

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
October 2, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Safety Committee was held Wednesday October 2, 2024. Chairman Kovach called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

MINUTES:

*Motion by Gee/Second by Petrucci to accept the minutes of the Sept. 4, 2024 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief's report – Chief Kory reports vehicle maintenance, we have no major issues going on. Three cars are coming out of fleet with the five that went into it. The one that was totaled, the replacement was here within 2-3 weeks. LEADS is requiring two factor authentication so we have to install that on all of our computers. It's a \$5,000 project. Email rollout, everyone is basically on their emails, I think you guys still have to get yours scheduled. It's a great system and I'm loving it so far. We just submitted a new eligibility list to civil service. There are a couple promising candidates on there and I'm fairly confident we will be fully staffed by November. Budget last time I looked, we are at about 51% in salaries. We have around \$200,000 in levy money left. The monthly breakdown shows we have had a lot of complaints of speeders this year. As a result, our traffic tickets are up by almost 300 tickets in total. Our drug calls have gone down this year and domestic violence still holds steady. Member Gee says you mentioned you are hoping to be fully staffed by November, how many more are you hiring? Chief Kory replies just one. That brings us up to 12 full time officers.

Fire Chief's report – Lt. Mariner reports total runs to date are 1,007. #73 received an oil change and then a replacement of a rear wheel bearing. Our squad is set to receive a touchup of the ceramic coating tomorrow. We will be taking delivery of a 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 to replace the 2015 Ford Explorer currently in use as the chief's vehicle. It will serve as the command/chief's vehicle, other uses would be the ability to have a full size truck bed to haul equipment, etc. The Explorer will serve as the department's utility vehicle. This will allow unit 66 (pickup truck) to remain in the city and respond to calls. Safety week is October 7th through the 11th. We will be going to the schools to talk about fire safety. The annual physical for the firefighters begins this month. Our new hire started Tuesday and is on shift. The civil service commission approved the National Testing Network to administer our next entrance exam. They hope to have a new list established as soon as possible as the current list

is exhausted. We were selected to apply for the Elyria Firefighter's Foundation Grant and the department plans to use the funds for two new thermal imaging cameras. The total project is \$15,770. During the October 22nd council meeting, the chief would like to recognize myself, Firefighter Kozlowski, Firefighter Bauhof and Firefighter Venczel for actions on August 27th which was the structure fire on Holl Ave. We also purchased forcible entry tools for squad 71. There is a meeting to be set with Mayor Radeff to discuss options to increase staffing in the fire dept. Member Gee asks are you going to be giving out flyers for the open house? Lt. Mariner replies that's Oct. 12th. I know Chief Kory was doing a lot on that and the mayor has been doing stuff on Facebook. As far as flyers, not that I can speak of. Chief Kory states with the fire dept. we are working on securing 20 body armor vests. These will go in every car and squads. The county is working on a countywide model. This was made possible with a donation from the VFW and a grant obtained by the fire dept. Member Gee asks how did the dog training go? Chief Kory responds it was good. The guys learned a lot and said it was enjoyable.

Mayor's report- Excused.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Deputy safety director.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Gee/Second by Petrucci to adjourn at 6:44 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 Oct. 2, 2024.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso