

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 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Excused: None.

Attending: Officers, Citizens.

MINUTES:

*Motion by Petrucci/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2024 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief's report – Chief Kory reports as many of you are aware, one of our cruisers was totaled in a motor vehicle accident. Insurance is handling it and a replacement is on the way. All the other cruisers are outfitted and on the road. Just minor repairs on the other cars, oil changes, etc. We do have a recall from Ford on four of them. They say the engine can fail prematurely. The software to fix that is expected the second quarter of 25. We will keep an eye on it. 721 did catch on fire, but the battery exploded. That car is out of service. Equipment, everything is working as it should. We are finishing up the email migration hopefully this week for all city employees. If you are affected by that, we will reach out to you. Staffing; Dobbins and Sedivy are almost off FTO and Palmer should hopefully be signed off by the end of October. Dispatcher Stark has been doing excellent. Budget; we should be good until the end of the year on that. Chairman Kovach asks are we proceeding on filling the two vacancies? Chief Kory replies I have one spot left and we are still doing interviews. We are reopening our test again, the online portion.

Fire Chief's report – Chief Novak reports in August we did 146 runs. It was a significant increase. Most of those were due to the August 7th storm that came through the area. We are at 907 calls for the year. We had a detached garage fire that was spreading to the home and surrounding homes as well. They got it out/extinguished very quickly and were able to save a lot of property. On July 6th we had a water craft in distress reported and the guys went out on the jet skis and in about 20 minutes found the victims and brought them back. There was a fishing boat in the area too that we assisted. July 24th, we had a report of a cat trapped in a storm drain. When the guys got there, they had to go 15ft. underground down a ladder to get this cat. I think five guys came in from the technical rescue team and were able to grab the cat. We had a garage fire on August 23rd and on August 27th we had a house fire on Holl Rd. One of our off-duty guys came in which freed up our pump ladder and they were able to get the guy out of the second story bedroom. The firefighter we swore in on July 23rd is leaving

for the Bedford Fire Dept. I asked why he was leaving and he said basically it is a \$30,000 pay increase, more days off and no mandatory overtime. This is what we are competing against to get guys to come here. We are starting to move forward in the hiring process. We brought a young man in today and did a second interview. That would bring us back to full staffing. However, I found out today we are going to have two firefighters on extended sick leave. That is going to create some overtime. We are looking at about thirteen 24-hour overtime shifts. In October we are going to have a safety fair open house at the fire dept./police station. We got our annual hose testing completed and continue to work on our fire hydrant inspection/testing. The BWC grant we got, we are still waiting for the equipment to come in. The SAFER Grant we are still waiting to hear. Lt. Mariner applied for the 2024 EMS Grant and received \$3,700. We will probably use some of that to replace bullet proof vests.

Mayor's report- Mayor Radeff reports the Sheffield Lake Police and Fire did play softball against Sheffield Village and we absolutely destroyed them, it was 43-11. Since then, Avon Lake reached out and would like to play us and so has the county sheriff dept. We did have that storm a couple weeks back and I really want to commend the fire, police and service dept. for working overtime to clean up the city. Chief Kory says I forgot to mention we do have our dog interaction training on Sept. 25th. We are reupping our training on how to use our catch poles, defensive tactics against aggressive animals, etc. We have to do mandatory companion animal training every year as well. Member Gee asks how do you handle calls on Erie view Dr.? Particularly the Mizpah. Chief Kory replies we get a call and we go. Member Gee asks even though it's a private road, you still go? Chief Kory responds yeah. We rarely get calls down there.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Gee asks is one of the new cars stalling out? A resident told me they saw one of our new cars stall out at the stop sign. Chief Kory replies they have automatic stop/start.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Petrucci/Second by Gee to adjourn at 6:45 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 Sept. 4, 2024.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso