

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
June 16, 2009**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, June 16, 2009. Council President Edward Podmanik called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Podmanik, Rosso, Bring, Kovach, Elliott, Smith, Diebold, Law Director Graves, Safety/Service Director Arendt

Absent: Huska, Mayor Piskura, Finance Director Smith, Treasurer E Hoenig, (excused)

Attending: Members of the Media – Avon Lake Press

PRESENTATIONS: None.

*******COMMITTEES*******

ROADS & DRAINS: None./SAFETY: None./BUILDINGS, LANDS,

VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: Chairman Kovach advised I think you guys can see what is going on, they seem to have everything under control at the shopping center and I think he got way-laid on the bike trail but I think that is where he is going to be moving next. Our windmills are up and mostly operational, the grass is growing on the dirt over there. I don't think he is ready to start any other projects though. President Podmanik asked are we pumping AC out of those, we are complete on those right? Mr. Bring answered as far as I know. Chairman Kovach answered they put the power into the grid. Law Director Graves advised my understanding is that we are feeding it back into the grid and we get a credit on that but they need a new meter up there that will reflect actually a rolling back. That still needs to be installed but we are getting the credit it is just not being reflected. There is I guess some mechanical problem with the windmill on the east. It is not oscillating the way that it is supposed and Bill and Joe are working with the company that we bought them from.

/ORDINANCE: None./FINANCE: None./PARK BOARD: Member Kovach advised there is some intent to run another survey to what the people in the city might want done in the parks and what direction we could head with that. He advised under jurisdiction of bike trail by Park Board - instead of jurisdiction, I guess what I was really looking for was who was going to responsible for the bike trail. I guess the word jurisdiction would cover the same thing but again asking last month because it isn't a park but somebody is going to have to maintain it. Mr. Bring asked have we been keeping up with the grass in the parks? Service Director Arendt answered other then this week so far, we have had rain every single week at least 2 days so you know we did get a little bit behind. We had some equipment breakage but we are getting back up there. President Podmanik asked how many guys do we have cutting grass in the parks/city? Service Director Arendt answered on Thursday and Fridays we utilize the county prisoners and one of our people to go out. So we send 3 out on Thursday and Fridays but the last few weeks it has rained one of the two days. This week to catch up we have had Ed Stottlemire out for Monday and Tuesday of this

week alone catching up on the city grass and last Friday. President Podmanik asked so we are catching up though right? Service Director Arendt answered but because of the rain you turn around, you know you would like to get it done every 2 weeks where it only grows maybe about 3 inches but it is growing every week now. Mr. Rosso advised I had taken a call complaining about Memorial Park and then it was so high once they cut it then they just leave the grass there so that was another complaint. Service Director Arendt asked when was that? Mr. Rosso answered Thursday night and over the weekend I guess for the other one. It wasn't Monday so it was probably Sunday. Service Director Arendt advised anytime you get calls like that and then I can find out what happened. President Podmanik asked Steve that item you guys were discussing in Park Board, do you want more discussion on that there or what? Mr. Kovach answered well it was referred to Council because depending on who ends up with the responsibility of that, it is going to have to be handled by legislation, I would assume that legislation would be required for that. Law Director Graves explained everybody understands the issue here, the bike trail is going to run along the road right of way, not necessarily through the parks but for the most part it would be on the road right of ways and would be responsibility of the city service department to maintain. I think Park Board is saying you know if Council chooses to have Park Board be responsible for maintaining those bike trails then it would take council-matic action of some sort to vacate those or designate Park Board as the body to have the responsibility for maintaining the bike trail but other wise the city would just do it. The city maintains the bike trails that are along the other roads; Lake Road and Walker Road. Is it Park Board's position that they would like to be responsible for that bike trail or do they just want clarification? Mr. Kovach answered pretty much clarification for the future because it just kind of like falls with what happened years ago where the park outside of the Community Center – the Service Department takes care of the building and the parking lot and the Park Board has the surrounding area. There was a brief explanation on the past discussion of that situation.

*****ADMINISTRATIVE*****

MAYOR: None./FINANCE DIRECTOR: None./SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Diebold asked the Community Center, the northeast backyard area? Service Director Arendt advised it is done. It should have been grassed; tore up, seeded and straw. President Podmanik asked where do we stand on the Allied Waste containers, were we supposed to have another public hearing in the future? Service Director Arendt answered I have called him 3 times and just today I left him a message and twice last week and I document when I call. I have not received a call back. I did meet with the other person from Allied asking to change some of the streets and he was going to try to get it approved and come back with that and they have yet to come back and I have called them 3 times. President Podmanik advised once you make contact with them, we are planning another public hearing again? Service Director Arendt answered what I will do first is I will give new streets to Council first and I would like Council to look over it first and then announce the

