

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
September 9, 2014**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 9, 2014. Council President Rick Rosso called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

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

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

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

Absent: Stark (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Police Sergeant Corr, Demo Board; Chairperson Gee, Civic Center Advisory Board; Nicola, Members of the Media; Avon Lake Press, Chronicle

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council – August 19, 2014 - *Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2014 Council meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Monthly report of court receipts for month of August 2014 - \$6769.00.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Frank H Arvay from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office to award radar unit; Python Bee III. Mr. Frank Arvay presented the award to Police Sergeant Corr of the City of Sheffield Lake Police Department for their outstanding performance to the job of performance duties in the drive sober – get pulled over campaign and the click it or ticket campaign for last year. We thank you for your hard work and your dedication in traffic safety to our State of Ohio.

School Superintendent Michael Cook reported I appreciate being able to address the Council and the Mayor and Officers, my goal tonight is not to try to talk you into a yes vote for the school levy but to just try to give you some facts because I know as Council members people of the community will come to you and say hey what is happening with the levy. If I can give you guys good information, at least you can inform people that are asking you and you are not put on the spot in a weird way. I gave packets out, if you didn't get a packet I have extras. Simply put

we really needed a 16.6 mill levy but we quickly heard that was never going to fly and we couldn't even get any endorsements. So we did drop it to 9.5 mills which is about 2.8 million dollars. The money has nothing to do with the new school, that project is a separate bond issue and we are on budget. This money is just for general operating expenses; school buses, text books, football games – the whole package. The thing is my opinion right now our school has really grown and is ready to blossom and I would really like to see that be able to happen.

Unfortunately we are out of money, at this time next year if we don't pass the levy we will not be able to make payroll. It is a bit of an emergency unfortunately and truthfully I feel bad because we have asked the Village and Lake for the new school and the renewals in the spring. So in your packet I did put in a list since 2005 who has needed new money or asked for new money in the county and you will see that we have not but all the schools in the county have. So we actually have not had a new money levy for about a decade which the way school money has been cut that is a pretty big deal. He continued about 4 years ago the Governor cut 2 billion dollars from school budgets; you know divided up among the districts then he gave a billion back but that still left a billion short. We have cut about 700 thousand dollars over the past couple of years, we have tried to be frugal where teachers have taken freezes but either way we are still going to be short. I did try to put some generally asked questions on the sheets or if you guys have questions that have been burning or if you would like to yell at me about something we could entertain that. Mayor Bring asked my wife wants to know when that school is going to get done? Superintendent Cook answered the school was supposed to be done and first of all it is a 7th through 12th building; there is a 7th and 8th grade wing and then there is a 9th through 12th grade wing. Economically it made sense to share some spaces like the cafeteria and the media center – things like that. So it was supposed to be done in December but with the bad winter we are late on that. We are hoping it will be done by April, by the time we get occupancy permits we are thinking it probably won't be until May so we are going to make the move during summer. So next year for the fall it will be open and I am very interested in giving tours, even this fall as soon as we get it under roof and closed in – I would love to get tours of our old High School and the new school like maybe Friday night before a football game or something like that. But for sure in the spring when it is open I want as many people to come to it as possible. Mayor Bring asked since the school is a little bit south of us and it is in a different community I know that myself and all of Council here are worried about our tax dollars because we are also paying tax dollars to build the school and you know we are not getting the benefits of bringing the tax dollars back and I think we are all kind of curious on how that is going to work and future plans and what it is going to do for us. Superintendent Cook answered for the time being we have to close 2 schools

currently as soon as this school opens because grades 3 through 6 will go into the old High School which we are going to renovate. So in an effort to be fair we are closing Barr which is in the Village and we are going to close Tennyson which in the Lake. So we are trying to keep some equity there, we had to pick 2 buildings to go – that is not a complete fix but we are at least trying to be cognizant of that. Then down the road if we ever were to have an elementary building, I don't know if there is something we could try to work out with the Village or somehow I could help facilitate that. I certainly understand the need for that. Councilman Erdei advised I have a lot of people I have run into and they said well this school system mismanaged their money and I don't see any real breakdown of how you are spending it so the public can be aware of what is going on and I think that would be a good idea if you did have some kind of print-out to where it is in writing and they could see where it is going. Superintendent Cook answered I do actually have it in my binder and if we could make copies tonight. It is kind of a pie chart and it also has a spread sheet with the breakdown. Truthfully though in any school district in Ohio, anywhere from 78 to 85 percent does go to teacher's salaries and services. So I mean that is going to be a big portion but it does layout; for instance, we may have a special Ed student whose a mute so we would have to fund that services for that student and that could be a big ticket item. That is all broken down though and I would be happy to show it to you. Councilman McCullough stated the concern – for years this community have shared the schools, for years Sheffield Lake and we are talking a long time ago funded those schools forever. We understood that, that was our job and Sheffield Village had farms and didn't have a tax base. We took care of all that, we kept paying our tax money in over there and Teachers kept getting paid since they are from the Village they pay income tax in the Village and not into the Lake. But our monies are going to pay that and I think what the Mayor is saying is you guys are going to have to come up with something to get Sheffield Lake support that we need to see our tax dollars coming back home because if you go to Avon Lake they spend their tax dollars in Avon Lake for Avon Lake schools. When their Teachers get paid that money somewhat comes back to the City of Avon Lake in income taxes. Sheffield Lake income taxes out of 3 elementary schools don't cut it, not for what we are sending over there with all the Administration paying taxes in the Village and all the support staff paying taxes in the Village. But monies from Sheffield Lake are paying those salaries and now it is getting a little bit more closer and Sheffield goes well everybody is 50/50 – no not for years and it is time to start giving back a little bit. I mean it is time to pay the piper when it comes to some of this stuff and I think that is where everybody in Sheffield Lake is going to have a hard problem when they realize nothing comes back to this city. We pay out but there is no residual effect that comes back even at 2% or 1-1/2% or whatever on income tax. The only income tax

we get is from the staff at Tennyson, half the staff at Knollwood and the staff at Forestlawn. Now you are saying to be fair Barr and Tennyson gets cut - how come the taxes from 6 through 12 isn't get split with Sheffield Lake - it's not, how come half the income tax money from the Administration is not being sent back to Sheffield Lake. Superintendent Cook answered that is a good point, I don't know - just to be honest I don't know that I have the power to change that. I am happy to entertain ideas that you have though Kerry. I honestly don't know that, I just don't know the in's and out's of that. President Rosso advised Mike and I have probably had 3 or 4 conversations regarding this same topic here. Obviously he does not have the authority or the power to do it and thanks to Tammy I provided him a breakdown of Sheffield Lake monies going in for the schools. I think it was 48 something to 51 percent - it is pretty darn close to 50/50. He has been very open to if he could do something he would. Now it is all going to fall on the Village to try to do something but as we mentioned and you just mentioned there Kerry it is going to be the Sheffield Lake voters that either pass it or don't. I agree 100% of what you are saying but this isn't the right - this guy can't do much about it. Councilman McCullough stated I know he can't but that is what he is up against. President Rosso advised my thought was to build it just we did Ford and create a RITA tax district that does them both and then splits it by the percentages which would right now be basically 48/52 or 49/51. So the Village is a couple percent ahead. Anyways he has heard it before - at least 3 times from me and some documentation and probably from Dennis also. Superintendent Cook advised I appreciate you guys fighting for your tax dollars. Councilperson Stark stated I am just going to get real simple - I am going to come from a different direction as a person who has a child that is going to be going into the new building. Now we are asking for this 91 cents a day but I am seeing every year and it is not just me - the fees at the beginning of the year, how much we are having to do produce. My daughter plays volley ball and the amount of money and now we are going to pay more taxes, how do you tell those parents that are working; we want more money to fund Teachers and stuff but we still need you to buy class room supplies; 4 rolls of paper towels, 4 boxes of tissues, etc. But you now want me to spend more money. How do you tell a parent what are they getting back from that. Superintendent Cook advised I can't lie the burden just keeps increasing and I don't want to place the blame on the state but they are continually cutting our money and we just don't have anywhere to get it but I do agree. Part of the fee problem is that we have about a 50% free and reduced lunch rate, so half of our kids get free and reduced lunch. What happens is those kids also are eligible for free supplies then so we actually go negative - let's say our total school fees that we put out and then try to get reimbursed. Let's say it is \$100,000.00 so we are in the hole \$50,000.00. So we have actually talked about possibly just waving all fees

altogether. At least one way or the other the school district is paying for the fees but it is hard for that working middle class person who is trying to squeeze everything out of a dollar to come up with school supply money. I get that and we have talked about that. The only thing that I can say is that we do do a transportation fee. The majority of schools in our county do a full pay to play of \$500.00, so we are trying to avoid that. The other thing that we are trying to do is to have some really good programs for kids. You know every year we have kids move away and go to St. Ed's or Elyria Catholic – we are trying to make our High School really current so people want to stay and we don't want to have to cut anything. Councilman Cizl advised I have 2 points; as we found out in the city most of our problems that we have had have trickle down from the government from Columbus. We had it and we were fortunate enough to pass an income tax levy to overcome that – it got us through this year because we were in a fiscal problem. So this is what has actually happened to the schools also, the state government has cut all the schools and city governments and that is probably one of the reasons that you are asking for this levy. That was just a comment. The other thing is just kind of a defense thing is that when you say Teachers, Teachers, Teachers – it really isn't just Teacher's salaries that are classified, it is Administration – it is all salaries, not to just pay Teacher's. Superintendent Cook concurred right about 78 – 85% is all staff including Administration, aids, crossing guards, etc.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: Chairman Cizl reviewed the minutes of the July 7, 2014 minutes. *Motion by Cizl/Kovach to approve the sewer credit of \$43.65 for 715 Sunset Avenue. Yeas All. *Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to approve the sewer credit of \$241.53 for 4885 Pinewood Avenue. Yeas All. *Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to approve the sewer credit of \$261.90 for 820 Maplewood Avenue. Yeas All. *Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to approve the sewer credit of \$305.55 for 865 Lakewood Beach Drive. Yeas All. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to accept the report. Yeas All./**Safety:** Chairperson Stark reviewed the minutes of the September 3, 2014 meeting. *Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** Chairman McCullough reviewed the minutes of the September 4, 2014 meeting. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to accept the report. Yeas All./**Ordinance:** Chairman Kovach reviewed the minutes of the September 4, 2014 meeting. President Rosso clarified with Law Director Graves – I would have sworn we addressed the chicken issue when the guy on Warwick had the chickens and roosters and that we put something in that prevented that going forward once they mysteriously disappeared. Law Director Graves explained we addressed that by

expanding our unreasonable animal noise ordinance which dealt with the rooster and right now we do have ordinances for unreasonable animal noise, property maintenance code maintains you have to keep your yard clean & odor free environment. So just having the chickens in and of itself wouldn't violate the code but we have ordinances on the books where if this becomes a nuisance we can certainly address that. Councilman Cizl asked has there been any complaints because it is down the street from me but I was surprised as I had not heard anything about noise or anything? So I just wondered if there were any complaints brought forward because I think it came out of Council last month? Law Director Graves answered the Building Inspector is aware that they are there and he is keeping an eye on it so if it becomes a problem we will address it. *Motion by Stark/Second by Smith to accept the report. Yeas All./*Finance & Audit: None./Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center: None./Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None./Council Representative to the Planning Commission: None./Council Representative to the Park Board: None.*

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Bring reported the summer is moving way too fast for us and the reason I bring that up is we had talked about doing the Civic Center parking lot this year and also the parking lot here at City Hall. We have got the engineering done on that but I think that for this year we are going to delay that. By the time we would get some of the bids in and everything it would probably be late October at best – so I think that we are going to delay that this year and we will get it as early as possible in the spring time. We will get through the winter time and that way we won't have to worry about tearing it all up with the plows. So if anybody ask about it that is what we are going to do. We do have the website up and running and it is nowhere near where it needs to be. It is much easier to look at and get numbers and move around the website. So everything is slowly getting moved on there and we put some new things which we are going to continue to do that as we go along. But everybody has to be a little patient but we have had some comments and people thanking us but it is up and going. I am very pleased with that, it has been a long time. We already discussed this and I discussed this last night with most of the Council members about the new bike path that we have. That started at Ferndale and goes over to Idlewood, just briefly I am going to rehash that just so everybody else knows what is going on. That is paved right now by the way – I went walking on it today and took pictures of it and it looks great. But the Forestlawn Ditch when it was originally dug out and that is where the bike path runs right next to that. The overage of that ditch was placed on either side of the ditch which is very soft dirt. When the people that were building

the bike path had dug that down there was no solid ground to put that on and the Engineer wanted to put clay down for base and clay works in certain circumstances as a base and then you put the blacktop over top of it. We also put laterals in there every 250 feet and also ran drainage tile along that area but in that area we have wetlands right behind it so if we would have put clay in there it would have failed. I was not pleased about but we were going to come to you and ask for money but we had to take money out of an account to make sure that that was properly formed with aggregate and without that I would have said it would have been 100% failure because that would have heaved up and froze this year and broke and would have been an absolute disaster. So the way it is done now it will work and I am very pleased with the way it came out and then there was another step which was actually going to be a 2-step process as far as the paving and they were going to pave one layer on it and then run back over it with a truck. So I talked to the company and he said that that would not work – that it would just destroy it so we did all this in one paving. Like I said it is done and it looks fantastic. Also in conjunction with that the Metro Parks are connecting with our bike path with just a temporary walkway which will go all the way to the sidewalks for the schools so the kids will be able to use as an access. If you get a chance to go down there it is worthwhile, the money that was spent I obviously – Lenny knows I was not pleased about that. You know how I get when I get mad, I was jumping up and down and screaming and yelling but it had to be done. Now with the Metro Parks putting theirs in – they are having a little bit of an issue over there too because the ground is so soft but when that gets done we are going to have a ribbon cutting ceremony. I talked to Jim Siminic the other day who is the new Director for the Metro Parks and he wants to get together. We will probably get the schools involved and stuff like that and have a little presentation. We are very excited about that and if anybody gets a chance please go down there, like I said I am going to put some pictures on the website that I take some of the bike trail. We already had an animal that was already using the bike path. I went down there this afternoon and there was deer walking down the bike path just kind of looking around. I went around the corner and there was 30 wild turkey and numerous deer. I think it is going to be a lot of fun for everybody to walk down. I did get asked by a few people about putting some lights up and I was down there tonight walking along that path. There are telephone poles along that whole path which I think what we are going to do is probably look at getting some solar lighting and somehow maybe contact the Electric Company to see if we can't mount that solar light to the poles and at least light that area up a little bit. I know that Brett Schremp was concerned about that the other day and we talked about it. So that is something that we will be looking into. Law Director Graves advised if you did go out and take a look at the new bike path portion which begins at Ferndale Park you will notice a

gap in the paving that is qua'si-wet and what we decided to do is construct a boardwalk. The city is going to be putting a boardwalk portion there which is between the asphalt which has 0 environmental impact. So that gap you notice – that is going to be a boardwalk that is about 75 feet. Mayor Bring advised the material for that is being dropped off tomorrow. There is going to be some kind of a ramp on either end of that to get on the top of it because it is going to be about 10 to 12 inches higher than what the bike path is. Again going back to the website, we had Debbie Suarez in here the other day and we talked about some things. I will say that she is getting a lot of positive feedback on her Facebook page. There are a lot of people in the city now anxious to see us move forward. I want to keep this positive attitude up and I think that everybody up here needs to start promoting us a little bit better. We are finally able to maybe start turning a corner here a little bit. It has been a very long time that we have been struggling and it is no different than what Mr. Cook just stood up and said regarding cuts from the state. There is not a city or school system around here that hasn't been affected by all this but fortunately we were able to pass issue#23. I will be going to AFL-CIO on Thursday to thank them for their participation in helping us. There is very few negative comments going on anymore. I think the positive things are out-weighting that and Debbie has seen that. I think she has got 1300 people that are on that website so there are people starving to see this thing move forward and that is what I want to keep that attitude going. I would appreciate everybody's help for that. We have the Fall Festival that starts on Thursday which the rides start Thursday and then Friday, Saturday and Sunday and hopefully we don't have snow. We are supposed to have rain I think tonight or tomorrow but then it is supposed to be pretty nice and I know Heather put a lot of work into this. I hope everybody goes down and looks at that and enjoys that. I think we are supposed to have a car show, crafters, food booths. So take advantage of that please and hopefully we will get some pictures of that and get those on the website too. Councilman Cizl advised just a comment – growing up here in Sheffield Lake like most of us have it was wonderful driving down Ferndale last night. I went back to when I was a kid going down Ferndale which was gravel most of the time. But going down Ferndale at like 6 o'clock at night and all you see is – I counted I think 12 to 15 couples, people walking their dogs down the sidewalk. I remembered being a kid when that just wasn't there and it is good to realize how far we have come in Sheffield Lake and I appreciate everything the Mayor has said and I totally agree that we need to do more of that. Treasurer Woods asked on that path, do you think anybody – the Village or Parks will be putting in camera's on that trail? Mayor Bring answered it is possible, we just added camera's to other parks in the city. That would have to be off of a tower because we don't have any cables over there right now. So we would have to look into that in the future. The Metro Parks part of it right now is

