

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
February 26, 2013**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 26, 2013. Council President Richard Rosso called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

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

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

Present: Rosso, Belaska, Smith, Kovach, McCullough, Erdei, Stark,
Mayor Bring, Law Director Graves, Finance Director Smith, Service Director Smith

Absent: Elliott (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Fire Fighters; Fire Chief Card, Lt. Langin, Lt Davis and several Family Members, Sheffield Village Fire Fighter Davis, Planning Commission; Guenther, Members of the Media: Avon Lake Press

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A – Council – *Motion by McCullough/Second by Belaska to accept the minutes of the Council of February 12, 2013 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

B – Council Worksession - *Motion by McCullough/Second by Belaska to accept the minutes of the Council Worksession meeting of February 19, 2013 with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Bring submitted Fire Fighter Brian Davis for the appointment of Lieutenant for the City of Sheffield Lake Fire Department. *Motion by McCullough/Second by Belaska to approve the Mayors appointment. Yeas All.

Mayor Bring swore in Brian Davis for Lieutenant for the City of Sheffield Lake Fire Department.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None./Safety: None./Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance: None./Finance & Audit: Chairperson Stark reviewed the minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting. *Motion by Stark/Second by McCullough to accept the report. Yeas All./**Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Representative McCullough reported the last meeting was on February 18, 2013. The gas lines in the kitchen were inspected and additional valves were plumbed to allow the isolation of each stove if necessary. This was in response to several complaints of gas being smelled from time to time. While it was believed that it was a result of back-draft from the ventilation hood, it was a situation that they felt that required attention so Pat took care of it. The supply

to the small stove available to renters is now off and the pilot is lit upon request. So if you have ever been in the Community Center and smelled gas you probably won't anymore. Super Storm Sandy had some impact on the building and those are all taken care of; ventilation cap was blown off, roof leaks that were created are repaired and water infiltration through the back door has now been fixed and they don't think that will happen again. The fire suppression is up-to-date. All of the grant items were done successfully by the December 31st dead-line. They changed mat service saving the city a little bit of money. They got their flat screen TV and their mount and it just has to be mounted for the seniors to have their zumba classes or whatever they are going to with it./*Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:*

None./Council Representative to the Planning Commission: Representative Belaska reviewed the minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting./*Council Representative to the Park Board:* Member Kovach reviewed the minutes of the February 18, 2013 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Bring reported Speedway according to our Building Inspector is supposed to start March 11th, they are not adding anymore inventory so it looks like that is a go. One other thing that I am going to bring up that kind of bothered me. We spent \$10,000.00 recently for engineers for the EPA over there and part of the reason I am going to explain to you so that the public knows what kind of money is spent on this and why. The EPA mandates that we do a study on that for the water and the runoff of our salt dome and also for our dumpsters. Now they have also said that we cannot wash our fire truck on the apron in front of our building because that is illicit discharge and I think it is absolutely ridiculous. When you look at the salt dome and they want to know where that water goes, point – what do we do with the salt when it snows; we spread it throughout the city on the streets and it washes away. Also on the dumpsters, they want us now to cover the dumpsters because the water that goes in the dumpsters is considered illicit discharge. Again when they take the dumpster and they dump it in a landfill and the last time I went to the landfill I didn't see a dome over the landfill. This kind of nonsense is driving me nuts and I hate to say this and Len told me not to say anything because we are probably going to get yelled at by the EPA but I just want to tell everybody where this money is going and I just think it is absolutely ridiculous. You guys find this humorous but I find it very disheartening that this is what is going on. I would request an executive session for collective bargaining negotiations and the purchase and/or sell of public property. Councilperson Belaska advised I was aware of this for a long time, they don't allow that even on job sites when I wanted to power wash equipment they wanted you to have a place for run-off. This is something that has been going on to be the best of my knowledge back since 1996, that the EPA has been like this with any type of big equipment or anything – they are concerned about it going into the water. This is something that has just popped up. Mayor Bring stated I understand when they are

