

**Minutes of the City Council**  
Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
November 23, 2010

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, November 23, 2010.  
Pro Tem Rick Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: *Council Chaplin, Kay Fantauzzi***, who then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

\*\*\*\*\***ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**\*\*\*\*\*

Present: Rosso, Elliott, Kovach, Bring, Stark, Huska, Mayor Piskura  
Absent: Podmanik, Smith, Finance Director Smith, Treasurer E Hoenig,  
Service Director Smith, Safety Director Arendt, Engineer Skellenger  
(excused)  
Attending: Concerned Citizens, Planning: Belaska, SUAB: Gee, Members of the  
Media

\*Motion by Bring/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the City Council for November 9, 2010 with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

\*\*\*\*\***CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**\*\*\*\*\*

**Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer, Refuse: None./Stormwater: None./Safety: None./Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance: None./Finance & Claims: None./Investment:** Mayor Piskura reviewed the minutes of the November 17, 2010 meeting. He advised even though Tammy is now certified, everybody is happy with where our money is at because it is protected. We are restricted with where we can put it anyway so I don't envision us toying with that any time soon.

\*Motion by Elliott/Second by Bring to accept the report. Yeas All./**Council Representative to the Community Center:** Representative Stark advised we had our meeting last Monday and went over basically what had been done with the Lowe's grant money so far and we discussed our December schedule. We will have no meeting in December, we will meet again on January 17, 2011./**Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** Representative Kovach reviewed the minutes of the November 17, 2010 meeting./**Council Representative to the Planning Commission: None./Council Representative to the Park Board:** Member Kovach reviewed the minutes of the November 15, 2010 meeting.

\*\*\*\*\***ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**\*\*\*\*\*

**MAYORS REPORT:** Mayor Piskura reported first I would like to thank everybody that helped at the Civic Center. I would also like to thank everybody that was

involved with the decorations that are going up throughout the city buildings and city property and thank you to Debbie for coordinating all that. It looks wonderful. We got some questions about what is happening at West Shore Park; obviously the project started but the wall that is being built – I don't know if you have been down there to see it yet. There are blocks being set in the water and we had a couple of questions on the location of the blocks being set in the water and the blocks that are there right now are just staging for when they start actually sitting them. So what they will do is the blocks are set further north than they are supposed to be and Pat will come in behind the blocks on the south side of the blocks and then dig down to the shale and then pick up the block and then set it and then set the wall and then set and set and set. So what is down there now is not the wall, it is not the structure – all it is is staging of the blocks. As far as anything from the Finance Director we have been kind of fore warned to hold on to our wallets with the local government fund. There have been proposals from the Governors transition team going back and forth about what they are going to do with it and people are forecasting some significant cuts. We really won't know anything until after he gets in office and looks at disbursements or something is negotiated with the Municipal League – we really won't know anything. When it comes to budget time next month, we are probably going to be trying to be a little bit conservative on the local government revenue estimates. But we can talk more about that when it gets time. I would like to clarify just for those of us in the room that may not know Taylor Dungjen, Taylor is the Journal reporter for those that don't know Taylor. The dredging at the boat launch, it is actually a sand trap that is meant to catch the sand so we dig it out periodically. It is not as if it accumulates inappropriately in the channel there. More appropriately it is called sand bypassing – in case you were wondering. Also we are going through contract negotiations with all 3 unions, we have some progress that I would like to brief you on in executive session if you want to hear about it. Councilman Bring asked anything with the cafes? Mayor Piskura answered from what I know, the one down the street – there seems to be a dispute with the owner and whoever provided them with the machines. They are the wrong machines or they are not calculating something correctly or there was a software installation problem – there is some problem with the vendor and the owner and they are ironing that out before they open. I am not sure how much David has briefed you on on the one that was proposed down by you at Gus's but they wanted to do something completely not what was allowed by the Toledo decision and David held his ground and told them absolutely not and they threatened us and did all kinds of crap – he still held his ground and now they changed and they are going to do it the right way. I don't know when it is going to open. Then we had an application for the one down at Pizza Hut but nothing has happened with that one. \*Motion by Huska/Second by Bring to accept the report.

Yeas All./**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: None./T REASURER REPORT: None./SAFETY DIRECTOR: None./SERVICE DIRECTOR: /LAW DIRECTORS REPORT: None.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:**

**Debbie Belaska; Planning Commission, 4014 E Lake Road** stated I would like to take a moment to thank everybody that has donated for the 2010 Holidays donations; Bill and Terry Watkins, Mark Erdei, Rosa Gee, on behalf of her sister Chris Speer, Colleen Ebenschweller, Dave Johnson, Dennis Livchek, John Edwards, Kay Fantauzzi, Joan Ortiz, Sandy Jensen. I know there was other donations that came in and I apologize that I didn't get their names but I don't want them to go without being noticed and being thanked. So anybody if I don't get to thank you personally or the city doesn't get to thank personally, please know that we do appreciate it. Right around the corner people will be pulling out their Christmas decorations, they will be pulling them out of their attics, their garages, their basements, their closets – it is the time that you sort through your stuff and decide what you want. We are asking you to please donate but please do not bring any broken items or used items that you wouldn't even use. Please keep bringing in your donations; we will get them up somehow, some way. We thank everybody; the city is starting to look really great. We are going to walk hand in hand with the City of Lorain and we are really going to show off this city. I am asking every person in the City of Sheffield Lake please put lights on, if you can't afford to put lights on then put a green light in. Let's light up this city, we don't have anything to be ashamed of. The economy is bad but it doesn't mean that we don't have to have the spirit in us – Christmas doesn't mean that we have to spend a whole lot of money. We can come together in ways that other people can't and it is showing our appreciation and it is showing that we have pride in our city. So please take a moment out and decorate your houses – it doesn't take a minute and it won't cost that much to put a green or red light up. Thank you very much, we appreciate it.

**Mark Erdei, 4015 Tennyson** stated I was just curious on our water meters that we been holding onto for so long, did we have anybody interested in them? Mayor Piskura answered we had a bite, the City of Amherst is interested. Councilman Bring advised they didn't bid on them but they came back. He was the only one that showed up. Mr. Erdei asked in the future we are going to go to some high tech ones? Mayor Piskura answered there is some that we are looking at, there is some companies that we are looking at. I think that the over-arching theme to the whole water meter issue to just to move a little bit slower and more cautiously with whatever we decide to do but you brought up a good point and I am sorry that I failed to report it – for those of you that weren't here on Saturday, we had our auction and it went very well. There were a couple of major items that the minimum bid – nobody bid on it but we either lowered it or let them put in sealed

bids and without opening those up we made over \$20,000.00 already. Mr. Erdei stated everybody have a nice Thanksgiving!

**Debbie Belaska; Planning Commission, 4014 E Lake Rd** asked Mayor Piskura on behalf of Mr. Len Smith our Service Director – can you please tell me how we can lights up at the Shoreway, what is going on with that – the electrical? Mayor Piskura answered the last conversation that I had with Len was that I think Shannon, I think it is Shannon but I am not sure but one of the guys was looking at exactly where we could pull electricity from or run the outlets to to put up the lights and that is the last conversation that I have had with them so that is all I can tell you. Mrs. Belaska advised I always wanted to say that Jerry has done an awesome job. Parks has had an excellent job and they are really earning their money. It is going to be beautiful.

**John Edwards, 4523 Tennyson** stated please attend at 6:30 pm next Wednesday, December 1 a public meeting at Sheffield Middle School to kick off the school districts bond issue campaign that will be on the ballot in May. It will be under 5 mills and it will be to replace Brookside High School with a 7 to 12 building which will be Middle School on one side and High School on the other. They will turn Brookside into a grade 4 to 6 building and tear down the Middle School. So please attend, please urge everybody that you speak to to attend so we don't get a lot of wild rumors circulating and everybody gets the correct information from the start.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** \*Motion by Huska/Second by Bring to amend tonight's agenda to include Council#047. ROLL CALL TO AMEND THE AGENDA: Yeas All – Rosso, Huska, Elliott, Kovach, Stark, Bring.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#047 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance of the Council of the City of Sheffield Lake requesting the Lorain County Auditor to certify the current tax valuation of the City of Sheffield Lake, Lorain County, Ohio and the amount to be generated during the first year of collection of a renewal tax levy for current operating expenses of the Domonkas Branch of the Lorain Public Library, and the declaring of an emergency.

\*Motion by Huska/Second by Bring for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: Yeas All – Bring, Elliott, Kovach, Rosso, Stark, Huska.

\*Motion by Huska/Second by Bring for ADOPTION:

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Yeas All – Kovach, Elliott, Bring, Stark, Huska, Rosso.

**Resolution Passes#47-10**

Pro Tem Rosso advised at this time I am just going to ask, the Mayor mentioned in his report the possibility for an executive session for the discussion of contract negotiations – if anyone wanted an update regarding how contract negotiations are going. \*Motion by Elliott/Second by Kovach to go into executive session for the discussion of contract negotiations. ROLL CALL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Yeas All – Rosso, Kovach, Huska, Elliott, Bring, Stark.

\*Motion by Bring/Second by Elliott to return to regular session. ROLL CALL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Elliott, Kovach, Stark, Huska, Rosso, Bring.

Pro Tem Rosso advised let the record reflect that City Council went into executive session for the discussion of contract negotiations.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to adjourn at 7:41pm. Yeas All.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL AFFIRMATION:** This Meeting Of The City Council Of The City Of Sheffield Lake, Ohio Was Held And Conducted Under All Rules And Regulations Governing The Sunshine Laws Of The State Of Ohio As They May Apply. All meetings are recorded and available in council offices.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

*Kay Fantauzzi*

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Edward R Podmanik*

*and/or*

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Council of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of Council of November 23, 2010.

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COUNCIL PRO TEM

*Richard Rosso*

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MAYOR

*John J Piskura*