public hearing. Law Director Graves stated got a question on that drainage corridor on Holl and Knickerbocker and you are getting some information from the surveyor and I think you and I going to sit down and work on that. Service Director Arendt advised I picked up the information today and you and I as we talk will go over it tomorrow to take our next step to see where we are going to go with that because it is clearly defined a state property but we are denied. So tomorrow Dave and I will get together and we will take our next step. Mr. Diebold stated I strolled through the service department and your garage is real clean and looks tip top. Safety Director Arendt advised on the safety side, things are going very well except for the fact we have a lot of graffiti problems and obviously everyone knows about the burning of the building and the attempted burning of another building and stuff. The Chief was very adamant to his people about he wants these individuals caught. We are working diligently on a couple of cases at this point that maybe Mr. Graves I don't if we can say it now about the release. Safety Director Arendt advised we had a major drug bust last week, it went very, very well and we took a person down that was a seller and Mr. Graves got it to a felony 3 and got this person on a \$50,000.00 bond when they thought they were going to be released. Some other things are coming up so the Safety Forces are working very well. Mr. Elliott asked you said there was another attempted arson? Service Director Arendt answered on South and Warwick. Mr. Kovach advised they attempted to burn the parks building. Service Director Arendt advised fortunately it was caught in time and all it did was start the wood on fire. But they did burn at Ferndale, they did also burn playground equipment. Service Director Arendt explained discussion on with the Police Chief. Mr. Rosso advised I had asked Tammy in Finance because I wasn't sure you were going to be here but she said that the phone system is in and are they looking into or going to be putting a second phone line into the Police I think she said. Safety Director Arendt answered yes, they are going to be putting an additional line down the basement where they do their reports and currently there is only 1 phone down there and there is usually 4 guys down there at the same time. Mr. Rosso asked how many phone lines used to be in the Police Department? Safety Director Arendt answered down there there was 2 and there was 2 in the Detectives but not to blame anybody but it was put upon a Captain to ask how many phones they needed and I guess he didn't count. Mr. Rosso asked okay but there is just one line going in there now right? Safety Director Arendt answered no the Police Department has a couple but there is only 1 phone down there. Mr. Rosso advised no, there used to be multiple numbers now they don't work anymore. Safety Director Arendt answered no they have multiple numbers, they could be different numbers but they have multiple numbers. Mr. Rosso asked are they all recorded lines or any of them non-recorded? Safety Director Arendt answered that I don't know. I think the only line that is recorded is the dispatchers line. Mr. Edwards asked I would just like to know what the numbers are because if they are changed I should get that in the paper. Safety Director Arendt advised when you dial it it just rotates over, it rotates to all the lines. There is no individual numbers that you need, there is no special number that you need./**LAW DIRECTOR**: Law Director Graves

advised tomorrow I will be meeting with our labor consultants to once again prepare for the upcoming arbitration regarding the grievance filed by the Fire Department for the ATO time. So we are getting ready to go to arbitration on that. I also had a good meeting with a couple of attorneys from Wickens/Herser who have sent me a proposal to assist the city with its community investment corporation and ultimately the transfer of the shopping center to the nonprofit entity. There is a lot of benefits to doing that and we will keep entertaining that proposal and if it looks good we will bring some legislation to Council. There was a brief discussion on the community development corporation and benefits./**COMMUNICATIONS: None.**/**OLD BUSINESS: None.**/**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

ORDINANCES FOR COUNCILS AGENDA:

1.) Council#032 – SECOND READING – an ordinance amending section 935.16 of the codified ordinances of the City of Sheffield Lake regarding payment date; surcharge; remedies for nonpayment, and the declaring of an emergency. Mr. Rosso asked what the benefits of doing this would be. Service Director Arendt advised because 60 days actually brings it 90 days past due and then you have another 15 days after that that brings it to 105. So by this it takes it to 30 days, it is already 60 days because you are paying for the past bill that you have with the 15 days and now it takes it to 75 days. So by doing that I believe that in the crunching of the numbers it will cut down quite a bit in past dues. There was a brief discussion on legislation and concerns for the hard times that people are having. Service Director Arendt reiterated we have over \$100,000.00 in outstanding water bills. The ordinance reads now you can't shut it off so they can stay behind that 60 day period and I want to cut this down to a 30-day period. Mr. Smith asked how much of that \$100,000.00 past due is commercial versus residential? Service Director Arendt answered I don't have a breakdown of that, I couldn't guess. Mr. Smith advised because if you got quite a bit as commercial then you need to look at the commercial payment versus the residential to cut that costs down. There was a brief discussion on issue. Mr. Rosso advised my current feeling is 45 days is too aggressive, not that my mind is 100% made up but that is just my gut feeling and what we have talked about so far. Mr. Diebold concurred with Mr. Rosso's feeling. Law Director Graves asked Joe what percentage do you think of people that get shut-off actually wind up getting their water shut off? Service Director Arendt answered if we send out 10 we would probably shut off 1 because they come in and pay. There was a brief discussion on delinquent accounts making payments to prevent the water from being shut off.

2.) Council#036 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance providing for the establishment and increase and decrease of certain funds within the annual appropriations ordinance of the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio and the declaring of an emergency.

Law Director Graves advised there will one other additional piece of legislation coming and it is something the Finance Director talked about in her appropriations in regard to the Recreation Program for the fireworks in the Community Days – we will be bringing a piece of legislation for Council to approve all of the donations to the city for fireworks and other miscellaneous expenses related to the Community Days.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach to adjourn at 7:57 PM. 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.

CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES
Kay Fantauzzi

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Edward R Podmanik

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM
Richard Rosso

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 WORKSESSION of June 16, 2009.

MAYOR
John J Piskura