

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
March 25, 2014**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 25, 2014. Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

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

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

Present: Rosso, Smith, Kovach, Erdei, Cizl, Wtulich, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves, Treasurer Woods, Service Director Smith

Absent: McCullough and Stark (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Demolition Board Chairperson Gee, Manager Pat Hastings, Members of the Media

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council – March 11, 2014 - *Motion by Smith/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2014 Council meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

Council Worksession – March 18, 2014 - *Motion by Smith/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the March 18, 2014 Council Worksession meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

PRESENTATIONS: *Doris Ferror – Little Libraries sponsored by Stocker Center.* Doris Ferror advised I understand most of you have been told a little bit about this but I am officially here to tell you that you are a part of what is called the Lorain County Little Free Library Initiative. It is funded with a \$30,000.00 grant from the Stocker Foundation and it is being controlled by them more or less. It is projected to last or to be covered for 5 years. At this point 53 Little Free Libraries have been built and there are 50 confirmed sites in Lorain County for their installation and one of those is Sheffield Lake. Each of these Little Free Libraries will have a steward who will be in charge of making sure it is filled with books and is in good shape and all this sort of thing. I am the steward for the one in Sheffield Lake and it will be located at the Community Center and thanks to Mayor Bring and Pat Hastings who I have talked with about the location of it. For those here who are not familiar with the Little Free Libraries – they were initiated in Wisconsin by a gentleman who wanted to have a memorial to his mother who had been a school teacher. So he had some scrap lumber and he built a miniature one room school house about 2 foot X 2 foot and filled it with books and put it on a

fence post in his front yard first and eventually moved it to near a commercial area and put a sign on it that said free books. He kept free books in it, people came and took them and other people noticed and liked the idea and soon he and a friend of his were building more little free libraries and they had time to build. So they decided to formalize it and they got a trademark for the title of Little Free Libraries and at the time they made a comment – wouldn't it be nice if we could get more of those built then Andrew Carnegie built his – 2500; with his money. Well that was in late 2010 and as of January 14, 2014; less than 4 years later there are approximately 14,000 Little Free Libraries in 56 countries and soon there will be 53 more and one of which will be in Sheffield Lake. One of the interesting things is Stocker also covered the registration fee for having a Little Free Library which is a whopping \$34.95 one-time only. That is all the costs to anybody who wants to build one and a lot of people have built them individually and sat them up. That will get all kinds of materials that you can copy at will and tags all of the books which they all have a tag on them saying they belong to the Little Free Library but incidentally we don't care if those books don't come back. We say take a book/return a book but if they don't return that book somebody has got a book somewhere and that is fine. We hope that they will give us a book to replace it and most people do. Actually it is a very on-going thing. We will start out with something like 100 books I think a piece that the Stocker Foundation will supply us with and as long as there is funds and we need more books they will be available for us. Most of these Little Free Libraries – I think it was 30 of them were built by students at the JVS and it will be those students and the Technical Honor Society students of JVS that will be installing most of them. Right now they have purchased 3,000 books pre-K to grade 6 because Stocker is interested in education and so they are aiming that way but it won't always be that way. If somebody brings an adult book – what better thing to get a child to read then to see Mom or Dad reading a book. So there will be many different kinds of things. I do want to tell you, they had originally had hoped that these would be installed by the middle of March but we all know what happened to the ground around here. They will be mounted on a fence post – a 4 X 4 that will be put in the ground because each one of these is actually capable to hold about 50 books. To give you an idea for those that don't know anything about it; a Little Free Library is a box and most of them people have built them to look like something. The simplest one that I saw was just like a shed and they have a door on the front that is partially see through so you can see there is books in it. But they have been pretty wild too – very creative and I have seen 3 story ones and in fact you can see these as there is an album of various ones that are on littlefreelibrary.org and you will see that even the sites on the internet that they have are actually sponsored by somebody. This is a totally non-profit situation, nobody has to pay anything; the most you have to pay

ever is if you were starting one - \$34.95 for the first time. I do want to say the Elyria Chronicle Telegram and the Lorain Morning Journal are both going to provide free publicity for this. We have to have all Libraries operational or we hope to have operational by May 31st but there will be a Little Free Library launch planned for Saturday April 26th in the afternoon and it will be at the Lorain County JVS in Oberlin and there they will have all 53 of these Little Free Libraries so that you can see what they look like and some of them are very creative. The students were allowed to do their own thing, I understand that some of them are pretty spectacular but I have only seen one. Councilman Erdei stated they are protected from the weather though – they got glass to where you can see in and look at the books? Mrs. Ferror answered essentially they are a box with a door on it and you can see through the door – the books, so you can open the door. It is totally protected from the weather. A lot of people have put them in their front yards – any place where you think there will be a lot of people passing. Their logo incidentally I think it is kind of neat – the logo is a tree with a park bench next to it and a Little Free Library next to that. One of the reasons we were looking at the Community Center is because there is an overhang and we discussed about installing it onto the cement rather than putting it in the dirt but it is protected from the lake. If you do have any questions about any this, please feel free to contact me and the Mayor knows how to get a hold of me. Mayor Bring advised this program is totally free for the City of Sheffield Lake and Doris actually monitors it so we don't do anything. Mrs. Ferror advised as soon as we have our registration which Stocker is handling, we will be on a World Map which you can obtain on the World Wide Web. One of things that is nice about the Little Free Libraries is if it doesn't get much use in one particular location – you move it which those big Libraries can't do that. Councilman Erdei asked say these kids that are all grown up and they still got books from their younger years – where could they drop them off or would you accept them? Mrs. Ferror answered gently used books – yes, they have to be dropped off some place and I think with this one at the Community Center they could be dropped off at the office at the Community Center. The main thing is when a book is donated we have a Little Free Library tag that we put on it so nobody will sell it because these books that Stocker got are beautiful. Some of them are beautiful books and some are just ordinary. Some we don't expect to get back like if they are one use books - a sticker book or a coloring book or something of that nature. We don't expect to get them back, that is fine.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None./Safety: None./Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance: None./Finance & Audit:

None./Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks 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./SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Councilman Erdei asked what is going on with the snow ban signs? Mayor Bring answered they are already up and they have been up. We looked at doing some blinking signs but the costs is a little excessive so we may end up getting one of those but we don't know yet. But the regular signs are all up on all four corners of the city. Councilman Erdei asked on that container by the Bowling Alley, are they going to take that and bring another one in for you? Service Director Smith answered yes it is getting emptied tomorrow, we are going to try to crunch it down before they pick it up and there will be a replacement coming in or at least that is what they said. Councilman Erdei asked how is that coming – the Bowling Alley? Service Director Smith answered what they did has come out pretty good so far for what they have done. They had one big day, we have enough materials for them to work. They are going to be in one day this week supposedly and then I don't remember what the date is but it is a little over a week before they are back again on the weekend. Councilman Cizl asked can you bring me to speed on what is going on with the Bowling Alley? Service Director Smith answered the Avon Lake Kiwanis's have donated their time and manpower to help clean and gut the building and get it down to a basic shell. It was a good idea that was proposed by Pat and the Mayor and I am continuing with it. It is to try to get the building into a shape or a shell that we can utilize to benefit the city. Now the thought process is something in a whelm of like maybe a flea market building and/or area. But we have to get it down to a shell first. We have to get rid of all the stuff. As you know the lanes and everything were auctioned off, all that stuff is out of there and now we have the sub-frame that was underneath the lanes being dismantled. By the way the service guys are doing that work too but the volunteers are doing the clean-up, all the nitty-gritty clean-up stuff which is really, really nice. There were 22 of them there this weekend from what I understand. Everyone is enjoying what they are doing. Once we get down to the shell of the building then we can move on with other things with it. Mayor Bring advised the service guys went in there and tore a lot of the floor out, there was a bunch of 2 X 10's in there and they are recycling those. We are going to keep those for our use, we are going to store that in one of the buildings over there at Shoreway - there is a spot to put it in so we are going to keep those in there and then the rest of that is all going to get torn out; there is