just temporary, they want to put in the same kind of path – 8 foot wide and that has got to wind through the woods over there. They are getting a little feedback from the EPA. For right now it is just going to be a small temporary walkway. But we will look into that but that probably won't happen this year or next year. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Stark to accept the report. Yeas All./**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:** Finance Director Smith reported I have appropriation changes this evening that you have before you which she explained. *Motion by Stark/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All./**TREASURER REPORT:** Treasurer Woods advised report is attached. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All./**SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Service Director Smith reported no report detailed reports at committee's which are attached tonight. He advised David did acquire a grant – Lorain County Solid Waste grant portion that we used. It was approximately \$9000.00 for the benches, the kiosk's and some amenities to go along the bike trail. *Motion by Stark/Second by Smith to accept the report. Yeas All./**SAFETY DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring advised just a couple of things and I don't know who is doing this but it is a serious thing but we have had some stop signs that have spray painted and/or damaged or knocked down. I will tell you that if there is an accident or something happens with this and these people get caught – there could be some serious charges with this. It is not funny, I don't take this lightly – if we do catch whoever is doing this we will penalize them as much as we possibly can. If anybody knows of anybody doing anything please inform them that I am not real happy about it. If I catch them they are not going to be real pleased with me and I am not going to be real pleased with them and besides that those signs are very expensive and they will end up paying for them. The other thing is is that we had a resignation in our Fire Department. One of the new hires – Mike Mantle has turned his resignation in. The reason for that is that if you remember when we hired him that even though when we interviewed him and said he would stay here forever and he was so happy everything else but he also worked at Mayfield Heights. If you remember his Chief was here and he was extremely sad to see Mr. Mantle leave. What happened is that Mayfield Heights still doesn't have any money but they have also changed some things over there and they had a lot of the older gentlemen that were on the Fire Department and he was one of the top ones so he immediately got seniority. So you can't blame him and I told Tim Card I don't want to have any ill feelings and we will get somebody else in here. We are already in the process of looking at getting somebody else in here. He was a good young man but again I can't blame him as he also lives out in Brunswick and he was very happy over there and he is going to be making a little bit more money too. We also had 5 or 6 other candidates that were extremely good so to fill that position we will not have any problems. Councilman McCullough stated I see by the safety minutes about 66 and

about the Chief's vehicle but when are we new cruisers? Mayor Bring answered October. Councilman Erdei stated how are costs for Fire and Police going? Mayor Bring answered we have 2 full-time Dispatchers that were out and the one just came back. We have a full-time Policeman that has been out. When that happens we have to fill those positions which we have part-time people. But we also have part-time people that aren't filling all the positions so it does create an overtime situation. We have certain nights that we have put out 3 Officers and we have 1 Officer go 4 hours on the SUV or something else. I thought during the summer time it might not be a bad thing to have 3 Officers out there during the evenings just to keep things in control. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Stark to accept the report. Yeas All./**LAW DIRECTOR REPORT: None.**

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:

Romolo Debottis, 868 Lake Breeze stated I asked Superintendent Cook to stay around so I could ask some questions and hopefully get the answers to them. He continued I have lived in Sheffield Lake for almost 30 years and brought up 3 children and we have grandchildren now. My wife and I have never, ever, ever not passed a school levy – we have always voted yes and we will probably vote yes again but there is one thing that has been bothering me – it comes down to waste. Maybe you can answer some of these questions that have been rolling around in my head since the school has been under construction. We purchased 50 acres for \$500,000.00 – correct? President Rosso advised I am going to give a little leeway on this but questions regarding specifically the School Board/waste at the School Board or anything like that really needs to go through a School Board meeting. I mean ask question and maybe Mr. Cook can answer but we are not going to spend a long, long time on them. Mr. Debottis continued so we spent \$500,000.00 on 50 acres, correct? Superintendent Cook answered the land was bought about 20 years ago and to be honest off the top of my head I don't know. Mayor Bring advised I was on the School Board then so it was approximately 16 years ago. Mr. Debottis asked was a wetland study done back then? Mayor Bring answered no. Mr. Debottis stated so I guess we had gotten the permit way before we even started construction and that had expired – correct as that is what I was told? I am going to make it quick because I know they don't want me to speak about this. I heard that we never had a wetlands study then we want to start construction and now we have to have a wetlands study and half the acreage was given up for wetlands. Superintendent Cook answered that is true – more than that, to be transparent we had 52 acres and supposedly when it was purchased it was a farm and some of the drainage and irrigation plugged up which made it deem able as a wetland. We had to purchase land to mitigate other places but it wasn't \$500,000.00. Mayor Bring stated the original purchase price was a little bit less than that. Mr. Debottis continued I looked it up and it was right around \$500,000.00 but since then land in

this area – Lake Breeze Road being one of them, Harris Road has gone anywhere from \$1200 to \$3000.00 an acre. I don't know what it goes for now but that was in the last couple of years so I guess my bottom line is we are asking for another school levy and I think we were wrong in buying that land that far ahead. He continued I think we were wrong by not getting a wetlands study on that land. We give half the land now because it is wetlands and now we are asking for more money again. I think there was just a lot of waste there and maybe more than what people actually know in today's dollars. So I just wanted to voice my opinion and I know that this isn't the time or place for it but since you were here I just had to voice that. Superintendent Cook stated certainly you are welcome to come to a Board if you would like.

Joyce Nicola, 218 Mariners Way asked when is the restaurant going to open in the shopping center? Finance Director Smith answered any day, I know she had to do some electrical. Mayor Bring advised there was one part and she was supposed to have had it this weekend and it wasn't there. Service Director Smith advised her Electrician is waiting on her now, he is actually doing things for her such as wiring up the stuff for the Health Department the way it is supposed to be and that is pretty much – the city end is done. Mrs. Nicola asked Service Director Smith 218 Pembridge/Abbotsford – there haven't been any repairs yet? Service Director Smith answered it was put on the list – the Mayor just asked me about it and before the meeting started I texted the Supervisor and what happened was we had a couple of water breaks where he had to supply the men and it was just postponed a few days. Otherwise it would have been done last week.

Robert Ebenschweller, 362 Cove Beach stated I came in early and I had to leave and drive around the block and get some gas and cool off a little bit because I don't come to many meetings anymore. I haven't been and I like to keep up with what is going on by newspaper reports or getting copies of the agenda but I have been informed by Kay that you don't put the meeting minutes in the agenda's – only Council gets that. President Rosso advised you can get a copy on request – Ann Marie Woltman ask for one so I always make an extra one for her every meeting. I will explain why because it was my decision and it was basically we were tight on money and we make 20 copies of these packets every meeting and throw them away because nobody comes. This has been since I have been President of Council – I said anybody wants minutes we will be more than happy to make a copy for you even after tonight's meeting. You can have my copy after tonight's meeting – like I said we were trying to save every dime we could before the tax increase passed but even now it was no sense just throwing paper away. If you want a copy I will be more than happy to make you a copy. Mr. Ebenschweller stated based on experience it goes back to the last Administration when this was readily on the city's website and then all of a sudden they weren't anymore. Then the former

