

## Minutes of the City Council

Sheffield Lake, Ohio

December 27, 2011

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 27, 2011.

Council President Edward Podmanik called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

***HONORABLE JUDGE MARK MIHOK SWORE IN ELECTED OFFICIALS;  
MAYOR DENNIS BRING  
TREASURER JAMES WOODS  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT EDWARD R PODMANIK  
WARD 1 COUNCILWOMAN LEANNA STARK  
COUNCIL-AT-LARGE DEBRA BELASKA  
COUNCIL-AT-LARGE STEVE KOVACH  
COUNCIL-AT-LARGE KERRY McCULLOUGH***

Mayor Elect Dennis Bring thanked Former Elected Officials Diana Huska and James Hoenig for their service to the City and also Mayor John Piskura for his service – John put a tremendous amount of time into this city and did a wonderful job, the City progressed immensely in his Administration. We will be keeping this Administration here as they have done a wonderful job – Law Director Graves, Finance Director Smith, Service Director Smith and Engineer Skellenger. I want to thank them also for what they did to get us to this point and all I can do is hope that we move forward and continue this motion. Again I would like to thank everybody here and I really appreciate everybody that came and it really means a lot to us. I just want to get things rolling here and I appreciate everybody here.

Judge James Walthers stated I just wanted to say as a graduate of Brookside High School, I am glad to see so many graduates here. I went to school with Len Smith, Kerry McCullough and Ed Podmanik were all in the same class and Dennis Bring was older. Law Director Graves advised this is our Lorain County Probate Judge Jim Walthers and also Chris Cook – he is the Prosecutor for Sheffield Village and the Magistrate for Lorain and candidate for Judge.

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

Present: Podmanik, Rosso, Stark, Bring, Kovach, Elliott, Smith, Finance Director Smith, Service Director Smith, Law Director Graves, Engineer Skellenger

Absent: Mayor Piskura, Treasurer E Hoenig, Councilwoman Huska (excused)

Attending: Mayor Elect Bring’s wife First Lady Kim Bring and son Keith Bring, Judge Mark Mihok, Magistrate Kreig Brusnahan, Judge James Walthers, Prosecutor/Magistrate Chris Cook, Council-at-Large Elect: Debra Belaska and Kerry McCullough – family and friends, Former City Employee Vivian McCullough, Ohio Edison Representative Joe Faga, Concerned Citizens, Members of the Media

President Podmanik thanked everyone for their attendance tonight, we appreciate it. Thanks to Judge Mihok, we appreciate your support – it is a great honor.

\*Motion by Bring/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2011 Public Hearing 2012 Budget meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

\*Motion by Bring/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2011 Council meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

\*Motion by Bring/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2011 Council Worksession meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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

**Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer, and Refuse: None./Safety:** Chairman Bring advised we did have an issue on the Dollar General the other day, one of the breakers in the main box actually melted down so our Fire Department went down there. We had them back and up and running in about 4 hours so it was a very quick turn-around time. Also we have had an on-going issue, we had 4 of our Officers at our covered bridge again with some juveniles and they were spray painting again. One of the Officers and I will just tell you what was said to him and I was quite shocked because I was standing there, the Officer said “how would you like it if I spray painted your house” and the juvenile replied “I don’t have a problem with that” – so that is what we are dealing with. So I will guarantee that this new year coming up, we are going to correct that problem.**/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance: None./Finance & Claims:** Chairman Elliott reviewed the minutes of the December 20, 2011 meeting. \*Motion by Bring/Second by Stark to accept the report. Yeas All.**/Investment: None./Council Representative to the Community Center: None./Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None./Council Representative to the Planning Commission: None./Council Representative to the Park Board: None.**

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

**MAYORS REPORT: None./FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: None./TREASURER REPORT: None./SAFETY DIRECTOR: None./SERVICE**

**DIRECTOR: None. /LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves reported I anticipate in the early part of next year bringing legislation to approve a program for our renewal energy credits, we are looking into that right now. Also I will be preparing some legislation to refer the revisions to the accessory buildings and accessory structure ordinances to Planning Commission for their review. I am working on a number of projects all of which Council should be aware of and I would be happy to answer any questions. He reviewed tonight's legislation; for a second reading Council#062, Council#063 which is the budget ordinance and the EOY appropriation adjustments. \*Motion by Bring, Second by Stark to accept the report. Yeas All.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:**

**Mr Joe Faga, Manager for Operations for the Ohio Edison/First Energy Company here in Lorain County and also the liaison between you and the Ohio Edison Company.** Manager Faga advised I am going to leave my business cards with Kay. Some of you I know but some of you I haven't met but if you ever have any questions/concerns either on your behalf or on behalf of one of your constituents please feel free to give me a call and I will be more than glad to help you in any way that I can. Congratulations to all of you newly elected Officials as well.

**Mark J Erdei, 4015 Tennyson** stated I would just like to say that this coming few years, it is going to be a tough situation/tough economy and I wish all the elected Officials and the new Mayor the best of luck and I will be coming to Council meetings to watch over you guys.

**Debbie Belaska, 4014 E Lake** stated congratulations Dennis, Mr. Kovach, Mrs. Leanna Stark, Mr. Podmanik, Mr. Kerry McCullough and Mr. Woods and to the Administration. We are going to have a wonderful New Year.

**/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None./NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Bring advised to the 2 new Officials, we have some literature here that Kay passed out to us about the sewer rates and you will need to have that for review. Councilman Rosso advised that will be discussed at Roads & Drains, it is just a prep. Councilman Bring advised this is also a packet on Hoarding for the new Councilpersons review.

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#062 – SECOND READING – an ordinance establishing section 935.15e of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake clarifying the monthly water capital improvement charge for the municipality and the declaring of an emergency.

\*Motion by Stark/Second by Elliott for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark for ADOPTION:

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

**Ordinance Passes#63-11**

Council#063 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance providing for the current expenditures and other expenditures for the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012 and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

**Ordinance Passes#64-11**

Council#067 – 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.

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

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

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

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

**Ordinance Passes#65-11**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** President Podmanik advised at the last meeting I announced assignments for committees for Council and have heard nothing back from anybody so I assume that those were adequate. So after the first of the year; Council Pro Tem will be Rick Rosso, Finance is considered a Committee of the Whole and Mrs. Stark will Chair that Committee. Roads and Drains is also a Committee of the Whole and Mr. Rosso will Chair. Safety – Mr. Rosso, Mrs. Belaska and Mrs. Stark and Mr. Rosso will Chair. Ordinance Committee – Mr. Elliott, Mr. Kovach and Mr. Smith and Mr. Elliott will Chair. Buildings and Lands – Mr. Kovach, Mr. McCullough and Mr. Smith and Mr. Kovach will Chair. Park Board and Zoning – will be Mr. Kovach/Planning – will be Mrs. Belaska/Community Center – will be Mr. McCullough. These assignments will be effective the first of the year, changes can be made at any time by me and if you have any problems let me know. Otherwise January 1<sup>st</sup> this will be effective. I would like to say Thank You to the former members Mrs. Huska and Mr. Hoenig and especially Mayor Piskura that served our city well, we have been through some rough times together and managed to hold it together. To our incoming new people and the people returning, we expect good things from everyone and to carry

on. I am sure under Mr. Bring's leadership with the input of the members of Council we will do well. We have got a tough nut to crack next year and I believe we can do it – collectively it will be a good year.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Bring to adjourn at 7:34 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.

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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 December 27, 2011.

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COUNCIL PRO TEM  
*Richard Rosso*

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MAYOR  
*Dennis Bring*