carpet and everything else and the bathrooms need to be cleaned. Our guys were in there for I think four or five days and they did a lot tearing all that out. Just like Mr. Smith said we are trying to get this down to a shell and then we have already got a name and a plan of what we are going to do. These volunteers have been a tremendous amount of help. We were going to start taking some pictures of it to show you guys. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**SAFETY DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring advised Shawn Corr sent me a little letter that I asked him to write, it says; you had requested a letter from me stating the impact of the assessment that I was given to rid the city of junk vehicles. I began this endeavor in November of 2013 after our department and you and other city officials had walked the city to campaign for the income tax issue that was on the ballot for November 2013 voting session. We observed numerous vehicles that were in obvious disrepair and needed to be either repaired or junked. In the course of 4 months I had issued 70 letters to residents that fit the criteria of having a junk vehicle on their property and of those 70 letters I issued 10 summons. The other 60 people actually complied immediately. Charging the people of having junk vehicles after they were granted an extension of time to comply with the letter – the rest of the vehicles were either scrapped or repaired and complied with the ordinance. You have expressed to me that some residents have personally called you and thanked you for removing these nuisance vehicles and others have expressed their dis-concern. I believe this has and will continue to keep our city as beautiful as we can throughout these efforts. This letter was submitted by Sergeant Shawn Corr who was in charge of this. Since that he has had the rest of those people that he had issued a summons have complied with all of the ordinance. Out of every one that he had issued they are all in compliance and it has made a huge impact. I don't know if some of you have driven around and seen some of that but it did make a big difference though. Actually a lot of the people who had those made a comment saying "yea but I needed to get off my butt and get this thing done." That is all it was was just getting it done. They actually thanked Shawn but obviously we had a couple of people that were in disagreement with it but for the most part just about everybody was okay with this. Councilman Erdei asked are the citations going down on the parking for the 2 to 6 in the morning? Mayor Bring answered no we are averaging about 6 or 7 every day, it just doesn't go away. We had a few of them in court this afternoon. They keep donating \$15.00 so we will accept it. President Rosso stated in your role of Safety Director if you could do me a favor and pass onto Chief Card and the rest of the Fire Fighters that I was at a meeting last night and was asked to convey a hardy Thank You from Father Steven Shields at St. Thomas and the entire St. Thomas Parish Counsel. I know that Ann Marie works with them, the Paramedics have donated their time once a month to be up there along with Ann to do blood

pressure and glucose checks and they are also helping out on Friday's at the Fish Fry doing a tremendous job. They are very, very happy with them and they had asked that I would relay that onto you and if you would let the guys know that they are very appreciative and personally I would like to thank them also. It is great getting everybody out and getting involved. Mayor Bring advised they have been doing a very good job with that and I thank you for remembering that. The guys are pretty excited about doing that and now they have gotten into the groove of doing it and everybody has been thanking them for coming down there. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**LAW DIRECTOR REPORT:** Law Director Graves reported I did have a meeting with the city engineer last week which is Mike Bramhall and we are continuing to finalize the plans for the Brookside Nature Trail extension and as soon as this winter ends and we hope it ends at some point we are going to start breaking ground and getting that trail extension placed and it should be very nice. That is going to involve a boardwalk through the woods and link up with the Metro Parks Trails. Also we have an opportunity to partner with Lorain County in regard to a new application for the CHIP grant which is the Community Housing Improvement Program where we would be able to offer assistance to qualifying homeowners for home repair. He reviewed the legislation on the agenda. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Smith to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:

Jim Sloan, President of the UAW Counsel for all of Lorain County, stated some place around 25,000 people here in Lorain County and just wanted to let you ladies and gentlemen know and the Mayor know that we are out there helping as much as we can with issue#23 trying to help you get this passed. Our Counsel went on record as voting 100% overwhelmingly to support it and get behind it and do everything they can to help Sheffield Lake pass this levy because we know how important it is and I know how important it is. I am glad that Dennis Bring is the Mayor instead of Dave Bring because he used to beat me up in basketball. At that point I felt a lot more comfortable coming on board instead of jumping up and hitting me in the back with his knees. I grew up out in Lagrange and played sports for Keystone but we had a volunteer Fire Department and we had a volunteer Police Department so I know how important this is. That seems like 100 years ago and it was almost that but to be honest with you in these days it is hard to ask people for money but it is also very important that we decide where we are going to spend our money and where we are going to put our money and it is really important that we protect our citizens and to protect the people that is our neighbors and our friends, people we go to church with, play sports with and talk with over a cup of coffee or whatever. I believe issues like this, we all need to come out on. It is hard, it is hard to ask people for money today because there is

not a lot of money out there but this is one issue that I am very passionate about. I am behind this 100% and as I have told Rosa and brother Williamson from the AFL we are all behind this and anything that we can do all you have to do is let us know and we will be out to help in any way that we can. So thank you for your time.

Harry Williamson, President of Lorain County AFL-CIO stated I was at a meeting prior to the November election in support of issue#18 at that time over at the Community Center and I was highly disappointed that that failed. Again on behalf of organized labor in Lorain County here in the City of Sheffield Lake I had a meeting last Thursday again unanimously passed in support of issue#23, we will do everything and anything we have to. Again we are just a phone call away, Rosa and Joe Gee have been very supportive on this issue. Rosa gave a very great informative talk last Thursday at our meeting, it was well prepared and well taken. Again it is imperative for the safety of the residents of this city and again we will do everything and anything we need to help you and support issue#23.