Mayor stated well I got this webmaster working on it and we are going to get it up and I don't think it ever turned out right. The same thing is happening here now, I had a conversation here at city hall about the same thing – oh we got this webmaster. There are things being posted on there about the bridge and all that but the minutes just haven't been kept up since September of last year and I like to go through the minutes of various meetings to see how things transpire so I don't have to come in and say how did this happen and why did that happen? I wanted the Mayor to address part of it, what kind of a time line do we have on bringing these things back up to date. Finance Director Smith answered the webmaster gave our Council Clerk access to that site and the passwords and all the tools to put that on – this afternoon. We are up to date as far as we could and now that the new website is up which has only been up like 4 or 5 days and she just got access to it today. She had an issue with windows 8 which wouldn't allow her to turn her documents into PDF which is what we need to put on the website. There has been no purposeful delay – it is just matter of being short on people and everybody is trying to do every jobs and we just don't have the time to do everything. I know that Mrs. Fantauzzi will be updating that shortly. Mr. Ebenschweller stated does that have to be done one file at a time or can you load a whole batch. Clerk Fantauzzi answered each report has to be done one at a time. President Rosso advised you can have mine after this meeting but if you know you are going to come to a meeting if you just call Kay and give her a heads up she will have a copy made for you. You and Ann Marie since I have been President of Council are the only 2 people that have asked for them. Just watching our pennies. Mayor Bring advised we are actively working on getting City Council meetings back on TV, we have got somebody looking into that. They will be back on and it will be through WOW so a lot of people will be able to watch them. We are doing everything that we possibly can with only 3 people. Councilperson Stark stated if we are going on TV I request a hair and makeup person for I am going to be up here.

Gloria Dossa, 767 Grantwood stated thank you for looking into that chicken deal. I mean I don't know if the neighbors had complained – I just was curious. I didn't see a rooster there.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilman McCullough stated I have been pricing digital voice recorders and I have come with a price anywhere from \$80.00 to \$450.00 to replace this. I can bring this to Worksession.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to amend the agenda to include Council number 049. ROLL CALL TO AMEND: Yeas All – Cizl, McCullough, Wtulich, Kovach, Erdei, Smith, Stark.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#048 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the City of Sheffield Lake to accept and approve the donation of a KA-Band Single Antenna Radar package from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Stark/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Resolution Passes#49-14

Council#049 – 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 Stark for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

*Motion by Stark/Second by Smith for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#50-14

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: President Rosso advised I have always tried to inform and try to get everybody to get involved in the community and Dennis comments earlier about the city starting to a corner – let's get together and build it up. I am going to take a minute here and talk about last month our Family had a kickball tournament and this has been our 4th year in a row in memory of my nephew. The majority of the money goes to the Athletic Department at the High School and Youth Baseball but this has been our biggest year ever. This started 4 years ago and we had 10 or 12 Teams – 100 people and a couple hundred people maybe showed up. This year we had 29 Teams and 400 participants and another couple hundred showed up and spent money and we had our biggest year ever. So this year we were able to give the Brookside Athletic Department \$8300.00. So that means in the 4 years we have given them just over \$24,000.00 from our Family in Bobby's name. We were also able to give Baseball this year they're biggest donation which was \$3115.00. So for the last 4 years we are almost \$11,000.00 to Youth Baseball. I know this year Kerry we gave the Sons of Amvets \$550.00 roughly and I think if we go over the 4 years we are probably anywhere north of \$1500 or a little bit over which they then put it back into the community with other

