

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
June 10, 2014**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 10, 2014. Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

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

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

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

Absent: Councilman McCullough (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Water Department Tom Erwin, Fire Lieutenant’s Langin and Davis, Fire Fighters Jeff Cochran and Thad Campbell, Demo Board Chairperson Gee, Members of the Media

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council – May 20, 2014 - *Motion by Erdei/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2014 Council meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Monthly Report of Court Receipts for month of May 2014 - \$9535.00.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Bring presented and submitted the following for approval for hire to the Sheffield Lake Fire Department. He advised we had some extremely good candidates that we interviewed. The Firefighters interviewed them the first round and then I got the last round and we narrowed it down to 8 people. The two that we have here before you tonight, we lost two people that actually retired so we lost a lot of experience and the Fire Chief and the other Firefighters wanted to stay with a little bit more experience so the two gentlemen that we have here tonight have a tremendous amount of experience. Besides that they both dressed up in suit and ties even when I told them to come casual.

Michael J Mantle - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to approve Michael J Mantle as Firefighter/Paramedic for the City of Sheffield Lake.

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

Chad G Bowman - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to approve Chad G Bowman as Firefighter/Paramedic for the City of Sheffield Lake.

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

Mayor Bring introduced Service Lake Water Department Tom Erwin for presentation of pipe deterioration in the city. Mayor Bring explained we talk about a lot of water breaks and in showing the pipe – this is what happens after years and Tom will explain all of this. What happens is these water pipes actually get constricted and even though it is cast iron it actually builds up pressure and cause a break and this is what this break is from. Part of the cause of this thing is flushing pipes out and there are other causes of this but throughout the year everybody ask why we have so many water breaks and why we have this and why we have that. Mr. Tom Erwin showed large section of deteriorated/broken pipe from West Drive and explained this is a 6 inch water main from West Drive that happened at the end of May. This particular section we have had 4 breaks on the south end of this street. This is our first chance to actually get a look at a water main down at that end – this is a 1955 water main pipe. What you are seeing is this pipe split and we had to cut this section out as we couldn't get hold of a clamp but once we cut these pieces of pipe we drop the pressure and you end up with a boil alert. I am a little nervous so bear with me. When this breaks and you experience the rusty water – it is blowing all this out and basically what you see here before we have a break – this is what we have inside and this is called tuberculation which is basically iron oxide; it is rusted, it is cast iron, it is what everybody is experiencing in the United States. It is nothing abnormal, this is a mechanical joint and what happens too is these bolts rot out and then we get small leaks. When this happened I went down in the hole and actually stuck my hand up in the pipe and basically this is my fist and that is all that would go in and I was hitting this tuberculation. It is basically getting filled up and what I have here is a piece of 4 inch – this is cement line and this is the new pipe that goes in and that retards this problem. In Sheffield Lake, this is how they did it then and it can't be done this way now. This is basically plugged into this pipe and this goes to a fire hydrant. Well you can't do that anymore. So you can imagine as this pipe gets filled up we get less flow out of the hydrants which makes it harder for the Fire Department and they have to turn their pumps up basically they are vacuuming the water out of the system. I have not heard of a system collapsing – it is possible, where they literally suck the pipe closed. Not trying to scare anybody, we flush the pipes out and try to get as much of the sediment out as possible. When this stuff is in the water it is like concrete – it just doesn't want to move and then you have to look at mechanical, chemical and they even have what they call ice pigging where they send an ice slurry through the hydrant and it cleans this out. The problem is you don't know if the pipe is going to survive. Mayor Bring added the walls as this is going and that corrosion around there actually acts as a protective unless we start cleaning this out we will end up with more problems. The reason I brought this in tonight is just to show you – we all talk about what is above the ground and we all worry about our buildings but

below the ground and it is not just Sheffield Lake – it is a lot of cities around here. Like Amherst, Lorain – we have had these systems that have been in the ground for years but this is what happens. This is not to scare you at all and it is not to show you there is corrosion but it is just to show you that sooner or later this problem has to be addressed and you are talking millions and millions of dollars. You are seeing along Lake Breeze, you see there are patches in the street and it is probably every 15 feet and those patches are water breaks and they have to put a clamp on that. That is what these guys do when this breaks, how much are those clamps Tom? Mr. Erwin answered depending on the size; some like this – if we would have found somebody with a 36 inch, it is a stainless steel band clamp and can run upwards from \$500.00 to \$600.00 for a clamp but that is the quick fix for us. We go in and dig it up and expose the pipe and put the band clamp on and we can turn the water back on. When we get a situation like we have to boil and even take samples and then they would have to go to Avon Lake and get bacteria tested. All this gets reported to EPA – anything that we do with the water system. They track all this, so they have been looking at this for the last couple of years. Well probably more but more so in the last couple of years, everybody's system is getting to the end of the lifespan. Like I said this is 1955, the water main on Lake Road Sheffield Lake installed in 1926 and that is cast iron too. That is basically a pipe put into a socket and it is a lead joint. It is a good pipe, it is heavy wall but that is the oldest pipe in the city. I don't know if I will see it but maybe the federal government will pay to take those pipes out. I don't know how anybody is going to afford it. Mayor Bring advised that is what I am saying sooner or later it has to be addressed and I know we have a meeting at the college with the Mayor's and there was some Congress people there but I had mentioned this and they looked at me and didn't even want to acknowledge that I had said that. Sooner or later this is going to be a problem. I just this to you to take a peek at this so as you see these guys out on these water breaks especially in the spring time with the thaw of the ground and everything as this is what is causing this. Like I said sooner or later this city is going to have to pony up to this and start digging pipe up. We have got 3 or 4 streets right now that are concerns; Harris Road (kind of bad) and Lake Breeze (is bad) and I think Sheffield is also. Mr. Erwin added Alameda is bad and Irving Park which we kid around and say basically we say we have a flex line because we have got so band clamps where we have a circumferential which it would break. This pipe here is considered longitudinal and this crack because the cast is soft, the water is coming out so fast and so hard it actually cuts the pipe and this crack after we got done we observed this crack was actually going to go around. Mayor Bring asked what is the pressure coming out of that thing? Mr. Erwin answered in the city we average 63 but when you squeeze it down it is more destructive. We get pin holes, we have had where your water comes into your house we actually do the

taps that are drilled into this pipe – we have had those blow out/they rot out. The water is safe to drink, the stuff inside this pipe – once this is dried out and I turned this upside down and took a hammer to it it is just like sand. It is just a sediment because there are minerals in the water which are good for you versus bottled water which has absolutely nothing other than it is portable. Finance Director Smith asked how many times do you have breaks in the middle of winter when it is like 20 below? Mr. Erwin answered this year for as cold as it was we had some but not as many. I don't know why but some of the cities and I think Maple Heights is one of them there are some of the bigger lines are blown out and maybe due to the age because it is unusual to have these water lines let loose in summer. Usually it is coming into winter, the ground starts freezing and starts heaving. We have asbestos pipes in Sheffield Lake and they will actually go with the ground more whereas the steel pipes they won't take too much deflection and they will just snap. During winter, once everything stabilizes we had more problems over winter probably with water meters breaking – the bottoms blowing out because it was so cold. The water mains weren't too bad, we were fortunate. Service Director Smith advised you might want to touch real quick that these guys fix these breaks under water pressure. Nine times out of ten they don't shut the water completely off, they work with the minimum standard of water pressure that they are putting the clamps and sucking the water coming out of the pipes so the contaminants don't go back inside the pipe. Mayor Bring advised that is why they can fix those without having a boil alert. Mr. Erwin advised we keep some residual water going and that way we don't have any type of a backflow situation where it can draw contaminants in from where we are digging. That is just the way it is done and that is what I look at how clean and everybody should how clean a job is to make sure we have water running at all times. Depending on what time of the year we have done these without even shutting any valves off. We try not to go that route if we can get away with it that way the only people that really know that it is broken is maybe those that it is right in their yard and we try to keep the water flowing because I am sure to be the shower or anything and “where did the water go”. This pipe is 1955 and a lot of installation was going on in Sheffield Lake; Irving Park, the east side – Lynne, etc. President Rosso asked when you have a break like that how many guys does it usually take to fix it? Mr. Erwin answered in the winter time, ideally 4. President Rosso asked summertime? Mr. Erwin answered 2 to 3 but Shannon and I have done winter breaks with 2 of us. We are experienced in dealing with these situations and it has got to get done. We can't wait. Mayor Bring advised that is what these guys do sometimes, we have 4 guys in that department and all 4 of those guys are out there doing this stuff. President Rosso advised when we have a water break we have half to three quarters of our department tied up on one spot. That is what I was trying to get to, besides all the trouble with the pipes and the

water and everything else, we have just now all of a sudden have 50% to 75% of our department that we weren't planning on the day before. Service Director Smith advised like Tom was saying we have some streets that are old and as soon as they fix a break within an hour or two another one will develop down the line. I think recently we were on Maplewood where they had 4 in a row over a period of 2 days but one right after another. The system does react to something as subtle as getting a leak fixed. Mayor Bring advised once they disturb that and they take the rock from underneath it to then you got the pipes suspended a little bit they also adds pressure to it too. President Rosso stated plus when you fix a leak it adds pressure to the line too. Mr. Erwin stated when we uncover it it is flying and if we are going to do a live repair, up until that point these pipes are vibrating and the one day we were just getting the equipment put away and I call them back and say come on down the street there is another one. It is odd, what happens on these breaks it is just the force of the water going out – there is a direction of water flow and we don't have a hydraulic bottle with the city. I don't know how they come up with that but if the water is always going to the east and all of a sudden it is going west it disturbs everything and what happens it washes this out and it actually creates a weak spot just by cleaning it out and that is where you see this.

Unfortunately when we do street repairs and you get these rollers with the vibrators it rattles everything and it is ashamed but it could be a month later and we are digging up a brand new street – it is just the age of everything and the circumstances. Councilman Erdei asked Len what do you replace this with – cast iron pipe or do you go smaller? Mayor Bring answered same size. Mr. Erwin stated no you have to go 8 inch water main now and you have to have 6 inch feed to the fire hydrants for fire flow, that is the minimum. Our biggest line in this city is a 16 inch which I believe is over on Ferndale. Lake Road is all 12 inch and one of two of our arterial mains that comes from Avon Lake and of course we are tied into Lorain; we open that valve up in emergencies or some other circumstances. When we have the water problem during the winter we actually back fed water to our town to feed Avon Lake to keep the plant or it would have been a bigger nightmare for us and them. Nobody had to go to oil other then way out in the rural areas.

Finance Director Smith asked that cement pipe, is that less likely to have the issues as the cast iron? Mr. Erwin answered yes. I was thinking about this and trying to find some kind of information, they do a cleaning on let's say the Lake Road main because that is a heavy wall type pipe. They can actually clean that pipe out and put the cement liner in the pipe and call it good. Whereas if we just clean these pipes totally out, if you clean this pipe so it is spotless what they find is the corrosion comes back even quicker. So it is like a band aid fix unfortunately. There is a couple of different ways, if you had to clean something short of digging it up the Plant Manager of Avon Lake and I believe the price he was telling me for some

water main work they were doing was everything; storm water, sewers and the road was like \$800.00 a foot - it was a 5 million dollar job. I talked to Rick and they actually and I don't know if it is the mid-block of Lake Road or the east end but they actually had that pigged/cleaned out and they did a cement liner on it just to give them some leeway. Councilman Cizl asked most of these water lines, are they in the center of the street or are they on the curb or by the sidewalk? Mr. Erwin answered all of our water mains, if you look where the fire hydrant is; they are between the fire hydrant and the berm of the street. Most everything is there. The other place we have where the water main is behind it is the Belle, Brockley, Knickerbocker area and the Knolls off of Irving Park - water mains are on the inside of the sidewalk unfortunately. So when we come out we tend to destroy things but whatever we wreck we fix. Councilman Wtulich asked are there any concerns with working on doing those repairs with doing it under pressure; safety concerns? Mr. Erwin answered the only thing that we have to watch is if we have to unearth service lines with the corpse/the valves – they can blow out. Usually if they are attached to the service line they are only going to go so far but we have them shoot out of there like a bullet. So you don't want to be standing over it or sticking your head in it, we tell anybody that is with us. You don't think about it or you are just working like mad to get it done. That is the only we worry about where we are working under pressure. There is certain ways we have to work as not to have a fire; if we are working around a fire hydrant, they actually put blocking behind the hydrant. If you were to remove that that hydrant would blow right up. Councilman Erdei asked what is the actual depth of our water lines in the city? Mr. Erwin answered where this one came from was 4 foot and most of it is 5 foot. We have some at 3 foot, when they did the Ferndale project because of circumstances – the way that was done so it varies. We have some drops along the Walker Road area where there was a big project. We had to do a drop down there to go under storm lines. The Lake Road by the covered bridge, that wasn't done by us – it was done by another contractor and they had to go under the drainage box and that is probably our deepest. Hopefully I don't ever to have to work at that one.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: Chairman Cizl reviewed the minutes of the June 2, 2014 meeting. *Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to approve the sewer credit of \$109.82 for 703 Sheffield Road. Yeas All. *Motion by Stark/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All./**Safety:** Chairperson Stark reviewed the minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance: None./Finance & Audit: None./Council Representative to the**

Joyce Hanks Community Center: Representative Cizl advised our next meeting is August 18, 2014 at 7 pm./**Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None.**/**Council Representative to the Planning Commission: None.**/**Council Representative to the Park Board:** Member Kovach review the minutes of the May 19, 2014 meeting. Member Kovach reported Debbie Suarez came and reported as to her summer craft program that she has going on which is going to be starting Monday, July 7, 2014 and will run from 12:30 to 2:30 every Monday from July 7 through August 11. She has got some plans going and she is going to continue to report as to what she is going to be doing. On the movie that we plan to put on in the park, we attentively scheduled the use of Dolphin Tail movie for June 27th and the park that we plan on using is Guenther Park and hopefully we will have some information on the sign at the Shopping Center and at the Civic Center. Also Mayor Bring had reported that he is going to be fixing the sign at Memorial Park. Mayor Bring concurred yes we will be doing that one sign. Member Kovach continued the Mayor also advised that we are going to start looking at grants now and possibly starting with doing pavilions at some of our neighborhood parks. Also during Pride Day we had bought some baskets and the Karate Group from Shoreway planted the flowers over by the covered bridge. On the Bike Trail we have received the final on that. Law Director Graves advised we have been awarded the \$9000.00, we put in a proposal of how to use that; it is going to be for recycled park equipment, some new park benches, some new trash receptacles and 2 informational kiosk all made of recycle materials and promoting recycling. Hopefully those will be installed along the soon to be constructed Brookside Nature Trail extension. Councilman Erdei stated on the building of the pavilions and that and going for grants, was there a grant for that pavilion over by Community Center because I know that was volunteer help over there. Service Director Smith advised no that was private and that was a donation. Councilman Erdei asked could Lowe's or Home Depot help us out on that and maybe supply materials and we have volunteers. Finance Director Smith answered we will take it any way we can get it. Service Director Smith advised we do try those avenues, I can tell you that. Russ Warman was the gentleman that donated the pavilion.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Bring reported I did have another meeting yesterday at 1:30 in North Ridgeville; Mayor Gillock, Mayor Jensen from Avon, Mayor Hunter from Sheffield Village and Mayor Zilka from Avon Lake and I are still discussing the flooding that transpired and how they are going to actively help their communities and it may end up bringing some of the water our way so that is something that is being discussed. They did have Engineer Bramhall there again and he had some mapping and we met for probably a little over an hour and a half

and there is going to be some additional engineering done by Mr. Bramhall and Ridgeville and Avon are going to pay for that because that is where most of the problems are over that way. Again we are still having discussions and we are trying to figure out how we are going to do this and how we are going to get funding and who we are going to approach. I know the next meeting we are talking about having the state representatives there and some of the county commissioners there and Senator Manning there. So there will be more representatives and then probably going to do a press release on this as soon as we come up with it. We just actively have been looking at how we are going to address this problem and like I told you a number of years ago we did put stormwater utility on and we spent about 2 million dollars and we have outfalls. So in the long run we were actually being proactive and I had mentioned that at the meeting and they had asked me about proceeding with their stormwater because Avon doesn't have that right now so they are talking about doing something for their residents. Again nothing has been set in stone and we have had 2 meetings – it is kind of nice to have 5 cities come together and be proactive and hopefully with the 5 cities coming together that our voices will be stronger than just 1 city and try to attack this at one time. We have been working on a lot of projects and I have been having meetings with Mr. Smith here in the Service Department and Tammy and David, we have some negotiations coming up. So we have been busy. Councilman Erdei asked have you had any luck finding another person for the Planning Commission. Mayor Bring answered I actually haven't had any time to look for anybody right now but I will. Councilman Wtulich asked have you had any time to run the cameras through Holl Avenue yet? Service Director Smith answered no but I did go back after our conversation and talk to Shannon and Pat. Mayor Bring answered we did pop the manholes though. They did pop the covers and look down there but they have not camera'd it yet. *Motion by Stark/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas

All./FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: Finance Director Smith reported you have lots of stuff from me tonight. She advised before you is Council#028, 029 and 030 and that has to do with our borrowing. #028 is the \$196,000.00 for capital improvements and repairs throughout the city, #029 is \$402,000.00 for equipment and vehicles that we desperately need and #030 is the renewal of the last \$50,000.00 that we owe which is the balance on the boat launch but then we have to renew that last \$50,000 and that will be paid off next June. She continued Council#031 is establishing and putting lines in so spend the money for equipment and purchase the vehicles and do the capital improvements and for the note principal. That one goes along with those notes. Council#033 is to adopt the capital asset policy for the city and we have had that in place for a number of years however we have never formally put that into effect and I would like to put that in ordinance form. Councilperson Stark stated we have a tax budget that is due in

July, do we have a date for that? Finance Director Smith answered it is due July 21st, you will have it probably next week – a preliminary and then we will have one the following week. *Motion by Stark/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**TREASURER REPORT:** Treasurer Woods advised report is attached. *Motion by Stark/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Service Director Smith reported no report this evening. Councilman Erdei stated on those people that possibly are going to open up a restaurant in Shoreway, is that a go for sure. Service Director Smith answered in process. Councilman Erdei stated then I was asked about Pizza Hut, letting that property go with the weeds and everything. Gary next door to it goes and cleans them out or sprays, who owns that building? Service Director Smith answered it is the gentleman who has an office in the old Schunenman's building or the old building on the corner there and is usually there during the week. I believe he is the owner of that building. I haven't any complaints on property maintenance over there though, I have had none. Councilman Erdei stated I noticed our Patrolmen were patrolling the boat ramp and with the weekend it was kind of crazy down there and there were a lot of people still parking right at the very end of the boat trailer parking. Is there any way we can at least put up a sign like "boaters guest please park across the street"? Mayor Bring answered we do, there is a sign. Councilman Erdei advised well there is people still parking there. Mayor Bring stated we have signs that say don't take your animals and they do. We have signs don't go on the beach with cars and people take their cars on it. We have signs everywhere. Service Director Smith stated we also have a sign that says cars may be ticketed if the lot is full, anyone parking in a trailer spot could be ticketed. It is a warning and it seems to detour a lot. Finance Director Smith advised with the equipment money that we have here we are going to upgrade our cameras at the boat launch and that will give the Policemen the remote viewing to their patrol cars so if they are on the east side they can get to the boat launch and see what is going on. So they will be able to see right in the cruisers what is going on. Service Director Smith stated concerning the amount of use we are getting at the boat launch. There seems to be lately and the Mayor and I have talked and brought up about youths – unsupervised youths. 10 years old, 11 years old – no parents sending their kids down there. I think at some point need some type of strength or at least forced that parental responsibility of those kids because there is a certain age which they shouldn't be down there by themselves jumping off rocks or swimming without their parents. It is not our job to be a parent or to substitute city officials as a parent or even the Cops. Today we had about 20 of them down there congregating and completely ignoring what I talked to them about yesterday and tried to talk to them reasonably. It might be an upcoming issue and I just want to bring it to your attention. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the report.

Yeas All./**SAFETY DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring reported we did have 2 more of our Police cars go down the other day and we have got them back up and running fortunately because we were down to 3 cars again. I did check into a tornado siren because somebody had asked and they are kind of costly. I asked Mayor Jensen over in Avon and I think they have a couple of them and he said the problem is that usually when the storm comes and it is really windy and it starts lightning and thundering everybody closes their windows and once you close your windows you can't hear the siren. He said it is kind of useless, he said they spent the money on it but he said unless you are right underneath the thing the people aren't hearing it so. We do look at those kind of things but I don't think we will get any value out of it. The Police Department has been very busy here since the weather has warmed up so we have been actively patrolling and everything but it has been very busy. We are trying to do the best we can and I know we have had some problems with the youth out there. They are not being terribly malicious but they are constantly jumping off the boards over by the Post Office or going down to the Boat Launch and doing some things. So we are actively trying to make sure that they are not causing any trouble. We just don't want to go through the summer with this, the Bike Path was an issue where the kids were going down there and running up on elderly ladies to scare them. We don't want to go through another summer of that. We want everybody to be able to enjoy the city so we are trying to detour some of this stuff. I do have Fire Chief Card here tonight so if you have any questions on any of the equipment that we were talking about he would be more than glad to answer any questions that you have. President Rosso advised I think on the proposal I think it would be best discussed in a Worksession next week. Mayor Bring answered that would be fine. Councilman Erdei asked on these Fire Fighter/Paramedics that we just swore in, now they are going to be actively starting in a couple of weeks. Fire Chief Card answered they are starting on Monday. What used to happen when we hired Firemen is they would start with no orientation period. Like when I got hired I walked in and 2 minutes later we had a squad call and they handed me the clipboard and said you are in charge. We want to avoid that so we are orientating them to our department so we are going to have 2 weeks of Lt. Davis and Lt. Novak work on this training program that we have. They are going to come in for 10 hours a day Monday through Friday for 2 weeks and then they will start their shifts right after that. I think I have them starting on June 29th and June 30th. While they are here during the week if we do have a fire or any other major emergency that would require more manpower we are going to use them for that. Like the Mayor said they do have experience. Michael Mantle worked in Warren Fire Department, that was his first full-time fire job and they have fires every day; multiple fires every day and Maple Heights was his next fire job because he was hired at Warren Fire on a safer grant and it was running out. So he

