what their requirements are? Chief Novak replies for the water rescue, yes. Ms. Kress says which I now think is rolled into twenty two hundred. Does that include, as far as qualifications are, have they all had some water safety? Chief Novak replies they have. They took a boater's safety course to start out with and then we had a company come in from Michigan last year; Michigan Rescue Concepts. They did a ten hour class on the jet skis and rescue techniques. Ms. Kress asks are they certified in the State of Ohio? Chief Novak

responds I believe so, I'll check on that. Ms. Kress says I think you better. I'm just saying I have heard they are not certified. Also, do they have any type of water safety as far as can they perform CPR in the water if necessary? Chief Novak replies sure, yeah. Ms. Kress asks they have had water safety and lifeguard training? Chief Novak replies they have not had that, no. Ms. Kress says well, under the NFPA they need to have that. Is that correct? Chief Novak responds if that's what you're saying, yes. Ms. Kress says I don't know, I'm not a fireman. I would say that that's probably pretty important and that should be looked at. Especially from a liability standpoint. Chief Novak states I'll look into that. Ms. Kress says secondly, let's go into the boat launch. Mayor Radeff asks this is commentary, right? Chairman Kovach says actually it should be just making comments. We're not here to interrogate. I guess what you should be doing is just making your statements. Ms. Kress says as I understand it, the boat launch area, that beach is still dangerous. Mayor Radeff replies we are having a meeting tomorrow with ODNR and four other agencies. Ms. Kress says it's been going on for a while. I just didn't know if they were going to block that off or not. Mayor Radeff replies tomorrow they are going to give us direction on what they specifically want.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to adjourn at 7:12 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 June 5, 2024.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
Rick Rosso