veterans and things to help the community. The schools put it in the Athletic Department to help with the kids and to buy equipment and Youth Baseball is using a majority of that money – not all of it but a lot of it to make their mortgage payment to carry them through the next year. I usually don't even talk about it but one of the things that came up in my mind is we had 59 people that bought a sponsorship this year – this is anywhere from \$100.00 to get a sign put up at the Baseball Field with their name on it to 20 of them paid \$250.00 to put their names on the back of all 600 shirts to 3 of them paid \$500.00 to put their name on a field and that is where we generate our money from. The thing that I found that is starting to be frustrating as when I look at those 59 sponsors – 3 came from Sheffield Lake as the vast majority doesn't even want to get involved. I think 4 or 5 came from the Village and they are not big companies, such as; Roger that runs Risco's Tavern who is always there for us, Ronny who has some sort of marketing company – he provided all the music and bought a sponsorship. A gentleman named George Rodriguez who owns a towing company called Iron City Recovery – they buy a sponsorship. I don't know the answer but I really think as a community as Dennis was saying we need to get back to that basic, as Mark said we are older and seeing people walk the streets as we now have sidewalks. But we need to build that back – this is our community and let's stick together and make it better. Let's help out where we can help out, I know the Fire Fighters have been volunteering at St. Thomas to do blood pressure and checks sugar. They volunteer at United Methodist at Easter time to help them with their children's Easter Egg Hunts. That is really good and I would like to see the Police get out a little bit more and get to things so the kids get to know them. They should do it on their own, they should get out there – Shawn has always done a great job when he goes to the schools. A lot of time in the past he does that on his own. I usually don't speak about our kickball tournament because I am really not trying to myself or my Family on the back but it is just that we are putting a lot of money back into the city and it is good. It is good to see, it is really good to see. Kerry knows what the Sons of Amvets do, he is on the Board there and that money goes back and gets directly back into helping people. I think that is what a city is about and that is what I think we can be about. We all said – most of us grew up here, we have been here for not as long as Dennis but a long time. But anyways anytime you can get out there and help out or support. Maybe it is just buying that candy bar from the kid that comes to the door or going to a High School Football game. We started off with as I tell everybody a kickball tournament – I said that is the dumbest thing I ever heard of. It turned into and I truly believe this – I think it is the biggest 1 day event in this city. That parking lot gets full and Knollwood gets full. Mayor Bring advised just when I did the opening of the school and you get to talk to all the kids there and I did mention that kickball tournament and basically just about everyone

in the audience stood up and clapped about that – that is how big that is. It is very successful and it is very good. President Rosso advised yes it is – 650 people. If anyone has an event that they are involved with; their church or a group and they want it announced over Council floor – let me know, I will be happy to announce it which is what I am going to do right now. I was involved with a lady named Deb Desillo who actually lives in the Village I believe and she is very involved in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Suicide touched her family a few years ago and she has gone to the schools and offered her assistance for anyone they feel might need someone to talk to. Her daughter passed away a few years and this year they are having a Memorial Fund Raiser at the Civic Center; Octoberfest and I think her daughter's name was Elissa Spence was her daughter's name. So it is September 20 and goes on from 5 to 10, I can't tell you the entire menu other than I know there were pork chops and beer. So if anyone is interested in tickets for that, they are \$25.00 a person and you can contact me and I would be happy to get them tickets. She is a local person, she grew up here and her son David was actually in the truck with Bobby the night of the accident so I have known them for a while. I think we have to get back to neighbors taking care of neighbors and just being there for each other. Councilman McCullough stated Brookside Football Quarterback Club; Night at the Races is Saturday, September 27, 2014 at VFW. The other thing was with what you said about getting involved in the Community, I was hoping this Fall Festival people would get back to the old Community Days type thing. It doesn't seem to have panned out that way yet but I was hoping that more local groups would go back into what they used to do and make it a little more local and not so commercialized. Finance Director Smith advised there is a lot of local crafters that are going to be there, some food vendors – I think you will be pleasantly surprised. Councilman McCullough stated the only thing left at Community Days is St. Thomas' instant bingo. President Rosso advised I had to do a report to the Church Parish Council about that bingo and they are the only local organization left at Community Days and they have been there I think she said since 1964. I forgot about that Kerry until you mentioned – they are the only local ones left up at Community Days. So it is good that people are coming up to the Autumn Festival. Councilman McCullough advised we had about 70 people at the "Up" movie. President Rosso stated I told Lisa that I think that "Picnic in the Park" will get a little bit bigger, the first year is always tough. Law Director Graves advised I would also like to announce one other event that directly effects Sheffield Lake and that is the Lorain County Office on Aging which most of you are aware operates the Meals on Wheels program out of Community Civic Center here in town. They are having their annual Big Band Dance fund raiser and that is going to be September 24, 2014 at the DeLuca's Place in the Park. It is a great event and well attended and tickets are only \$8.00 and I have some tickets if anybody is

interested and that supports the Lorain County Office on Aging and helps to continue programs like Meals on Wheels right here in Sheffield Lake.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to adjourn at 8:17 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 September 9, 2014.

MAYOR
Dennis Bring