took Maple Heights tests and that was also a safer grant and that did run out and then they laid him off. That is why his Chief came because he really didn't want to get rid of him – he is a good fireman. Chad used to work for us part-time and he has got 12 years of fire experience and he is coming up to us from Toledo and he has multiple fires every day so we are getting guys with experience in Fire and EMS. They are both Paramedics, they are both ACLS instructors and Chad is a Fire instructor and a CPR instructor and he is also a Fire Safety Inspector. We kind of picked these first 2 guys because of their experience and I think they are going to work out great for us. Mayor Bring advised one of things with them being a CPR instructor, we are probably going to offer some kind of a CPR class to the residents for a small fee. You know whatever it costs to make the sign-up and/or some of the kids at the High School or whatever. We want to be proactive in that and with them being instructors we can now do that without hiring somebody. I had asked them that during the interview and they are more than glad to do that. Councilman Erdei stated with hiring these 2 gentlemen is that going to help cut down the costs of overtime, I mean are people going to be able to actually go home instead of staying. Fire Chief Card answered it is bringing us back up to 12 so now when guys are on vacation because right now guys are on 3 man shifts so when someone is on vacation then yes there is overtime but now with 4 man shifts than it will be that that guy is off and then there shouldn't be overtime on that shift unless somebody is sick then there would be overtime on that shift. Hopefully yes it will cut down on the overtime, now every time somebody is on vacation there is overtime. Now we won't have that because I will have 3 – 4 man shifts until Steve Koch retires in July. Councilman Cizl asked are they by chance thinking or are they already residents? Fire Chief Card answered Chad lives like 12 minutes away in Elyria Township and Michael Mantle lives in Brunswick and he obviously is kind of skiddish because he has been laid off twice. So before he makes any decisions he must make sure that this is his home and he is not going anywhere. But he did mention that once does make sure that this is his home he does want to move closer. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All. **/LAW DIRECTOR REPORT:** Law Director Graves reviewed the legislation on the agenda. He advised tomorrow we will begin negotiations with OPBA which is the Police bargaining unit and I will keep Council apprised as negotiations go forward. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:

Richard Barnes, 4112 Holl Avenue stated I have lived in Sheffield Lake for 47 years and I have to admit I have only been to Council meetings 3 times and all 3 times is because of flooding in my basement. There was over 90 houses on that

street that was flooded a couple of weeks ago and every time I come in here I have talked to the Service Director and I tried to get a hold of the Mayor but he never called me back. The Service Director was kind enough to me for probably about 45 minutes but nothing is ever done. This should be a priority in this city is to get the storm water out of our basements. Everybody on that street their insurance is probably going to go up because this is the third time and insurance companies are getting tired of paying for it. I don't care about you getting park money and things like that, I want a dry basement – try to get a grant for that or something. If you are worried about water coming into Sheffield Lake – Sheffield Village is putting it in there right now. If you look across the tracks on Lake Breeze from Holl Avenue they dug a ditch all the way from Harris Road all the way to Lake Breeze and converted the water over to Sheffield Lake system and now my backyard is getting flooded by Sheffield Village and Sheffield Lake is flooding the basement. President Rosso advised all the water from communities south of us are running up to the lake. That is what the Mayor was talking about they are trying to find a way to handle that but the rain water dumps into the lake so the key is getting it to the lake without having issues. Trust me the last Council meeting since the rain there have been people from Holl here talking. So it is not being ignored we are doing what we can do. Mr. Barnes stated in 47 years nothing has been done. President Rosso stated a lot of those issues over there pertain to that ditch that runs down west of Sheffield Road and that is all private property that other people own that don't live here that refuse to clean it. Law Director Graves advised the city has the right and the obligation to maintain the flow of water through there and it is my understanding that the flow of water is not impeded. As far as the natural growth of and the encroachment on private property issues – that is a private property issue, that is not a city issue. There are property owners alongside that drainage corridor that are losing property, they are losing fences and things that continue to erode and that is a private issue. Where the city is concerned is making sure that the storm water flows unimpeded and it is my understanding that it is flowing unimpeded. Mr. Barnes stated I am paying for storm water run-off and it shouldn't go in my basement. President Rosso stated you can rest assured that we are in agreement that yes that water shouldn't be going in anybody's basement and we are trying to address it. As the Mayor has said he has them pull the covers on those manholes and we are going to camera those sewers to see what is going on and see if we can find anything as Bill followed this evening. Mr. Barnes stated after 2011 they cleaned the sewers out and we didn't have any problems for a while but I would think you would have to clean them every once in a while. President Rosso answered you do and as we told a resident from Sheffield Village – we do have a program and it starts on the east side of the city and works its way west. When you have a department that has 3 or 4 guys in it it takes a while to get through the city. I

wish I could give you a very easy answer that if we go over and do X then we would be done with it. Service Director Smith stated we did talk but you have to remember that 6 inches of rain on surface water run-off is not a normal rainfall. Mr. Barnes stated you told me that when there was 2 inches of rainfall. Service Director Smith stated no I gave you 3 dates; I gave you February 28, 2011, I gave you March 13, 2011 and I gave you May 12 of this year. Those were all rains which we were under flood warnings, in other words if we were at 26 feet above Lake Erie your house would probably have 4 foot of water on the first floor. That is the difference between elevation of land and how much rainwater we had. You are correct there is water coming in from the Village but that is why the Mayor is meeting with the current Mayor of the Village and ex and current Engineers to try to find a way to handle the amount of water that is there. We have French Creek and we have the Black River less than a mile south of us. There is no reason those tributaries can't handle more water but instead we got stuff flowing north. So these are the types of things that our Mayor is trying to do and he feels it just as much as we all do. Five inches of water equivalent was on the 28th of February and 3 plus inches of rain in less than several hours was on the 13th. This one we had 6 inches up to according to the National Weather Service in certain isolated areas 8.75 inches of rain. That is a lot of water and I don't think anybody or very few people had – I had damage, we all suffered total ground saturation and at that point it is just the surge and how long it takes for that surge to go down. We can't build systems that take up a 100 year rain, I don't think any city does that at this point and time. They do the 25 year rains, they do the flood plains with FEMA and FEMA isolates and re-evaluates the flood plains on a regular basis. The purpose is to keep property from being destroyed and damaged. We are constantly looking at that. I have had several private meetings with Councilman who sit up there concerning this exact same thing in the last 2 weeks even just going over what we are actually doing to try to alleviate the situation. So when Rick says that we are trying – we are. We are trying all kinds of different avenues, FEMA – I just sent out a press release and today I got it to the press and Channel 5 to make sure that residents like you know that there is some relief that you can get through the County Emergency Management. We are doing everything possible that we can to get you some relief and to correct the problem. It is just not an instant thing like you said – 47 years and that is a long time to feel neglected but it can't be fixed in 1 year and it can't be fixed in 2 but we are trying, we truly are trying.

Candius Rapson, 4132 Holl stated I also had the second flood; first one was in 2011 and now again in 2014 and have spent now over \$12,000.00 in a family room that I can't even use. It is unacceptable, there has to be a consequence for the action. What is the problem, what is causing this – the water was up to my big vine in front of my house and my dog was swimming in it at 3 o'clock in the morning.