Rosa Gee, 272 Gayle Drive stated the other day Sheffield Village Mayor Hunter donated \$100.00 to issue#23 and he said to please relay to Council in Sheffield Lake that he is publicly endorsing a yes vote for issue#23 and he encourages all Council members in Sheffield Lake to please do the same.

Norma Crinko, 4284 Holl Road stated first I would like to thank the city, I cannot believe the job you did on the snow with the low manpower. It was amazing, thank you I just never thought they would be as cleared as they were. Mr. Mayor I don't come in here very often but I try to come when I can support the city and I didn't miss anything. The other thing is I know all those people that packed this meeting that night that were all going to be here to help, I can only speak for myself I am offering myself door-to-door whatever it takes. I was hoping more people would be here so it would get out more and I hope the Safety Forces get a lot of publicity or whatever it takes because it is so important and everybody that was here just seemed like they couldn't agree more on how important it is.

Gloria Dossa, 767 Grantwood stated I have to ask are we going to have that town hall meeting? Mayor Bring answered yes I talked to the Fire Department the other day and I talked to a couple of the Commissioners and I would like to get that together. So as long as everybody agrees and we get a time I will be more than glad to do that and everybody else will come. I talked to State Representative Matt Lundy and they will show up too. There is no problem doing it just got to give me a time. Mrs. Dossa stated we got to get the message out there because the last time I was at that meeting and I was a little embarrassed. Mayor Bring concurred.

Lisa Prokay, 765 Lafayette stated I actually want to talk about the recent brochure that was put in our water bills about the upcoming festivities; the Celebration for 200th anniversary. Finance Director Smith stated it is a Bicentennial. Mrs. Prokay

stated what I got out of that was that we were all joining together; the Township, Sheffield Village and Sheffield Lake to celebrate this event. My question is what does Sheffield Lake want to represent, what are we going to offer up as our image because I think that is really important in terms of what we are looking to in the future for Sheffield Lake. We have talked about what can we do to bring in businesses and I think it is going to be critical to that, how we represent ourselves. Mr. Smith mentioned about the bowling alley and the possibility of it being a flea market and that kind of scares me because that is a great building that we could use for a recreational center or for a professional office building or something that would bring more revenue and hopefully will have an opportunity to talk about those things versus just having a decision made. We have got 2 dollar stores in there already we need something more, something that is going to cater to the up and coming families; the younger families that are moving into the area that will make them want to stay here and contribute. So I don't know who is going to be – I know there are going to be volunteers and I hope to volunteer to help with the organization or doing something with the planning of that. But I just would like to get a feel, I understand that I have only been here almost 15 years that at one time Sheffield Lake was known for as almost like a fishing village and summer vacation kind of place like a resort area. How possible would it be to go back to that because it doesn't seem like we have enough land to develop. I don't know I kind of see Sheffield Lake from my view which is Lafayette to Apples and I haven't ventured to far beyond that, I know there is a lot more but what can we do with our parks. Can we do something like movies under the stars – things like that that the other cities seem to do and they do well. Why can't we start doing that kind of stuff? I suffer from insomnia so this is what I do when I am up at 4 o'clock in the morning trying to come up with ideas which doesn't help me fall asleep let me tell you. Our beaches; what is up with our beaches, it seems like they are very limited and there isn't much access to them. Service Director Smith stated depends on which beach you are going to? Lakewood Beach Park; we have public access there, just a small parking lot. Finance Director Smith stated it is a beautiful beach. Service Director Smith advised it opens up like a pie shape pointing at you. Mrs. Prokay asked which is where? Service Director Smith answered across from Lakewood Beach Drive, right next to the Residence and then behind the Library we have a beach that is packed with people during the summer. Right behind the Library on the east side of the Boat Launch. Mrs. Prokay stated I have seen that, there is always a lot of dead fish floating there. Service Director Smith answered yes, there is a lot of that throughout the lake and it gets a lot of usage. Actually there were times where the whole beach was packed with tents and people, I even have pictures of all that. I will tell you what, I would like to challenge you a little bit and tell you that I would love to take you around the city and show you some of

the areas that maybe you are not so familiar with and it might give you some more inspiration and tell you a little of stories about here or there about different things that I am familiar with. Mrs. Prokay stated I would love that and I can't be the only one is what I am thinking, I see other new families moving into the area and I just wonder how much do they know. Service Director Smith advised we are reactive to funding, you got to remember that and we have done very well over the last 5 or 6 years I think. David is working on another bike trail extension grant that we just received and that is soon to be going in – the connection routes. What I would like to do is take you around and show you everything because a lot of things are in the foundation block stage: for instance; we have that covered bridge sitting down there for 3 years and people are like it is a bridge to nowhere, what is it, what is it. Nobody knew that we were waiting on funding for the asphalt to put in the bike trail, put in the connector which is part of the bigger project which is the Safe Routes to Schools which is a Sheffield Village/Sheffield Lake/Board of Education and Lorain County Metro Parks – all in a co-op which we all signed on together to formulate a larger trail. So those are the type of things that I would like to at least show you and let you know so that you can see that there is things that are developed and things that aren't there but the foundation blocks are. Mrs. Prokay asked how do we go about spreading the word do we have access to a local TV channel. How much do we use that or are we able to use that, you know they show the videos of all the football games and all of that. President Rosso answered that is the schools. Finance Director Smith stated we are redeveloping our website and we are going to have a You Tube account and we are going to be able to televise our Council meetings via You Tube and we plan on doing some other things with that as well. Mr. Cizl and I have spoken and he is going to help us get that into play. A couple of things that I want to comment is like for the parks – that is a general fund function and that as you know is where we have the issue. Hopefully after May 6th we will have some funding that we can do some match money for some grants; there is a lot of great exciting things that we have possibly planned. It is all just sitting there waiting to happen after May and that is as close as we can come. It is like right there, we just have to grasp it if it gets there. Also as far as the Bicentennial – Mr. Kovach is on the Committee and he would love to get you involved. Councilman Kovach stated I know you are off on Tuesdays or you are available. Mrs. Prokay advised it is Mondays. Councilman Kovach stated anyhow what I was going to suggest to you being the liaison between city and bicentennial commission – we meet the first Tuesday of every month. That one is kind of casual, it goes from about 6:30 to whenever. Finance Director Smith stated that is next Tuesday at the Sheffield Historical Society right by Mike Bass Ford up on Detroit, just west of Mike Bass Ford there. Mayor Bring advised actually you can join the Historical Society for a very inexpensive price and they will send you a

nice brochure and get you involved in that. Finance Director Smith stated you get a quarterly newsletter, it is a great organization to get involved in. Rosa has been helping on that committee as well. President Rosso stated I believe Mr. McCullough is working with the Park Board to do movies in the parks this summer. It is something he has been trying to get set up for a while. Mrs. Prokay stated even like music under the stars.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: President Rosso stated at this point Pat has some comments that he wanted to make, I am going to consider the legislation for the Civic Center as unfinished business. Manager Pat Hastings stated I just wanted to address Council. President Rosso advised for those on Council, I don't know if you know Pat Hastings but he is the Manager at the Civic Center. Manager Hastings continued I just wanted to address Council about the proposed ordinance, not so much as the rate increase but the increase in the mandating of the \$200.00 booking/security deposit. I put together some notes so if I ramble just let me know. I think it is important to at least let you know the history not to insult or bore anybody but the ordinances have defined the rates for decades. Back in 1982 the Board of Trustees was established and they existed for about 30 years and they directed functions and programs and so forth of the building. About 10 years ago the Board of Trustees was disbanded and replaced with the current Civic Center Advisory Board. So there was a transition during that time but during that transition I was the Manager and we continued the protocols and the procedures that was basically established over the previous 30 years. Some of those for example would be like our community commitment to programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous where we otherwise reduce the rates. We reduce fees for folks who might need the hall for funeral luncheons; a place to gather – those are at a reduced rate. These are examples of things that we carry through, the booking/security deposit at the time was another thing identified on the contract that we carry through. Our relationship with the CCC we continue where the paid members would have the opportunity to use the building once a month at no costs with not the guarantee but with the support of the CCC and programs such as waxing of the floor, replacing blinds, doing mulch outside – that kind of thing, it has been a great relationship that I have tried to continue and I know the CCC takes ownership of the facility. The new Advisory Board though about 10 years ago was asked by then Mayor Piskura to raise the rates, it was like one of the first things that they did once assembled it. He requested 20% so I went back to that Board and talked about the 20% and effectively came right back to the Mayor and said we recommend 20% raise. It was all about that time that the city was having audits done and those audits are very customary here in the city discovered the auditors were saying why is there \$100.00 coming in the books and then leaving

the system over and over again. What is the justification, where the language on that? That was the time that the language was entered into the ordinance about the Community Center may have the right to impose that fee; the booking/security. So that was added at that time. It is important to understand though that that is a dual role, it is a booking/security deposit and a lot of debate recently has been on the security side of it as far as security against damage and so forth. I believe as the Manager that should have some discretion as that small line was added the better part of 10 years ago that the Manager may impose that that was to effectively what I consider manage the center. The criteria in booking is everything based on the underlined fact that is a Community Center and not just a rental hall – it is not our sole purpose. So as I book events I look at whether or not it is a civic function or a private function/if it is public; would it interfere with the revenue stream which is otherwise necessary to continue the operation of the building. I consider the booking – if it is available to the community, like a source of revenue which is what is exactly what is going on tonight. There is some cooking classes there tonight at the end of which they are going to try to sale the Tupperware that was used in the presentation. So yes we charge an hourly rate but I waived the booking deposit/security deposit on the idea that this is a function for the community. Those are examples of why I think it is important to leave it at least in that position. I also obviously charge booking deposits for dates that are in high demand; examples obviously are Saturdays; June, July, August and September all of which are already booked. That is in our schedule far in advance and obviously a deposit is necessary as well. That way the city is not unnecessarily holding it. But effectively every function, meeting or event; they are all connected, they are all intertwined because they all effect the revenue stream which is necessary to continue the building. Obviously it is not necessary to charge a booking deposit for situations like I explained for CCC or for the groups that otherwise perform a function for the city. Some of the things that I hear a lot of is the Community Center doesn't do a lot for the kids; I recently got wind of Debbie Suarez and I don't know if everybody is familiar with her and her attempts to organize a craft program for the kids. So I called her and I said listen I did that 20 years ago as the Recreation Director and I would love to offer you advice on how I had success's but more importantly to offer the Community Center as a central location. I don't think the kids that little age are going to venture off to the 6 or 7 parks the way we did it 25 or 30 years ago. So I offered that, it has got the pavilion and indoors if necessary, the restrooms and so forth. I know she has contacted everybody that has an interest and she just recently asked me what her next step was and that is when I told her to approach the Park Board to get their blessing and made some funding if possible. To conclude it all; I am just respectfully asking Council to reconsider the very what I consider somewhat crippling language that would require a Manager to

withhold \$200.00 for that booking/security deposit. It is important to understand that when we attempted to raise these rates I did start the process about a year ago but the attendance is not always the best there, it is a quarterly meeting. Unfortunately I had to cancel the last one due to a blast from winter and I certainly didn't mean to steamroll our current Council Representative by not including him but the center has seen 5 Council Representatives over the last 9 years so there is a turnover there and there is a turnover of people, I couldn't even forward her a report to a Chairman because they don't exist. I just run the meetings myself, not to complain I know it needs done so I do it. I certainly don't want to give the aura that I am saying that this is the way it has got to be but if it is effectively used to manage both the civic function versus a rental function versus the entire operation of the building. So that is what I wanted to address Council for this evening and certainly answer any questions if you have any. Councilman Kovach stated the ordinance here only pertains to Friday, Saturday and Sunday bookings. It has nothing to do with the week. Manager Hastings advised it says \$30.00 for any rates that wouldn't otherwise be identified, \$30.00 an hour which I believe is raised to \$50.00 for any other undefined events. Those are examples; we have private meetings come through during the week where I otherwise charge, this evening for example I am charging. So that rental rate isn't defined as Friday, Saturday or Sunday but what otherwise falls under the language. President Rosso asked so you have been charging \$30.00 an hour. Manager Hastings answered yes \$30.00 but it is proposed to be changed. East and West are the different sides of the rooms; Sunrise Room or the Sunset Room – one is really big and the other is smaller. Sundays we rent both sides independently where as a Saturday to justify the larger rent, we keep the private to one group/the same group has the opportunity to add on the small room for additional fee. Finance Director Smith advised I just have an example if this would help, I know Pat if he has somebody that needs the center for a funeral for one our resident, say they need it Saturday morning and we have nothing else going on – Pat would certainly allow them to do that but he would be required to take a \$200.00 deposit. Now we just ran budget checks this week so that means 2 more weeks and it depends on which time of the month we get to the budget checks – it could be 2 to 3 weeks before those people get their \$200.00 back. I think that is almost a slap in the face to most of our residents – it is a Community Center, it is not the Blue thing over in Avon Lake. It is something that we give back to our residents and that we tie Pat's hands and he has done such a phenomenal job. I mean I don't even think about the center, he just handles everything and it is seamless and I feel that it is actually unfair that we are tying his hands on that one thing – just say “may” instead of “shall” and it would make the whole thing flow better. Manager Hastings stated most recently, to your point, I actually booked the center for a funeral gathering – Mr. Breeden who lived on

Treadway at Richelieu for many years and I went to school with his kids. His son called me from San Diego to schedule a gathering and I was able to extend that \$50.00 fee that was one of the protocols that I have carried through through the years and he said I am going to try to get a hold of somebody local and get that \$50.00 to you. That could have been \$250.00 and that would have been difficult. The reality is the Community Center is a big asset and I have had the privilege of seeing some of these families go through all of their life experiences from the kids graduation, to the kids wedding shower/baby shower and one coming through this Sunday has even booked her retirement party. Like in the case of the Sunday she called me kind of short notice and she has been through 10 to 12 times, I waived the fee. However when she shot for that high demand date for her retirement I did grab the fee. That is kind of way that I make the judgment. President Rosso asked so today the way it reads where you may charge \$100.00, so if you charge a deposit it is always \$100.00 then? Manager Hastings answered yes, it is always \$100.00. President Rosso asked so you don't ever say hey you can have a deposit for \$75.00? Manager Hastings answered no, oh no I have to follow the ordinance. I never alter it. President Rosso asked Tammy on the auditors side, when someone gives us a deposit check, for example I am going to have something Sunday here is my \$200.00 – do we have to cash that check and issue a refund? We can't just hand them the check back at the end? Finance Director Smith answered no that is illegal. When I get something in it has to go from Pat's hands to my hands to the bank. Manager Hastings stated I have read a lot of the comments through the various committees, I realize that at one point Councilman McCullough who was the Representative at the time happened to be at a meeting where I did have damage. There was a chunk of paint and paper ripped off the wall that tall and I had a meeting right after that. He took ownership of the place and he said listen we are going to firm on this deposit and so forth so I understand the reasoning but you got to bear in mind that it is both the booking and the security deposit. Those people in fact called me and offered everything from a professional to come in to them paying for it to them doing the work. I had actually done it throughout the night because I had a rental the next day so it was already done. I collected the money from Tammy and I refused the payment that would have otherwise come to me, I just let the city keep it. For whatever it is worth, I do have a good grasp on what it is. I know Joanne Collins who ran it for 15 years, we basically have about 25 years of experience and procedures that are pretty successful and for whatever it is worth I think that small word from may to shall is pretty profound. Finance Director Smith advised I don't even think about the center, he just handles everything and it is seamless and I feel that it is actually unfair that we are tying his hands that one thing – to say may instead shall. Manager Hastings stated to your point, I actually booked the center for a funeral gathering – Mr. Breeden who lived

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NEW BUSINESS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#012 – THIRD READING – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Local 277 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, and the declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for executive session for the discussion of collective bargaining negotiations with the city attorney. ROLL CALL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Yeas All – Wtulich, Cizl, Smith, Erdei, Kovach.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to return to regular session. ROLL CALL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Yeas All – Kovach, Cizl, Wtulich, Erdei, Smith.

Law Director Graves advised the City Council of Sheffield Lake did adjourn to executive session for the discussion of on-going collective bargaining negotiations with the city attorney pursuant to the Sunshine Laws.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei for APPROVAL. ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Yeas All – Erdei, Cizl, Wtulich, Smith, Kovach.

Ordinance Passes#13-14

Council#013 – THIRD READING – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of Lorain for the provision of sanitary sewer services, and the declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for APPROVAL. ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Yeas All – Smith, Kovach, Erdei, Wtulich, Cizl.

Ordinance Passes#14-14

Council#014 – SECOND READING – an ordinance amending section 167.05 of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake regarding site plan review and the declaring of an emergency.

Council#015 – SECOND READING – an ordinance establishing section 931.20 of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake regarding waiver of commercial sanitary sewer connection and tap-in fees.

Council#016 – SECOND READING – an ordinance establishing section 935.23 of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake regarding waiver of commercial water connection and tap-in fees.

Council#017 – SECOND READING – an ordinance of the Council of the City of Sheffield Lake amending section 969.06 of the codified ordinances regarding rental rates, and the declaring of an emergency.

Councilman Erdei stated I have been thinking about this and I think we should change the word “shall” to “may” so that way he has the leeway to use his judgment at the center and up to \$200.00. His hands are tied in this wording especially when you have these little get-to-gather for ladies or funerals, etc. It is our Community Center, it is not a rental hall. I think we should change the wording on this myself. President Rosso stated tonight is obviously just a second reading so things can be modified before next Council meeting. At the next Council meeting if Council so decides they can table it and make it go back, send it back to Ordinance and go through Worksession again. I will say this and this is just a personal preference and I know with Mr. McCullough being out and he obviously felt that it needed to be there that I would give him the courtesy of waiting until he returns before we voted on it. That is just my opinion but any of those options.

Councilman Kovach stated I think there is one thing else has to be separated in that thing and what threw me off is where you have got that 2 sentences and that one part under the paragraph of “additional time beyond the defined rental hours shall be billed at a rate of \$50/hour. The Community Center Manager shall charge a refundable \$200 booking/security deposit.” Councilman Kovach advised those should be 2 different clauses because it affects 2 different portions of that. That should be 2 clauses, that is what through me off here because the intent of what we were doing on the security deposit as far as I get with Kerry and Mark and I were doing was that booking and security like the statement that I made to Pat was that it was for the way I understood it – was for the evening. That clarifies it. Law Director Graves requested clarification. Councilman Kovach advised underneath the rates, there are 2 sentences there as stated I read and to me that should be one phrase and the second sentence “the Community Center Manager – whatever

wording you want to use on that – charge the refundable booking; that I think should be a second sentence because that is 2 different things. Law Director Graves stated they are 2 different sentences. Councilman Kovach stated you are charging an additional rate in that first sentence and then your booking/security deposit which to me is an entirely different issue from that and I think they should be separated. That is what threw me off. President Rosso stated so when you say they should be separated Steve; so we should have section 3 should be “the additional time beyond the defined rental hours shall be billed at a rate of \$50.00/hr.” and section 4 would be the “the Community Center Manager shall charge a refundable, etc” and then section 5 and 6, so on. Law Director Graves clarified so under the proposed new language have a, b and c? Councilman Kovach stated that is fine, however you want to break it down but I think those 2 sentences should be separated because I think tying the 2 sentences together made it look like it was one statement and to me what I was reading there was any hours above. Just as an example; until 6 pm is so much unbilled, to me if you are going past 6 pm on a Sunday – maybe that is a bad example. Law Director Graves advised Mr. Kovach what if we under rental rates; where it says the rental rates shall be as follows – you make that section a and then the “additional time (\$50.00/hr.)” – is section b and then the booking deposit with c. Is that what you are proposing? Councilman Kovach answered yes. President Rosso asked are we also asking the Law Director to change that word “shall” to “may”? Councilman Kovach answered I have no problem with that change. Councilman Wtulich and Councilman Erdei answered I agree with that. Councilman Kovach stated I think we should wait until Kerry comes back to vote on it. I don’t believe it effects any of the rates at this point. Councilman Cizl stated the issue that they brought up about Friday, Saturday and Sunday – is not even about Tuesday or Wednesday. President Rosso stated that is the hourly rate. Councilman Kovach stated it was stacked together, I was looking at like it and always had been as all the times that I had rented the center years and years ago you were supposed to be done with it at 11 or midnight or whatever and I was assuming that sentence referred to if you stayed until 2 or 3 in the morning which is entirely – that is not the intent of that statement. President Rosso stated yes that is entirely different then I want to 2 hours on a Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to amend Council#017 as noted in discussion. President Rosso stated just so we are all clear, we are going section 2 break it down further by adding (a) will cover the rental rates, (b) will cover the additional hourly rate and (c) will be the Community Center “may” charge a refundable \$200.00 – changing the “shall” to “may”. Is everyone clear on that? No voices were heard. ROLL CALL FOR SO NOTED AMENDMENT ON COUNCIL#017: Yeas All – Kovach, Erdei, Smith, Wtulich, Cizl.

Council#018 – 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 Kovach/Second by Erdei for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: Yeas All – Smith, Wtulich, Erdei, Cizl, Kovach.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei for ADOPTION: Yeas All – Cizl, Erdei, Kovach, Wtulich, Smith.

Ordinance Passes#15-14

Council#019 – 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 2014-2015 winter season, and the declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: Yeas All – Wtulich, Smith, Cizl, Kovach, Erdei.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei for ADOPTION:

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Yeas All – Smith, Kovach, Cizl, Erdei, Wtulich.

Ordinance Passes#16-14

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 8:44 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

Alan Smith

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 March 25, 2014.

MAYOR

Dennis Bring