doing grease and oil off of equipment and it is going into the ground so it should be contained. But when you are looking at building materials that most of this stuff goes into the dumpster from a recently torn down house. Again they take that material and they put in a landfill, that is the problem that I have because the landfill is not covered. Also with the salt, salt is spread through the city and it washes into the drain so I don't understand that. Councilman McCullough stated where do they suggest that we wash our fire truck? Mayor Bring answered it has to be inside and go into the sanitary. They want filters on it, they want you name it. Here it is the other thing if that truck was outside and it rained – that's okay. So what is the difference. *Motion by Belaska/Second by Stark to accept the Mayors report. Yeas All./**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Councilperson Stark stated I did check and there will be others items on the ballot, so we get charged get extra./**TREASURER:** **None.**/SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT: Service Director Smith advised I have no report but if you could Mr. McCullough pass on a thank you to the person who took care of the television set. Councilman Erdei stated when you guys start to clean out the sand in the boat ramp, are you going to take it out to the entrance of the break wall? Service Director Smith answered we have 3 areas that are incorporated into the grant that we can move the sand to which we do every year. Those 3 areas are designated specifically; Lakewood Beach Park – to the east side of the boat launch, Civic Center and Mizpah which we don't use./SAFETY DIRECTORS REPORT: Mayor Bring advised a small fire on West Drive which was a garage and we found out there was a hoofed animal (pig) in the neighborhood and we will have to take care of that. Mayor Bring /Second by Stark to accept the report. Yeas All./**LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves reported the Finance Director and I had a meeting with Patty Lines and the other potential participating entities for the new round of the Community Housing Improvement Grant, we had that meeting on Friday and I will keep you posted. We are making arrangements to reapply for that funding. We also will have to come up with whether or not we are going to request CDBG funds this year and we will be discussing potential projects for the utilization of that funding source. We did receive notice from the EPA that we are going to have to make some updates to Section 944 which is our illicit discharge ordinance. We have reviewed that, there was some confusion as to the amendments that we have done through the years but it does look like we are going to have to at least update Section 944 and we will bring that to you as soon as we possibly can. The Demolition Board and the Civil Service are both meeting on Thursday. The Demolition Board will be considering voting to move forward with the abatement of 3 nuisance homes in the city, 2 of which are going to be funded out of the county NSP3 funds and 1 will be utilizing the Land Bank funds. The Civil Service has begun and continues prepare for the Police Chief's test which is scheduled to be in April. As you know we had discussed a memorandum of understanding with the City of Avon Lake for the propane conversion and Avon Lake actually adopted the MOU to partner with Sheffield Lake on this. They moved rather quickly on that and we looked at and the problem we had

mainly was that where they want to put the propane refueling station is out by their service department and it is just too far for our Police Officers to drive to refuel. We were looking at possibly having them refuel at the national fleet facility but we weren't able to work out an arrangement in that regard either. I think the Mayor is still very interested in this, doing the conversion of the vehicles but we need to look at either having our own propane refueling station or being able to do it at the national fleet – somewhere closer to our border so our Officers aren't traveling quite so far of a distance to refuel. He reviewed the legislation – appropriation as discussed at the Finance Committee. *Motion by Belaska/Second by Stark to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:

Karl Guenther, 4663 Edgewater Drive asked is the boat launch channel going to be dredged this year or just the sand moved? Service Director Smith answered will be dredged. Councilman McCullough advised Karl did an amazing job, I don't know if anyone followed everything he did in Tom's River New Jersey. Congratulations on taking all of that stuff over there, that was a great undertaking. Mr. Guenther advised that was \$85,000.00 worth of donations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilman Erdei asked do you guys have a game plan for how you are going to promote this tax increase? Mayor Bring answered yes./***NEW BUSINESS: None.***

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#007 – 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 McCullough/Second by Belaska for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: Yeas All – Belaska, Stark, Smith, Erdei, Kovach, McCullough.

*Motion by Stark/Second by Belaska for ADOPTION:

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Yeas All – Smith, Belaska, Stark, Kovach, McCullough, Erdei.

Resolution Passes#7-13

Law Director Graves advised let the record reflect that the City Council of Sheffield Lake did adjourn into executive session for the discussion of the collective bargaining negotiations and the purchase and/or sale of public property.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to adjourn at 8 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

Rick Rosso

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Eric S Elliott

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 February 26, 2013.

MAYOR

Dennis Bring