Where is the back-up, what is the actual issue, what need to be fixed so that this does not happen. Mayor Bring advised did you watch the weather, did you look at the TV channel, did you see all the other cities – we weren't the only city that got flooded. We had 6 inches of rain man, I went down Lake Road into Lorain and had to drive down the center of Lake Road with 6 inches of water down the center of Lake Road. Where do you think all of the water went to. I have 5 houses, I have rental property and every one of my houses flooded and my own house flooded. Mrs. Rapson stated the last house on Hollyview where I lived across the street from Steve we never had flooding, do you flood? Councilman Kovach answered no. Mayor Bring advised there is some houses that didn't and I met with these Mayors over there – you can shake your head but Mayor Gillock had probably almost 1000 houses that flooded and North Olmsted had thousands of houses that flooded. Mrs. Rapson stated that is fine but what is causing this flooding. Mayor Bring answered water. Finance Director Smith added 6 inches of rain in 2 hours. Mrs. Rapson stated ditches are clogged up. Mayor Bring stated we are trying to actively clean all these ditches and we are trying to move the water as best we can. We put 2 million dollars into the storm water utility – we have outfalls, we did all this but we still have more to do but when you get that much rain the water doesn't have any place to go. It was running down your street, one of our guys went down your street and he was making wakes because he told me he was afraid. When you got that much water in the street where do you think it is going to go – it has got to go someplace and if you got a basement it is going to flood and it is unfortunate but we had a lot of streets like that. I think that Hollyview was probably built up a little bit higher then what we had over there but these communities were built a long time ago. These were all cottages and then they came in and they put all these low lying homes in – most of our houses are in low lying areas right now and that water gets stuck in there and that is what we were talking about and that is what the Engineer was talking about. A lot of these are built on flood plains, anybody that buys a house over there has to get flood insurance and the people over right now are in a flood plain. I don't know what else to tell you. Mrs. Rapson asked is there anything we can do to help this? Mayor Bring stated we talked about this too, we had Hurricane Sandy come in and that was unprecedented and we had all that water and there was no place and then the power went out so everybody's sump pumps went out and everything flooded there. We were very fortunate that the power didn't go out this time because if the power would have went out this time which we talked about yesterday – if that power would have went out in these communities out here everybody's basements would have been under 8 foot of water – that is how bad it would have been. I don't know what we can do to stop these rains, I mean there is nothing we can do. It has been unbelievable. I know that gentleman there I know that that ditch is clean but the water that is coming

through underneath that railroad track – the size of the pipe is still the same and yes there is a lot of water coming off of there but that used to be all farm lands and now things are getting built up. Unfortunately Sheffield Lake was built a long time ago and a lot of the low lying areas weren't addressed back then and we are paying for that now but to dig it all up and find that we are trying whatever we can to do this. That is why these guys are going out there to find these things; trying to clean the ditches and trying to do this and David sent out notices to those people to clean their properties and they ignored him. The State of Ohio is one of the property owners and they ignored us. Do we fine the State of Ohio, we do fine these people? I don't know what else to do but like I said we bought some new equipment to clean the ditches out and we have started on some of the side streets. Service Director Smith advised there is still a lot of houses that people just don't rake their own leaves out of their ditch, they don't clean their ditch, they don't fix their pipe. They put screens in front of the pipe entrances under their driveway, they put rocks in front of their driveway. I got a house over on Lafayette that has got a beautiful rock tree lawn and ditch but she restricts the flow of water and floods out 8 houses to the south of her. This is a constant issue that we address on a regular basis, there is so much that we can do but as far as the private property owner you can maintain your ditch and maintain the flow and then let us know and then what we will do is add that into the stuff of going out and checking during rains. I spend a lot of time, personal time when it rains on my own time driving up and down the streets looking at ditches and writing down which driveway pipes are clogged and which ones aren't so that when I get back to my office on the following work day I at least have a list – a running list of new pipes or new clogs that aren't flowing. We do this regularly. The 6 inches of rain that the Mayor is talking about is a climate change, we are all going through a climate change in North America. It has been on the weather channel, it has been special after special and it has been on the news and National news and on CNN – over and over and over. We have all been through cycles of weather, this is a climate change which is causing this. We had 6 inches of rain, someone told me the last time we had 6 inches of rain was July 4, 1969. President Rosso asked did you have storm water or sewer in your basement? Mrs. Rapson answered storm water. Mayor Bring stated the other Mayors were talking about putting backflow preventers in and they were talking about backup generators – the people have to be more active to it and I understand a lot of people around here don't have a lot of money. Again we have 3 guys in the Service Department and we have 4 guys in our Water Department and you just heard what we just did and that is on any given day all 4 of our guys are working on one thing. So if we have to hire outside contractors to do this, you are talking millions and millions of dollars. We have already spent over 2 million dollars that we have a loan out for how long? Finance Director Smith answered we still got 7 years for

that. Mayor Bring advised so if we take out another loan for 2 or 3 million dollars to tear up all the streets and that would be maybe 1 street because that is how much it would cost. Service Director Smith advised still if we get a rain like that it is still not going to handle it. Mrs. Rapson stated there is a tree laying across and it is going to fall into that ditch, it is a huge pine tree – it is going to cause a huge block and someone needs to get it out. Mayor Bring advised I think Mr. Smith contacted the railroad. Service Director Smith answered the railroad (Norfolk Southern) came out and they are going to be out here in June or July and clean all that stuff up.

Donald Lyons, 4272 Holl stated how many ditches have we got going north to the lake? Service Director Smith answered I don't think I have an accurate count of ditches but there is outfalls, storm sewers and ditches. Like the one by your house? We have 3; Shoemaker, Day and then there is one that is piped that actually comes in. Mr. Lyons stated there is only about 2 or 3 foot space there for the water to go under the bridge on Holl, Belle, Knickerbocker – anytime. Where is that water going to go, it won't go under the bridge but 3 foot with 40 foot of water behind us. Service Director Smith answered I agree. Mr. Lyons stated I think those ditches should all be cleaned out under the road. Service Director Smith asked at whose costs, it is private property. Mr. Lyons argued under the road? Service Director Smith stated you are talking about under the bridges – that ditch because the water is flowing under those ditches as we were just there with the engineer. Mr. Lyons again argued you got 2 foot of ditch, how is 20 foot of water going to go under that – the bridge is only 8 foot wide. Service Director Smith advised we have already had the engineer over there because we have catch basins on those bridges. Mr. Lyons stated you got to have water that goes to the lake? Service Director Smith agreed yes but this last storm for instance the water was all the way up to the covered bridge where the walking trail was. Mr. Lyons stated but you don't have no room under the bridge to go that is why it comes up and fills up our road. Service Director Smith stated so you are saying that the bridge areas are causing it. Mr. Lyons stated you don't have room for the water to go – it is going to go into the road and then it goes into our house. Service Director Smith advised I understand what you are saying that north ditch is only going to take so much water. Mr. Lyons stated if it don't have no room it is going to fill up. Service Director Smith asked but to dig it deeper is what you are suggesting we dig it deeper so it handles more water. Mr. Lyons stated it would help. Service Director Smith answered I would have to have the engineer look at that. The problem that we have is that we can't just address little 16 foot sections underneath the bridge. We have to address the whole water course that runs from the state property all the way down through and behind Ferndale Park and underneath Ferndale. That whole thing has to be addressed and like David was saying those are private property

owners that split that. It is not like a – a lot of people think that the city owns the ditch – we don't. The ditch runs through people's property. Mr. Lyons stated you own the road. Service Director Smith stated those are just the bridges, that is not going to do anything because then you are going to just dig out underneath the bridges and then you are going to have a narrow area of ditch between the bridges – it is the opposite. Mr. Lyons advised the ditch is probably 6 foot high but it has only got 2 foot for water to go under it. Service Director Smith stated I think the width of that is the width of the culvert pipe. Mr. Lyons stated the width of that road is 8 foot on the bridge. If you dig that dirt out a little bit at least some water would go. Service Director Smith stated we will look at it but I still think that the problem over there is we have too much water coming into feed in that ditch because you are forgetting that the water is still just as high downstream. Like I said we had water this far from the bottom of the covered bridge down on Lake Road and in order for it to be that means our box culverts down there were completely under water and we put that in and it was for a 100 year flood – we made sure that that capacity was a 100 year flood when that was done. So it is a combination of a bunch of things; property owners, trees obstructions but large quantity of water like his gentleman over here said coming in from the railroad but the thing you have to remember is the water coming in from the railroad tracks is only going through the same size pipe it went through 10 – 15 years ago. We have not changed the pipes, we have not made extra crossovers coming from underneath the tracks. It is still the same amount to be very honest with you I haven't cleaned the rocks out in front of them so that it does impede some of the water on the south side of the railroad tracks. During this last storm I sent the Superintendent over to the south side of the railroad tracks to see where the water level was in the Village and they were dealing with the same thing that we were on Lake Breeze and the corner of Lake Breeze on both sides – they had water and all that ground was flooded everywhere. So it wasn't just unique to us, it was both places – it is just a lot of water. Mr. Lyons stated the water on the north side of that track was about 11 foot deep and at least 25 foot wide. It was clear up to my garage in the back. That ditch is 10 or 11 foot deep. Service Director Smith concurred and it was just regarded 2 years ago by the railroad company. We will look at the ditches but the whole ditch needs to be done.

Rosa Gee, 272 Gayle Drive advised my sister lived for years on the south end of Oliver and she had flooding numerous times. We took her 1/3 hp pumps trying to clear it out. Sheffield Lake started their Stormwater prior to 2000 and at that time all residents were told that cooperation was needed not just with our Service Department but with the residents keeping everything clear from debris. At that time Sheffield Village was not running the amount of water that they are now into our city. Also at that time there has been more buildings built in both cities since

then. That does account for a lot more of the flooding that we didn't use to have that we now do have.

Betty Garlitz, 4264 Holl stated what I can't understand is why the city when the railroad was cleaned, why the city didn't come up and see that they finished what they were doing. They came down about 12 houses and stopped and now all the rest of the ditch is nothing but grewed up stuff and this last flood we had washed big trees down and they are laying there. Someone from the city come up and took pictures the day after the flood but nothing has been done. There is about 10 senior citizens that can't even get out to do anything on that street. I would like to know why the city didn't come up when the railroad was cleaning that because they only came down so far. If they would have come down the rest of the way maybe we wouldn't have had that flood. I have been living in this house for 40 some years and now I have no insurance and I didn't have a sole to help me clean my basement. I know one family and he can't even walk – Mr. Shipley and his wife, their basement is not cleaned to this day. All on account of them ditches that the water cannot go down them. There are trees that are grewed up, I mean 40 some years of them trees. So if it would have been started to be cleaned out – you can't get to it because there is a fence there. Service Director Smith stated you are east of the bridge correct. Mrs. Garlitz stated yes but I am talking about the ditch by the railroad tracks. Service Director Smith stated after your phone call when we talked I contacted Norfolk and Southern and I made arrangements with them. I sent my Supervisor out to go out and meet with them and physically show him the trees that you pointed out. As a matter of fact they had to come back a second time because they missed the first time. I did make them come out up to the point out of courtesy, I can't go in and tell them you have to clean your ditch out. First of all it is in Sheffield Village, the railroad ditch is actually in Sheffield Village and where your property ends is where the border is. A lot of people don't understand that, when the railroad company came back in after the 2011 flood and they started grading all of that. One of their big arguments was where are the property owners property end? Mrs. Garlitz stated they should have put pipe in and covered it up. Service Director Smith answered I don't have the authority to tell them they have to do that, I can't make them do that. Where your property starts in the back is where Sheffield Lake starts. There is no 20 foot of neutral zone and then your property starts, you are the border of Sheffield Lake/Sheffield Village. Right, yes or no? Mrs. Garlitz stated before I moved there they tried to do something with that ditch. Service Director Smith stated my point is I argued with the railroad that they had a sense of responsibility to take care of making sure that that ditch is not impeded because if they go down farther past your house way towards the east end of the street where the water is coming in underneath the road – it also comes in underneath Lake Breeze. It comes in right there at Lake Breeze so there is 2

sections of water you have coming in entering that ditch behind your houses and moving to the center to the Day Ditch. I requested that they carry out and make that ditch deeper like this gentleman here has suggested on the ditch by the bridges – make it deeper to hold more water and they explained to me that that is what they did. They actually brought in a big excavator, it was a giant excavator and that is what they used to clean that ditch out. Now since 2011 we had 2 sections of trees; pine is one thing and that is not the one that was blocking. The pine tree that was fallen was the one you could see from Lake Breeze. The other tree that they came back to look at which is the one that you were talking which has a stump or a big short log or something by it too. I have seen all of this and I am very familiar with it and right now we are waiting on the railroad to come back towards the end of this month or the beginning of July. They are coming back according to the Norfolk Southern and they are going to work on cleaning that stuff out. Mrs. Garlitz stated well you will have to put pressure on them because they have not done nothing. Service Director Smith advised like we all said we all worry about you guys; your flooding and your property damage it does not fall on deaf ears. We try, we are constantly constantly trying to find a way to get to the situation and keep it from happening to the best of our ability. The 6 inches of rain though – there is nothing I can do and there is nothing the Mayor can do. That is God, that is God. Mrs. Garlitz stated we had that in the 70's the first year I moved here. Service Director Smith stated July 4, 1969 is when we had that much rain so if anybody wants to know. It has been a long time but you are correct they need to do more and they have been responsive. Mrs. Garlitz stated I can't understand why they came down so far and stopped. Service Director Smith stated from what I believe and if my memory serves me right they stopped after the place where the water came in from the other side past your house, not far but your house and then they worked their way all the way to Lake Breeze to the other pipe where the water comes in from the south side. Mayor Bring advised before they dug that out the railroad made a comment that there were fences, there was a shed – how many things that were in that ditch before they dug that out. After they dug it out Mr. Smith went down with a camera to make sure he took pictures of everybody's yard to make sure that if anybody threw any debris in there we were going to find them. Mrs. Garlitz stated well this stuff that is laying behind my house got washed in. Mayor Bring stated we are just saying before that though that whole ditch had stuff in it – a fence, a shed and everybody was dumping all their yard waste and leaves in there blocking up that ditch. That is why that ditch was cleaned up to get the water flowing, they dug it all out. I told him to go down there and take pictures of this that way if anybody else dumps anymore things down there we can go down and contact them and tell them to get it out of the ditch. Service Director Smith stated 2 weeks after they graded the ditch and left the property, the fourth house or

fifth house from Lake Breeze threw a whole bunch of garbage and stuff in the ditch and it was hanging off of the back of the property going in there. I had the Building Inspector, I typed up a letter and I believe you guys will probably remember it and I had the Building Inspector deliver it to every house on Holl about maintaining the back of that ditch and it was their responsibility to keep that stuff from going into the ditch now that it is cleaned. So it works both ways, the railroad wanted us to cite the homeowners and I was like we can't do that. You got to start somewhere and unfortunately you are like us you need to do your best part. It is just like us we have ordinances in this town that everyone is supposed to take care of their ditch and we all know they don't. So we try to in emergency situations get into that area and because of other people's property being damaged because of that neglect we can go in there and clean that little section out just to get it to flow. Our hands are still tied it is still private property, we just can't go onto private property and do it all the time. Mayor Bring stated we cleaned out South Street last year and we dug that whole ditch out down there and as soon as fall came everybody took their leaves and threw them back in that ditch and all the branches and it plugged it all back up again. Service Director Smith stated Christmas trees – 6 of them. Mayor Bring stated every time we clean something out people are throwing stuff back in. It is a nightmare and I can't even tell you. We are going to go over to Walker Road and we are going to clean all that out but if you go along Walker Road it is full of garbage. It is like that throughout the whole city, every time we clean something out people throw garbage back in there. Mrs. Garlitz stated well what about those people that cut their grass and all of that grass is on the street and clogging it up. Mayor Bring stated there is an ordinance against that, we fined somebody last year but again we have to catch them doing it. It is a problem because if they go by and we see it out there and we say you did this and they say I didn't do it we can't fine them unless we catch them. Yes that is a problem because that all goes down the drain and that plugs up all the drains. I agree with you and like I said last year I think Kay was on duty but the guy had the whole street covered with grass and we cited him and he acted like what's the problem. There was this much grass on the whole street, it is a constant battle. You guys are paying for all of this because you are getting flooded and everything else but every time we do something I guarantee you within a month somebody is throwing garbage in it. Mrs. Garlitz stated who cleans the ditch out from like Idlewood, who keeps that cleaned out? Service Director Smith stated we are going to clean it one time, we have been mowing it but it is actually in the Village. Mayor Bring stated we have been mowing it to keep it clean and we have got to go back there because it is a little high again. We actually got our tractor stuck there last year. Mrs. Garlitz stated I would like to that north ditch cleaned. Service Director Smith stated we are working on that and we have been to Council and we talked about it and we talked to the Law Director

many times now about dealing with the tree issues of falling into the ditch. We have used the Building Department to track down owners and send them notices. I have been helping the residents by steering them at least to the proper agency that they give. They might be able to get some help here or there on it so we are trying. That is all I can tell you we are trying and I wish we had cure and an answer for it but with that much rainfall; on a 6 inch/5 inch we are not going to have a cure for that. But on a 1-1/2 inch rain and a 2 inch that is manageable, we should be able to manage that and that is our goal is to get to manage that.

Ann Marie Woltman, 649 Sheffield Road stated this has been an on-going problem for I don't know how many years. I just know that my sister in the 90's had 3 feet of water in her basement. I want to know when – they said they are going to camera Sheffield Road so I want to know when and I don't want a definite well we will get to it. I want to know when and I want to be there because I want to see because that has been an on-going problem? The neighbor down the street she had that problem and she put \$20,000.00 or more into that house to fix that problem. Service Director Smith advised she didn't have any drain tile around her foundation. Mrs. Woltman stated now the problem there is when they graded for the Shopping Center, it is coming down into her yard again. I have a couple of questions like the ditch that is past my house north what good is it if it is cleaned out or not. I mean there is trees in there and everything, I mean what good is it. Does it need to be cleaned out? Service Director Smith answered we have been cleaning it out as you know the section across from your street running west to the back of Shoreway there is a road back there now/service road and access road and that is all cleaned. Mrs. Woltman asked but not the other way? Service Director Smith answered we were going to work on the other way and we were stopped in the winter. Mrs. Woltman stated my next question has to do with how much when people I don't have anybody throw grass in my drain and the person that cuts my grass says I am not capable of doing that and I know that he doesn't do that because it is all in my yard and has to be raked up. How are you going to keep weeds from growing in there in those ditches? I am not capable of climbing into a ditch. Service Director Smith advised it is not city property Ann Marie. Mrs. Woltman stated well then tell me someone who is going to do that. Does anybody here know anybody that will come and clean out those ditches for you a regular basis and if so can you put weed killer in there so that grass doesn't grow up and that the water will flow. President Rosso stated I would ask the person that is cutting your lawn to see if he would clean that. Mrs. Woltman stated I asked and he said no. So I have to find someone to clean that ditch but that is only half of the problem because the property to the north of me had trees falling down on that property that almost hit the guy on the corners house. It was his responsibility to pay for the removal of those trees. I was in constant worry because if those dead

trees fell on mine – what was I going to do. So the city – it is not their responsibility to cut all the trees in the city. I went to the county and the person there said that property owner is in arrears by thousands of dollars in years. So even if people on Sheffield clean their weeds there is that property on the other side of me. Forget it – who is going to clean that. I realize this has been a long going problem and we can talk all we want but are we going to have to have another rally. I mean we did something when we almost the Shopping Center. Service Director Smith advised I will answer your question Ann Marie and I am going to be very coarse. You and I have talked about this issue many many times. There is the responsibilities that belong to a property owner. Mrs. Woltman stated I know that. Service Director Smith stated you don't know that because you are saying who is going to clean this out. Well guess what it is your responsibility to find that person, it is not ours. I have tried to help you over and over and make recommendations of ways that you can find your own avenue without me giving a personal recommendation on a contractor or who to send over to you or who can do the work. I have refused to do that and you have asked me repeatedly and repeatedly to the point where I was almost so close to coming in and doing your own sump pump for your because I felt bad for you. There is a point and I can only so much and in all due fairness I have tried to tell you over and over it is the responsibility of the homeowner to find these things out. I as a city employee as a Service Director can't give you advise on how to fix your sump pump. I can't tell you how to take care of your neighbors ditch or who you should use to mow your grass. I can't do that because there are responsibilities that belong to the homeowner. I am going to strengthen that the maintenance of the ditches, cutting of their trees. I have got \$7000.00 worth of dead trees in my yard that I have had to take care of and make arrangements for over the last 2 years. I don't come to the city and ask them to pay for the trees or to go onto private property and remove them. It is no different and I am no different than anybody else but there are circumstances where the city can intervene and in those circumstances there is defined criteria. I have gone to David I don't know how many times over specifics on how to find a way that the city can legally do something. For instance if a street gets together/all the homeowners go out and rake the leaves out of there ditch and they dig it down and they clean their pipes out and there is one vacant lot at the end of the street that is wooded over. Guess what the city probably would go in there and clean it up and then bill that property owner or something at that point and time. At the same time remember I have got a resident on Maplewood standing my guy off with a tractor and a broom because we are going on a property to make clearance so that a school bus can see on-coming traffic because that property owner doesn't allow anybody on that wooded lot as he lives out of state or whatever and you can't see the road of on-coming traffic but the minutes I go on

that property to try to do something for the better good in an area that I feel I have that right I got a resident standing off with a tractor calling me names and telling me I have no right and others saying you better do my ditch now that you are doing that ditch so you come down here and do my ditch. That is the problem that we run into. There is defined criteria that will allow us to do certain things; loss of property, etc. David can go over that with you as we have been recently going over this with a tree issue. I am very careful on it but there is some things that you as a homeowner has to find the answer to. Mrs. Woltman stated I will respond I have gotten several different plumbing companies and I have gotten several different answers. When I research it for whatever reason that is not the solution, it is a city problem. So I am not accusing you, I know that you have been here before and the things that were done years ago are not your fault. What I am saying is we have to take an action and when we lost Giant Eagle, we got together and we made some news didn't we? I am saying what can we do to organize to help, do we have to be there at the meeting when the Congressmen come? Do we have to be there? Mayor Bring stated Ann Marie you have been here a lot of times and you have been a long time community member. At this point I think all the cities are in the same problem, everybody is talking about and everybody is frustrated more now than ever because of what happened. For Avon to probably institute a storm water utility program for them because they are doing very well over there. They realize the problem but they are going to act now because they are feeling this is fresh in everybody's minds and everybody is very frustrated so that is why they are acting now. The elections are all coming up; all these Congress people are all up for elections and they all know that and they are going to try to do the best they possibly can for us. There was 2 gentlemen there and I forget where they were from but he said that all the money that was earmarked for any of these projects or revenue for this type of things has all gone away through our US Government and he admitted it. He said all the money that was available a long time ago if you go in there and say hey Sheffield Lake wants to apply for this it was available but it is not available anymore. I am telling you right now they have stopped all that and that is what we were told yesterday. I didn't say that in front of everybody here because this is what we are up against too but I will tell you that is what is going on. So the money we are asking for and everybody else is asking for – they declared this area a disaster and offering low income but if you don't any money to apply for low interest; it could be 0 but it is very difficult and I understand that. We are talking about that ditch over there where that gentleman lives over there and I just talked to Mr. Smith because we had asked about how much the tree removal is going to be and it is going to be in excess of \$40,000.00. Can the city go in and do that – yes, are we going to assess the people – yes but how many times can the city afford to go and spend \$40,000.00 on this. So if we do that ditch and then behind

