

**Minutes of the Safety Committee
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
Safety Nov. 6, 2024**

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Excused: Chief Novak

Attending: Councilman DeBottis

MINUTES:

*Motion by Gee/Second by Petrucci to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2024 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Reports from Safety Forces:

Police Chief's report – Chief Kory reports vehicle maintenance, there is nothing major going on. We are getting 700 outfitted and 710 hopefully in the next month. That will put all 5 Durango's in rotation. Next year we are looking to replace a couple tasers, gas masks, ballistic shield, radios, etc. We will be within our budget. The only extra thing we might look at is an ID card printer. It would be nice for everybody to actually be able to represent themselves as a city official. Our current printer is very old and very finicky. With staffing, hopefully we are gonna fill that last full time road position by December. We are on track with the budget. Member Gee asks the tasers, how many are you going to be able to replace? Chief Kory replies realistically, I could replace them all if I needed to, but I'll probably replace six. Those are the ones in excess of five years old. The oldest one is probably close to ten years old.

Fire Chief's report – Mayor Radeff reports October runs were 122 and year to date are 1,130. Engine 61 and 63 will be having annual maintenance done. Chief Novak spoke with Terry Fund regarding the final drawing of the new ambulance. Life Fund is overwhelmed by orders and are expecting it in mid-2026. The new Dodge truck, they are working to get it outfitted with graphics, mobile radio, etc. We did not receive the 2023 SAFER Grant. Chief Novak is working on applying for the 2024 SAFER Grant and also the AFG Grant. Probationary Firefighter Eckert is working out well and currently assigned to C shift. Chief Novak and Chief Kory are working together to complete the active threat training. He will be meeting with the finance director and myself to discuss options of increasing staff in the fire dept. Eight new bullet proof vests were placed into service. The National Testing Network is accepting applications for the Sheffield Lake Fire Dept. and a list should be established on 12/20/24.

Mayor's report- Mayor Radeff reports myself, the police chief and fire chief have discussed looking into doing some sort of safety levy. Once the budget is done for the year and the finance director gets a little more comfortable, we are going to sit down and talk with the auditors about options for that. The big thing would be to increase numbers in the police and fire and help pay for that fire truck that is coming. Member Gee asks budget wise, both departments are doing real good? Mayor Radeff replies yeah. Member Gee says because of the CARES money, I know we are a little ahead this year and we won't be next year, because we won't have CARES money. Is there any way we can pay off part of those vehicles? Mayor Radeff replies we discussed that. We also have money left over from the safety levy that can be used for that too. Short discussion about rotating cars in and out. Member Petrucci asks what is the average lifespan mileage wise of these police cruisers? Chief Kory replies it flexes a little bit. Usually, they age them out at about 120,000. Sometimes we go over and sometimes it's under.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Kory says we currently use Motorola as our body cameras and basically, we spend \$4,000 a year for four of them. We are switching to another company called Lens Lock and we get twelve of them for \$6,000 a year. We have been having issues with Motorola this year with lost video, lost evidence, etc. and things a police dept. can not afford to have go missing. Member Gee asks have you researched this new company and does anybody else around here use it? Chief Kory replies yes, they are more popular down in Florida. I called a bunch of the agencies down there. Chief Kory says they have a lot of really cool features and lists them. This is the best cost for us and they seem like a great company. I definitely did my due diligence.

OLD BUSINESS: Deputy safety director.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Petrucci/Second by Gee to adjourn at 6:46 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 Nov. 6, 2024.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso