

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
April 16, 2013**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, April 16, 2013. Council President Richard Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Members of the Media; Avon Lake Press

PRESENTATIONS: None.

*****COMMITTEES*****

ROADS & DRAINS: None./SAFETY: None./BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: None./ORDINANCE: None./FINANCE: None./PARK BOARD: None.

*****ADMINISTRATIVE*****

MAYOR: None./FINANCE DIRECTOR: None./SERVICE DIRECTOR: Service Director Smith reported we are continuing with sand removal out of the sand trap at the Boat Launch and once we are done we will start moving the sand. I have recently talked to the United States Coast Guard about the nave light sequences of the number of flashes per minute. We have to adjust the 2 beacons which we will be doing and I believe that the US Coast Guard will be assisting us in doing that. We did have a controller but the controller doesn't seem to work so they are going to end up helping us. The annual bid will start this weekend and will run for 2 consecutive weeks and we should have that done with the bid close on the third of May and the bid opening on the seventh of May. We are continuing patching holes as we have been as it stops raining on and off but we just made a one day switch right over to asphalt as soon as it was available so we are now hot patch. As everyone is aware the Allied Waste strike has affected a lot of cities in northern Ohio. I have had 2 conversations off the cuff with Allied Waste and I can't foresee this going real far but a lot of residents are upset that they are inconvenienced and I basically told them it is out of our hands. They just have to be patient and I recommend that they keep the trash out at the curb and Thank God it is in containers and not bags which is a really good thing because it will work out better. But from what I understand they are working towards it. Law Director Graves advised I received a message that the trash would be picked up either tomorrow or Thursday but I can't confirm that but that is the message I got. Councilman Smith stated I heard they were bringing people in from out of state. Finance Director Smith stated I had one of our residents on Knickerbocker comment and maybe this is something we can pass along to our constituents is the cans shouldn't be on the

street taking up parking spaces, they should be on tree lawns. Service Director Smith corrected that is not really true, they should be on the street because what happens is the garbage trucks are too heavy for the curb way and when the cans are on the tree lawn the mechanism comes over and the garbage trucks weight is solely on the birm of the road on the very edge. So even though it is a difference between non-curb streets and curbed streets, right from the initial that the cans get pulled out onto the road and pulled back and that is how it has been. Law Director Graves asked what about driveway aprons? Service Director Smith answered aprons are okay too, it is just the fact that we have so many streets that don't have a birm or foundation base under the birm. If you drive around you will see and we are working on a plan which we have brought to Ordinance for discussion on some of these issues that we have to do to prolong our streets and this is just one of them. Councilman Kovach asked didn't we discuss with the new water bill that they were supposed to have a return envelope in there? Law Director Graves answered yes. Councilman Kovach stated I thought we were paying that extra 4 cents or whatever. Many voices advised a half a cent. Councilman Kovach advised I did not see one with this month's water bill. Law Director Graves advised the itemized breakdown that was attached to the legislation did indicate I think it was an extra half cent for the enclosed return envelope. Finance Director Smith stated let's decide on that then. Service Director Smith answered it was decided in the ordinance. We had a lot of learning experiences on this first run. For instance; when you put the service message and stuff on the back of public information that we want – when they come in and pay their bill with the whole sheet we rip in half, stamp it paid and give half of it back. Guess what, there is half of their public information – they don't have the other half, so we have to adjust the back downward so that when you take preparations the complete public service message goes back with the resident with their half. There are little things like that that we have learned and we working through it./**SAFETY DIRECTOR:** Mayor Bring advised we are going to have a new/old ambulance tomorrow delivered to us. It is the 2008 model and that is coming to us and I think either Thursday or Friday, they are bringing a model of the one that we are going to order; one of the new ones just to let us look at it. Then on Friday they are bringing some equipment for us to look at too. For 3 days in a row we are going to have something going on here with the ambulance but by tomorrow afternoon the other one should be here and we have to transfer and all the other equipment so it is going to take a little bit of time. But at least we will have that if anyone wants to see it. President Rosso asked any thoughts on when you think the new one is coming? Mayor Bring answered 6 to 8 months./**LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Graves advised on the proposed legislation that Council could add to next week's agenda. Council#016 – authorizing the Service Directo to enter into contract with ODOT for the purchase of rock salt/Council#017 - establishing the Bicentennial Commission and appointing our own Steve Kovach as Sheffield Lake's representative on that Commission/Council#018 – agreement for mutual aid for Fire/Arson investigations with all the various municipalities throughout the coun-

ty. The third reading for Council#010 and that is to establish the new Chapter 944 prohibiting the illicit discharge. I did leave another message today for Mr. Bogoevski and I did not get a return call and we continue to try to touch base with him. I would like to get some confirmation before this gets passed. President Rosso stated if we don't hear anything and get the confirmation by next Tuesday, we will just Table it. Law Director Graves stated I think that is a good idea. Service Director Smith stated I will go out of my way to get a hold of him, we don't need his permission or anything to do it. This is out of a courtesy for him to review. Law Director Graves stated I just didn't just want us to pass something and then a week later hear from him that we needed to add something additional or something like that. I just wanted to get some confirmation that this is what the EPA is looking for. I have sent him 2 emails and left him a voice mail and haven't heard anything back. Councilperson Stark stated I just wanted to say thank you to David, Tammy and the Mayor and the Fire Chief for all the work they did on getting that grant for the ambulance and everybody else who helped. Mayor Bring advised Tim Card did most of that so we have to thank him. He followed up with that and was very diligent in looking on the computer every day for 3 weeks in a row. He deserves all the thanks for all the stuff he did. Councilman Erdei stated I like the idea on that but now – in investigating fires, don't they send the State Fire Marshall to investigate or do we have people that are qualified to do that for them now. Finance Director Smith stated we have Fire Investigators in the department and I know they have gone to training on fire investigation. Mr. Langin is currently our Lead Investigators and Brian Davis is now working towards those credits and those certifications in the event that someday Mr. Langin retires. They are up on all the state codes, they are very knowledgeable about all that. I am sure that if it is something that is bigger they have the state come in on a lot of those. Law Director Graves advised they would work in conjunction with the State Fire Marshall but many times the follow up investigation is left to local law enforcement. Small jurisdictions of which we are one just might not have the manpower and the equipment to really do any. So that is why this collaboration throughout the county is a good thing.

/COMMUNICATIONS: None./OLD BUSINESS: Charter Review Board – President Rosso advised we got to get this Charter Review Board going I would say by next month. Law Director Graves advised the Charter for 9 so I would say 5, if you have a simple majority you could probably start having meetings.**/NEW BUSINESS:** Council President Rosso advised you were all given a packet of the 4 people who have applied for the open Council-at-Large seat. The application process is closed now and I will leave it up to your reviews to figure out how we want to do it. We do have one of the applicants in our audience tonight – Mr. Mark Cizl. If you have anything to say tonight and if you don't that is perfectly okay too. Mr. Cizl declined and stated a lot to learn. Councilperson Stark stated I just think we should extend an invitation to everybody who has applied to show up at a Council meeting so we can see all their faces and have discussions with them. Councilman McCullough stated honestly if they don't take the initiative to show to all the meetings and I will say that

publicly. Law Director Graves stated I would just like to remind Council that the consideration of the appointment of a public official is an appropriate topic for executive session. Council President Rosso advised I am between give them a heads up and hey if you really cared that much to put your name why aren't you showing up for meetings. But I will leave it to me to make that decision to call them and let them know. Mayor Bring advised I will be returning the boat that the Police Department was using back to Amvets. We don't have the manpower to keep it running, we are going to take a couple of items off of it and I am going to return that to them soon. Law Director Graves advised I want to say that when we passed the resolution accepting the donation I think we put language in there, that if it ceased to be utilized that it would be returned. If that language is in that resolution then there is nothing more we need to do. I don't remember firmly if it is, if it is not then we will need to pass something like authorizing it returned.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –

Council#010 – THIRD READING – an ordinance establishing Chapter 944 of the codified ordinances of the City of Sheffield Lake regarding regulation of pollutants into the municipal storm sewer system and the declaring of an emergency.

Council#015 – 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.

Council#016 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance authorizing the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio to participate with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of sodium chloride for the 2013-2014 winter season, and the declaring of an emergency.

Council#017 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance establishing a Bicentennial Commission in concert with the Village of Sheffield and the Township of Sheffield and the declaring of an emergency.

Council#018 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the various municipalities, townships, the Lorain County Commissioners and the Lorain County Sheriff for the purpose of rendering mutual aid, personnel, equipment and expertise for the investigation of fire/arson and the declaring of an emergency.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:39 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

COUNCILPRESIDENT

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 WORKSESSION of April 16, 2013.

MAYOR

Dennis Bring