Buckeye where that ditch is all the way along there. That is going to be probably 3 times as much and those people are going to come in. So at some point I don't know what to tell you on how we are going to do this. I don't think the state is going to step in, they are taking money away from us now every time we turn around. The reason we asked for a levy is because they took all the money away from us so they are not going to help us out. The government is not going to help us out. It is very frustrating I will be honest with you. Tammy and I sit every day and talk about this and we beat our heads against a wall and sometimes I don't even want to come back here I will be honest with you. For everything that we do around here it is frustrating. These people up here (Council) sit up there and they are frustrated too. Mrs. Woltman stated that is what I am saying we can talk all we want but what are we going to do. Can we show up at that meeting, can we make some news. Mayor Bring stated at this point like I said it is kind of a private meeting between the Mayors. Mrs. Woltman stated so nothing will be done I am serious. Mayor Bring answered there is going to be a press release and when the press release comes out then that is when everybody is going to be notified. That is when people are going to start actively getting involved but until that time there is really no sense. Mrs. Woltman stated I was thinking we should organize, we need to do something. Mayor Bring advised again it all comes down to money. Mrs. Woltman stated unless you make a way, I mean that is the only reason why we have an Apples. Mayor Bring stated I asked those 2 gentlemen and that sat in front of all 5 of us and said you can ask for whatever you want right now it is not there and they are not earmarking anything. Mrs. Woltman stated the people that own that other property that you are talking about that you can't go in there I don't understand that. You can't fine them and insist that they pay it. President Rosso argued if they don't pay their taxes they are not going to pay their fines. Mayor Bring stated one of the properties belongs to a church and they wanted to donate the property to us and we are not going to take the property because then we are responsible for it. It is difficult and David and I talk a lot and he always tells me no. He is in a tough situation because he has to look at it in a legal view and he has to tell me and I ask David am I allowed to do this and trust me there is nobody that does better research then David and he tells me all the time this is what we have to go through. It is so very frustrating. Councilman Smith stated the only thing I want to say is what everybody seems to forget is these are all systems. You have your storm water system and not all streets have them, you have your ditching systems, you have your sanitary systems – they all have a capacity. As a city what we try to do is make sure that all those areas and the way the water gets to a point are clean and not all the time we can do that. But the systems itself can only handle so much water. You are talking about a storm sewer issue and we also have a sanitary issue where water infiltrates into the sanitary and fills our sanitary to capacity and

basements flood. If you take a funnel and you take a gallon of water and you start pouring it in and as you keep pouring it in faster then what the little hole is down here – what is going to happen, it is going to overflow. You can make the funnel bigger but the hole at the bottom is still the same size. At some point it is still going to overflow if you keep adding more water. Well 6 inches of rain is adding more water and it is going to overflow, there is only so much capacity. So in order to change that you ever have to make the opening bigger which sanitary is millions and millions and millions of dollars. So the only thing that we can do is maintain the systems to the best of our ability that have been in the ground 40 to 50 years. There is no answer except money and more money – that is the only answer. You can maintain the best you can and that is all you can do, just maintain without spending millions and millions of dollars because there is only so much capacity that the system will take. The system can only handle as much as it is built for. Mrs. Woltman stated I am wondering how big are the pipes that run. Councilman Smith answered each system is different. You have creeks, you have 48 inch outfalls, there is different sizes. Mrs. Woltman stated I mean on Sheffield Road because a lot of people here live on Sheffield Road. Councilman Smith stated that storm sewer I think goes into Lake Road and what is the Lake Road Tom? Service Director Smith answered Sheffield goes into the Hawthorne Ditch and the Hawthorne Ditch goes into the Day Ditch. Mr. Erwin answered it is 10 inch and was put in by the state. Councilman Smith stated it can only take so much water, once you put too much water and it just takes millions and millions and millions of dollars to dig that all up and put bigger pipes in the ground. So you can only do little bits at a time. That is the problem that we have we have no answer because it all costs money and it is money that we don't have and it is money that you don't want to pay to have because you don't have it. You are talking millions and millions and millions of dollars to totally redo the whole system because the system can only take so much water. People have built up, I mean you are talking back what 1950/40/30 - think about what was here and that is what the system was made to handle. Now the system just overloads and the system is way overloaded and the only way to truly fix it to be totally honest is to put millions and millions and millions of dollars and that is something that somebody has to pay for and it is usually the residents. Mrs. Woltman stated I know that from the plumbers that I spoke to, no matter how much money I put into inside; I have a sump pump and back-up. They came up with all these suggestions; get a larger sump pump and then you run into other problems and put one outside. Even if I do that the pressure of the water rushing down the hill towards mine, it is not going to get in there because the pressure is too great. Councilman Smith stated we built our system to take a hundred year storm and spent millions and millions and millions of dollars and we get 10 inches of rain and it will handle that. What about that one time when

we get 13 or 14 inches of rain and everybody floods and we just spent millions and millions of dollars. You will never be able to predict how much water you got to build for because sooner or later it is going to happen again. So you can just maintain what you got and try to slowly make it have more passage which is what I think we are doing. It is stages of small and at the same time these guys are out trying to keep the ditches cleaned and doing sewer pipes that are blowing out driveway culverts to keep the water at least flowing the best that they can for the capacity and it is very unfortunate when a basement floods but it happens and it happened to me. When I built my brand new house and 2 months after I did my basement flooded with a foot of water and you know why because there was a driveway culvert pipe clogged 4 houses down. So those are the things that they are doing to try and fix little problems that help. In a rain like this I don't think there was hardly anything anybody could have done. Mrs. Woltman stated the solution would be larger pipes and I agree with you but in meantime I don't even know what they are doing to clean Sheffield Road. I have not ever seen them clean that out. No matter how many thousands of dollars that you put into your house is not going to be resolved until there is something larger done. Anybody can put that money into their house and it is not going to be any use. I am suggesting that maybe we have to march on Washington.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#026 – SECOND READING – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into the seventh amendment to contract with Browning-Ferris, Industries of Ohio, Inc., BFI and the declaring of an emergency.

Council#027 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an addendum to the memorandum of agreement between the Lorain County Port Authority and the City of Sheffield Lake and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Resolution Passes#27-14

Council#028 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance authorizing the issuance of one hundred ninety-fix thousand dollars (196,000) of notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of making permanent public improvements to various city facilities consisting of repairing and replacing roofs, resurfacing

parking lots and repairing, and remodeling various city buildings, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#28-14

Council#029 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance authorizing the issuance of four hundred two thousand dollars (\$402,000) of notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of purchasing, acquiring, replacing or updating vehicles and equipment for various city departments, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#29-14

Council#030 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance authorizing the issuance of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) of notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purposes of (I) improving new parks within the city with the construction of a boat launch ramp facility and improvements related thereto; (II) improvements to new parks with the construction of a boat launch, and (III) improving and repairing Walker Road as a part of phase three of the city's improvements to Walker Road, retiring notes previously issued for such purposes, and declaring a emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#30-14

Council#031 – 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 Cizl for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#31-14

Council#032 – EMERGENCY - an ordinance authorizing the Service Director to advertise for bids and for and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the materials and construction of the Brookside Nature Trail extension and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#32-14

Council#033 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance adopting a capital asset policy for the City of Sheffield Lake and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#33-14

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: President Rosso thanked everyone for coming and I know there is a lot of frustration out there especially on Sheffield/Holl area of the city but trust me we are doing the best we can. I know some of the meetings have been rather lengthy but I feel it is important if you came to let you talk for as long you want.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 9:21 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 June 10, 2014.

MAYOR
Dennis Bring