

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
August 19, 2014**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, August 19, 2014. Council Pro Tem Smith 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: Smith, Kovach, Erdei, Wtulich, Cizl, McCullough, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Treasurer Woods, Law Director Graves, Fire Chief Card

Absent: President Rosso, Service Director Smith (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Fire Fighters; Lt. Brian Davis, FF Joe Cook, FF Wes Mariner, FF Michael Mantle, FF Chad Bowman, FF Jeff Cochran, Demo Board; Chairperson Gee, Civic Center Advisory Board; Rudik and Nicola, Members of the Media; Avon Lake Press, Morning Journal

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

*Council – July 22, 2014* - \*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the July 22, 2014 Council meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Monthly report of court receipts for month of July 2014 - \$9807.50.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Bring submitted Mrs. Heather A. Arkley for the position of part-time Dispatcher for the City of Sheffield Lake Police Department.

\*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to approve the appointment.

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

Mayor Bring submitted Mr. Patrick Starkovick for the position of full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic for the City of Sheffield Lake Fire Department.

**Fire Chief Card** advised this is Patrick Starkovick who is 22 years old and he is a 240 Paramedic and he just finished nursing school and will be taking his boards in the near future and he seems young and ambitious and he will make a good addition to our Fire Department.

\*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to approve the appointment.  
ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL: Yeas All – McCullough, Kovach, Cizl, Erdei, Wtulich, Smith.

*Mayor Bring swore in Heather A. Arkley for the position of part-time Dispatcher for the City of Sheffield Lake Police Department.  
Mayor Bring swore in Patrick J. Starkovick for the position of Full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic for the City of Sheffield Lake Fire Department.*

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**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:** Council Representative Cizl reported the roof over at the Community Center continues to leak and they have identified 2 problems; one is still on the west side of the building and the other part are where the solar panels are putting too much penetration on the roof. They are in the of getting that looked at and estimated out to see how much it would costs to repair that. Ohio Edison project is complete, they have installed 2 conduits underneath the parking lot and the utility pole in front of the building that was obstructing the solar panels has been removed. So all of the electrical supply is now underground and the next step will be getting bids to repave the entire parking lot because it is in real bad shape. The Community Center will now have public WIFI with the high speed cable on an internet line that is installed underground. Also CCC paid for the annual waxing and sealing of the floors. The Little Free Library continues to be very popular, people coming and going taking and giving books. So that has been a huge success for the new program. The Community sponsored youth recreation craft program which started this summer was very, very successful – thanks to Debbie Suarez who oversaw that. They posted 2 youth events throughout the summer and the first was reported at the last meeting and it was a 6-week craft program and the second was a drama theater program that included daily rehearsals and concluded with 2 shows. The other information that I will share with you is about the building use; Marge Forrester has announced that she is going to be retiring and from what I understand she has been the Office Manager for many, many, many years and I wanted to make sure that Council was aware of that. Meals on Wheels continues to supply up to 85 meals a day and the Community Center has been continuing the use of clubs, classes, show events and organizations. Councilman McCullough stated Lenny was supposed to look into those solar panels because the winds off the lake is actually pulling them from the roof and I thought that was fixed once. Mayor Bring advised

it is under warranty./*Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None./Council Representative to the Planning Commission: None./Council Representative to the Park Board:* Member Kovach reviewed the minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**MAYORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring reported we had another little glitch over there at the Water Department, the information for the water bills given to CMI was incorrect. We found the error pretty much immediately so we corrected that and sent out a new bill but again this one was not on CMI because the information was incorrect that we sent to them. So I just want to clear that up and I just want to thank the County because we did get some help this year again. They pay for the young men and women to come here and work at no costs to our city and they will be going back to school here in another week. It was a big help in the Parks and in the Water Department there was a nice young lady in there so I just want to thank the County for that. Councilman McCullough asked CMI didn't catch that the year was wrong on those water bills? Mayor Bring answered no it was totally our fault. In some cases you would like to blame somebody but you know if you are wrong then you are wrong and you got to admit it. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by McCullough to accept the report. Yeas All./**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:** Finance Director Smith advised I have some changes in front of you; Council#046 is for the advance out to our Federal fund where our Nature Trail is going to get funded out of. We have to front the money out of general fund to that until it is finished and then the Feds will send it back and I will have to put it back in the Federal funds and then transfer it back to general fund. Unfortunately it is just how they require it but since those are both transfers you will see the one advancing out of general fund and the other one advancing out of the Federal. So once it goes in then we do our project and pay for it out of the Federal and then go back in and then it will go back to general fund. Council#047 is a whole list of little tweaks that we could use through the end of the year. There is some funds that we won't be needing, I decreased those and increased several and changed around how I would like to establish some accounts for computer support because it has always been co-mingled in office expenses but then sometimes at the end of the year we run out of one or the other so I just want to break it out. Also CMI has billed me for a half a year of the support because they want to make all the billing start at the beginning of the year so I paid for half a year which confused it a little bit too but I wasn't prepared for that at the beginning of this year. I just got though so that is part of it. There is an increase in grant expense for the administration on the grant that we got and we got \$24,000.00 back from Lorain County for Lead Grants that we did throughout the year in our city and we need to now pay the Administrator

for that. There is several changes in Police and Fire salaries and that is to just tweak through the end of the year. These are areas that we knew we would either be cutting people but thanks to the passage of our income tax increase we are now able to fill those positions like we did tonight – to fill those positions. We have another one of our younger Fire Fighters is leaving and that is really the reason we appointed this gentlemen tonight to fill that position. Had we not filled it we would have had to pay a lot of overtime costs. Mayor Bring advised \$55,000.00. Finance Director Smith concurred that in overtime, so we will save a nice chunk by actually hiring a new person. The other things are just small; there is equipment and repair – we got a Homeland Security grant refund – I am just giving it back to the Fire Department in the amount of \$774.15. We have some engineering costs to redo the Community Center and the City Hall parking lots. Park maintenance – we have had some issues with some of our equipment in park maintenance and keep in mind that when I built the 2014 budget it was extremely lean and now we have a little bit of wiggle room – not a lot because we don't have all of our funds coming in until probably next year or later in next year but at least we can function now. There is an increase for road right-of-way for the Nature Trail; materials and supplies in 205/207. Then in the Federal grant I always figure just a basic amount at the beginning of the year which was \$300,000.00 and there really is no funds behind that, I am decreasing that and then increasing for the actual expense on what I was talking about earlier on the Nature Trail. The one is the transfer in and this one is the expense and then there is an expense to transfer it back to general fund. If anybody has a question on that, I could see how that could be confusing – let me know and I will be happy to go over that with you. Then there are some other minor again computer support, some postage costs and that is really about it. Councilman McCullough asked why are we increasing Shoreway operating \$20,000.00? Finance Director Smith answered we have had several roof issues. Councilman McCullough asked is that Community Center or is that Shoreway? Finance Director Smith answered no that is Shoreway – that is 105 which is strictly Shoreway that is not general fund money at all. That is just Shoreway operating money, we have had a couple of real bad issues with the roof and we aren't necessarily going to spend that money but I want to have it available if we need it. Councilman McCullough asked in their leases they are not reasonable for the roof. Law Director Graves advised if it is the result of a minor problem, minor maintenance type problem and it is normally the tenant's responsibility but if it is a major problem regarding the roof then it is our responsibility. Councilman Cizl asked at the Shoreway Shopping Center they are doing some repair to the dock in the back too? Finance Director Smith answered yes we had to rebuild that because that was actually quite a hazard there. They redid the whole edge to that so that is really much nicer. \*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to accept the

report. Yeas All./**TREASURER REPORT:** Treasurer Woods advised my report is attached. Councilman McCullough stated Jim I don't have my glasses on, are these NSF checks building again? Finance Director Smith answered no they should not, those are actually all direct deposit that gets back to us which sometimes takes Lisa 2 to 3 weeks to amend it. No those are not building again, we have a whole new process on how we do those – we bill them back to the accounts and obviously those she may not have gotten notification until closer to the end of the month.

**/SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring reported Service Director Smith gave me a little list of things and actually Mr. Kovach touched on a couple of them here. If anybody has been paying attention we did do some repaving of some roads around the city, in particular Belle and Brockley which were absolute disasters. We did get a complaint about Brockley because we did not do it back in concrete and we did it with asphalt so I am just passing it along to you but it just seems like nobody is satisfied with whatever we do around here. But I would say that Griffith Paving did a pretty nice job. They are working on the bike trail; the extension and they did do piping. We will be doing some bulldozer work over there, we are going to be farming out some other parts of that and then there is also a boardwalk that needs to be constructed that we are going to do for that too. So that is underway and also the county at the same time is doing the other end which will connect to the Safe Routes to School. They are going to put stone down there, they are not going to put the asphalt down but it is still going to be able to be used so that will be a pretty nice trail – very nice when we get done with all that. Also Bramhall Engineering is doing the engineering of the parking lot out here and the Civic Center and those will both be repaved over. Jerry our Parks guy is going to do extra garbage cans and picnic tables at Guenther Park for the party that they are going to have for the show. We have been doing some striping of the roads, we try to do this periodically because they wear out and it is a safety issue. We did Irving Park and got a complaint about that saying it was useless and a waste of money but again these are all for safety as the darker hours are coming and the inclement weather comes. So this is why we do things, strictly we are not wasting money so there is a purpose for all of this stuff. We did get new radios for the Policemen and in the interim we did find out that channel 4 was still static so we had to call out the company and we found out we had a repeater problem so we got that fixed. We did apply for a grant for bullet proof vest and we did get that and we have got the vest in. We did get some extra holders for the vest that we had to pay for, we didn't get completely 50/50 but still now the guys are all safe and in compliance because go out of warranty so to speak so we have to replace them. We did get the other cot for the other ambulance and that was installed the other so the both of those are being used and we put that other ambulance up in front so we would be rotating both ambulance so we don't wear the one out so that will be done also.

Councilman McCullough stated Brockley was paid for by those residents and that was put on 32 years on their taxes and they ran out a couple of years ago. Anybody who says that it didn't go back in concrete they don't have anything to stand. The resident decided to put that in concrete and it was 33 years ago now. So just so you know, that was their decision and the city came back behind and fixed the road now. If you get any calls off of that street that was the reason. Councilman Wtulich asked is there any update on the restaurant – the Driftwood Café? Mayor Bring answered what we just talked about was part of the roof problem, so they put the hood in (exhaust) which had to go through the roof. There has been quite a delay for the fact that has to be steel studs and there has to be inspections and that all took much longer than we anticipated. The gentleman that was doing it had a 3-week delay because of other commitments and we put the hole in the roof the other day as I was here on Saturday with Kalinoski up on the roof with the flashing and we got our fingers crossed that we have got that. We had the gentleman today down there finishing up the electrical for that, he has got 2 more days of work for that and then 2 more days for her with him doing some other odds and ends. Hopefully in another week here everything will be finished and cleaned up and she will be able to open that restaurant. She is getting very anxious and I am getting very anxious and I just wish it would have been done sooner. We are trying to do the best job that we can. Councilman Cizl stated I had a question from a community member – they noticed that the neighboring town a big LCD projector outside the City Hall and they are asking is there any thought of putting one at Shoreway Shopping Center underneath because it can't possibly update and whatever else. I don't know the costs of that but they said in our discussion we were talking about signs for like the snow ban or whatever and they suggested the shopping center instead of City Hall here because it doesn't get that much traffic. I thought that is a good idea and I thought I would pass it on to you. Mayor Bring advised there was something sent to me about 2 or maybe 3 months ago about 2 kiosk's that this company would come and put them up in the city and we would pay for advertising on them and I had Mr. Hastings check into that via email. I think we got a little bit of correspondence back so I am still checking into that and we are looking into doing something like that. \*Motion by McCullough/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All./**SAFETY DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring advised I don't know if anybody read the paper the other day where they were talking about the regionalization of Rocky River, Chagrin Falls are all asking for some type of tax increased because of lost revenue from the state and they are talking about the state wants smaller towns like us to merge with other towns. I have not seen a plan for this and I have not even heard of a plan of how they would even conceive of doing that. We have contracts that are signed through our Police, Fire Departments; we have equipment, the manpower, we in positions; Mayor,

Finance Director, etc. I don't know how that would ever work but if you read the paper there is quite a lengthy article about that. I wish if they were pushing that we would see some kind of a plan in writing that the cities could actually look at. One of the gentlemen – the Mayor from Chagrin Falls I think made a suggestion that that would like the State of Ohio merging with the State of Michigan and saying okay we are going to work this out. I don't even know how they would even start to be honest with you. I just want to bring that up to you – that is what they are pushing so I am assuming down the line here that we are probably going to get more cuts so we are very, very careful with how and what we do with our money. I know Tammy and I have been very cautious with everything. I am just anticipating and I am not trying to scare anybody but the more and more I see and the more and more read that it just seems like they are going to take more funds from us. I just want to bring that up to you. Councilman McCullough stated I didn't see a need for ATV (gator) but I have made and I think probably Officer Urig is who I have seen on it more – it made our Police Department very approachable. They are not in uniform, they are in a yellow shirt. Mayor Bring advised we have also caught a couple of people we would never caught. Councilman McCullough stated he told one night he caught somebody with firearms on the bike trail but it makes them very approachable. In fact when he pulled up out front of my house – I did not hear him. I heard the police car come up but I did not hear him come up and as much as I shook my head and said whatever, when used right and he has been using it right he is very approachable and people are not afraid to come up and talk to him and that is probably a good thing. It is nice that they are getting use out of it. Like I said I just wanted to make a comment and pass it on to Dave. I haven't seen any other guys on it but kind of work it like Dave does but he gets up the side streets and slows down around kids and he lets them know he is there. He makes it very comfortable. Mayor Bring advised on that we have gone down to the beaches and we are able to drive down to the beaches with it and we have gone in all the parks in the back. When this bike path gets back which is all along the woods we will be able to go through there and I actually took the Finance Director for a ride the other day on that and it was very muddy and it was in single drive in high speed and didn't even spin a tire. The Fire Department used it already and the Parks Department has used it – it is a multi-use vehicle which we are going to get a snowplow for it and also a salt spreader to hook up in the back so Jerry will be able to use that in the winter time to do the bike path around the Community Center, here at City Hall and any other places that we can't get a bigger vehicle into. He is going to use that as it does have a heater in it so that vehicle will get used pretty extensively. We used that the other day and drove 4 or 5 hours in the Police Department and basically we probably used a gallon and a half of gas. It is very efficient and goes 55 miles an hour so it is not someone is going to get away from

them and he is able to respond and this is used as a third vehicle in the evenings but not as a primary vehicle. We still have 2 Police Officers out there in the police cruisers. This is used as a separate vehicle just to do the patrolling like Mr. McCullough said – it gives you the opportunity to get up close and talk to everybody and we have had some response from the kids because they know they can't get away from stuff. It is not the fact that they are doing something wrong – it is just that there is more Police presence out there, we are not trying to arrest people we are just showing that if you do something wrong you are going to get in trouble for it. We just want to keep that presence out there. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**LAW DIRECTOR REPORT:** Law Director Graves advised not a lot to report tonight, continue to work on a number of projects which you are all familiar with. We are engaged in collective bargaining with OPBA, the FOP and the IAFF and will keep you apprised of how those negotiations proceed. He advised Council wants an update on any on-going litigation involving the city they would have to do that in executive session. He continued Council#045 which is changing the manner in which the Electrical Inspector is paid. Currently he is paid per inspection, just amend that to make it an hourly employee. Not really changing how much he is going to be – just making it paid per hour with each inspection not to exceed one hour and that has to do with continuing his PERS that he has participated in up to this point. Councilman McCullough asked do we need an executive session? Law Director Graves answered no not at this time. I am not requesting one. Councilman Wtulich asked have you looked anymore into the sweepstakes? Law Director Graves answered I have 2 or maybe 3 applications in my office for a new variation of internet sweepstake cafes. I have spoken with individuals at the State and in my opinion the new proposals would not be legal. We will continue to look at those and continue to review them but at this point I don't believe that they would qualify under the existing State code. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:**

**Gloria Dossa, 767 Grantwood** stated I have a question – we walk quite a bit through Sheffield Lake and the other day we came upon a big chicken coop and it is on the corner of Lakewood Beach and Forestlawn. I mean if you are going behind a car you don't see it, there is so much crap on that property – it is a corner property. This chicken thing is – I couldn't tell how big it is but they have got it all fenced in with this wire mesh stuff. There is lots of chickens, not just a couple - a few. What is the code? Are we allowed to raise chickens in the city? It is 886 Lakewood Beach and it is a yellow ranch with a huge garage and I forget what the sign says. I just noticed it this afternoon when I happened to pass by and I thought the garage is filled with crap and there is a big boat. They moved the boat now – it

is in front of this big chicken thing. So I couldn't tell you if they got a rooster, I didn't hear anybody complaining about that but somebody asked me and I said I have only been here 6 years. Councilman Cizl advised I live on that block and I have never heard them. Mrs. Dossa stated evidently not too many people have but there are chickens there. Then they have got a little thing where they must put them in at night right in that. I don't know how the neighbors are handling it. Law Director Graves advised we will take a look at it and explained code for farm type animals. Mrs. Dossa stated they will draw the animals and the rodents unless they got a sa-loo of cats around there. She advised she had not seen the ATV yet.

**Doris Peterson, 930 Stark** stated we have a very serious problem with the woman living next door. She has got 2 grandchildren that are constantly in the roadway riding up and down the street in and out of the driveways, so fast on the sidewalk that they almost run you over. I have been complaining about this months, I took a whole bag of stuff that was in my backyard from a woman's fence 2 doors down; one of the slants – I have had gloves, balls, rocks, big pieces of sandstone thrown by my patio door. It is lucky it didn't break, it must have hit the screening. I wrote her a letter even telling her that she needs the responsibility to start taking care of these kids. She just lets them out the door and they do whatever they want. So anyhow all of a sudden now she had a sign put up supposedly “slow children at play”. It is like a babysitter that she can be on the street, in other words the sign allows them to be on the street. I have lived there for 42 years and we have all had kids, there are about 60 kids on Stark Street when we moved there. The kids didn't play there, they played in the school or the nice park up on South Drive. I say something to her, whatever those kids do – she either gives me the finger or tells me to F--- off; it is none of my business. One of her grandchildren will stand behind, right in front of my car and I told him to get out of the street and she just about attacks me about it – it was none of \_\_\_\_\_ business. I said it is my \_\_\_\_\_ business and you better start taking care of your kids but she went around and got a petition that she wants a sign put up and she blamed my husband and I for taking that sign down. We were out of town and I just happened to notice it was gone and she went up and down the street telling everybody that we took it down. I had no part of taking it down. This is getting out of hand with these kids. It is getting to the point that they are on the street and they run in and out – they are 5 and 7 years old and they are mentally challenged. They shouldn't even be on the street. We have told them don't play on the parking lot, they throw rocks at our cars/they play with metal bats; toss a stone and hit it and you know how far a stone goes. They have hit our cars and my husband has got an antique truck – 4 years old and just had it painted and a new engine put in it. We have got a lot of investment in this house and it is just getting out of hand. She is a renter and my question is is there any ordinance for a landlord, if they have to be responsible and accountable for

their tenants? The landlords – I don't give a darn as long as they get their rent. I am a landlord and I wouldn't put up with that at all. I think something should be done about the landlords in Sheffield Lake. There has got to be something taken care of with this. I mean they are getting the rent money and everything and they could care less what is going on. We have a house in Lorain and they are after the landlords all the time; if their grass isn't cut – everything. They write to you, call and tell you your tenant is doing or that. I make sure my tenants stay under control or I evict them and for people who have put this much money in our streets. We all have nice homes then we have someone come in there and just the heck with everything. Law Director Graves advised the ordinance that we have provides for a landlord to be held responsible for the actions of a tenant if they are propitiating a public nuisance. Mrs. Peterson stated oh boy that is a nuisance. Law Director Graves explained a public nuisance would be criminal activity and I know the police are aware of the situation and there has been complaints back and forth as you are aware. They have made complaints, you have made complaints. If you witness anything that you think might be criminal please report it. If there is property maintenance issues that you see then make those known to the Building Department. Mrs. Peterson continued but the age of these children isn't she responsible for these children playing out in the street stopping traffic, always between 4 pm at night when people are coming home from work or 5 o'clock and they have to come to a complete halt because these kids are out there. They are deviant and they give you the finger as they ride by because they don't care. Law Director Graves asked how old are these children? Mrs. Peterson answered one is 5 and the one is going to be 8 this month. Law Director Graves advised well if you witness that again let the Police know. Mrs. Peterson stated I think they are sick of hearing from us. Law Director Graves advised child endangering is a subjective offense based on responsibility of the child and nature of the circumstances. Mrs. Peterson stated she will deny it, she says oh I watch those kids all the time. She is never out there with those kids. I just want to get this clear that this is really getting out of hand and a lot of the neighbors don't want to say nothing because they don't want to step on anybody toes but everybody around there has had it and they just overlook it. Well when they get something serious happening; one of their cars or something happens to one of those kids one day – a big lawsuit will be coming when someone hits those kids. Council Pro Tem Smith advised it sounds like you are going through the right process. Mrs. Peterson stated like I say Alan something has to be done about it. These kids are out of hand. Council Pro Tem Smith advised unfortunately you can't legislate parents to take care of their kids. I mean the city can't order them to take care of their kids, it is just something parents need to do. Mrs. Peterson stated but the landlords should step in also. Council Pro Tem Smith advised unless it is criminal like criminal damage to your car or trucks. Like

he said just keep calling and on property maintenance call the Building Department. Councilman Kovach advised pictures are worth a thousand words. If they are in the street then they won't be able to deny that. Mrs. Peterson stated I took some pictures but so far we can't distinguish their faces. They play baseball and they got home base in the middle of the street, first base is the guy across street from me then second base and then the third base. They are batting towards my house and then they get out there with basketballs and an older boy plays with them and they shoot them into my yard and break my geraniums and my plants and hit our cars. Then these bats with these stones, I mean imagine hitting big stones at people's houses. I don't know why people don't report it but they don't. We sit there and we watch all this.

**Robert Ebenschweller, 362 Cove Beach** stated I would like to discuss about the property maintenance code in the City of Sheffield Lake particularly in my neighborhood. I got a couple of situations there that as far as I am concerned bring down the property values of the surrounding residents. When you are three quarters home and I am starting to think philosophically so I am starting to worry about your investments and the time that you will have to cash in on it. You know when you may have to go to assisted living or whatever and you want to have the best buck from your house. I don't understand why these properties have been allowed to go into disrepair the way they have. I pursued this a couple of years ago and they said well it is in foreclosure and foreclosure has been done with. It is a limited liability company by a group of Lawyers and they sat on it, made no improvements, no maintenance whatever. They got signs hanging down in the front of it, they got debris laying in the front of it, weeds are growing and I don't where there is a hands off attitude or if it is one of these things that you can't fight them because they will beat you every time. Specifically I am talking about Abbe Road Lumber sown by an outfit called For PGLLD which was registered by Kenneth Stumphouser who is a resident of our city. I don't know whether anybody has ever contacted him about that or not but it seems to me that if somebody like that should have a little pride in the city being influential as he is. My experience has been in the last couple of months or whatever to go the authority directly responsible and all I am met with is denial of responsibility; that is not my job – that is the Fire Department, that is not my job – that is the Police Department. I am pretty fed up with it to tell you the truth. I try to hold my patience a little bit about it but I have taken some pictures of some of the stuff over there; some I left in the form right off the camera and some I have added comments, some of them I manipulate a little bit with some dark humor to show my disgust about a situation. So I wonder where is our community pride – this is so obvious it is arguably the busiest intersection in the City of Sheffield Lake. People come in our town and who knows somebody might be looking for a opportunity to do something and they

see something like that. Then they say I don't want to come into this town. We have businesses in this city that have long closed but their signs are still up; couple of them are the internet cafes. A restaurant, a drive through – even the City of Sheffield Lake itself – I guess it is a violation. We don't have a Bowling Alley anymore but it is still advertised of it. So I think maybe we ought to start looking a little harder at community pride and address these issues with people and I think there ought to be a little bit of talking to with the particular authority in this city about what the responsibilities of the job are.

**Annie Stinowsky Debrowski, 3753 Tennyson Avenue** stated I have just moved here in April and I came from Brooklyn Ohio with 20 years there and 15 years Slavic Village which is East 63<sup>rd</sup> in Cleveland/Fleet Avenue – Broadway; intercity. Intercity for 15 years of my young adulthood, married 36 years/divorced now. What I am trying to bring up is a new comer to this community is when you have what that gentleman had said about homes not being taken care of, signs left up that aged and falling. As in Slavic Village – walk the walk; you have got intercity here, allowing intercity here by letting everything dilapidate. It looks like 1965 around here, I was a kid in 1965 and I don't want to relive it. I sure don't want to go through Hough riots here either, consider that era. Now what I am trying to say is in Brooklyn, they brought that electric sign in that you mentioned and they started bringing up the community. Brooklyn is a postage stamp of 4000 people in a 2 mile radius – it is nothing but when you go there you can feel they are building, they have got a city plan. There is things happening, when you walk into a meeting they shake your hand and they say hello, hey you are new to the neighborhood aren't you. Well when I came in one young lady said hi. Look at the room – so that welcoming feeling in the neighborhood is really needed. I have grandchildren, 4 adult sons looking for a new community and if I were coming in now and my kids were still in school – what would I be looking for; how do they keep up their lawns, dogs, cats and what is going on in school system/what do they do after school – get off of the street, where do they go. In Cleveland – free Rec Centers and the High School in Brooklyn kept the Basketball Courts open until late. So when you tell them to get off the street, get busy/your 15 what are you doing out here. They are saying okay where am I going. They will go to the neighborhood playground as in Slavic Village we had brand new playgrounds put up in the 80's and 90's. Well the teens went in there and burned them up, I mean lit them on fire and burned them up because they were bored. Nowhere to go but told to behave. So you want a welcoming committee you want to help each other bring new life – my age group. Baby boomers are starting to leave the earth, my age group – there is so many of us but we are leaving so who is coming up after us – the next generation. Does my son that is 35 years old want to pick up his little 4 and 2 year old and live here? He said no he is happy in Bay Village. He drove through here

and he said this place is getting older by the minute, I feel it. Just like he was raised in Slavic Village he came from the Hood and now he has his own business, a family and he doesn't want to live out here. He likes Bay Village so you have to consider taxes, the school system – all of that we are thinking about here and now. I have to pay the taxes for this and that, the next generation is coming in because we are leaving. They have to pay the taxes for they want, what do they want – technology, new stuff, up and coming. They don't want the old dreary grandma/grandpa stuff. What do our schools have to offer for them – I don't know, my youngest is 18. So consider having people come live here wanting to put money into property. What are they looking for you don't want the city to die out because our generation is. Oh I did get my answer as far as safety on the trail I understand that there is that new vehicle running around on the trail. So that is what my concern was. I don't want anybody getting jumped, remember that term – jumped.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Councilman Kovach advised the one thing that I forgot to do in my Park report was to thank Debbie Suarez adamantly over the Summer Program that she had put on for the Rec Department. She did very well with the limited amount of help that you had. Mrs. Suarez advised I ended up having a good crew and they were wonderful and we had a wonderful turn-out and also a great time. We all want to do again next year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to amend the agenda to include Council numbers 046 and 047. ROLL CALL TO AMEND: Yeas All – Cizl, McCullough, Wtulich, Kovach, Erdei, Smith.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#045 – FIRST READING – an ordinance amending section 137.07(d) of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake regarding the rate of pay for the Electrical Inspector effective January 1, 2014 and the declaring of an emergency.

\*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach for SUSPENSION OF RULES:  
ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: Yeas All – Wtulich, Erdei, Kovach, Smith, McCullough, Cizl.

Councilman McCullough asked this is going to revert back to January 1, 2014 so we really don't need 3 readings on this, this is just cleaning up some paperwork? Finance Director Smith answered right.

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

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

**Ordinance Passes#46-14**

Council#046 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance providing the establishment and increase and decrease of certain funds within the annual appropriations ordinance of the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio and the declaring of an emergency.

\*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach for SUSPENSION OF RULES:  
ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: Yeas All – McCullough, Erdei, Smith, Wtulich, Kovach, Cizl.

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

**Ordinance Passes#47-14**

Council#047 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance providing for the establishment and increase and decrease of certain funds within the annual appropriations ordinance of the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio and the declaring of an emergency.

\*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach for SUSPENSION OF RULES:  
ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: Yeas All - Kovach, Erdei, Wtulich, Smith, McCullough, Cizl.

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

**Ordinance Passes#48-14**

**COUNCIL PRO TEM: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 8:14 PM. Yeas All.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL AFFIRMATION:** This Meeting Of The City Council Of The City Of Sheffield Lake, Ohio Was Held And Conducted Under All Rules And Regulations Governing The Sunshine Laws Of The State Of Ohio As They May Apply. All meetings are recorded and available in council offices.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES  
*Kay Fantauzzi*

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
*Rick Rosso*

*and/or*

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Council of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of COUNCIL of August 19, 2014.

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COUNCIL PRO TEM

*Alan Smith*

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*