

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
September 23, 2014**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 23, 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, Stark, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Treasurer Woods, Law Director Graves, Service Director Smith

Absent: McCullough (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Fire Chief Card and Lieutenants; Davis and Langin, Demo Board; Chairperson Gee, Civic Center Advisory Board; Nicola, Members of the Media; Avon Lake Press, Chronicle

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

**Council – September 9, 2014** - \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2014 Council meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**Council Worksession – September 16, 2014** - \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2014 Council Worksession meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Bring submitted Daniel S Ferror for the position of fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic for the City of Sheffield Lake Fire Department.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to approve Daniel S Ferror for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic for the City of Sheffield Lake Fire Department.

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

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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:**

**None./Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None./Council**

***Representative to the Planning Commission: None./Council Representative to the Park Board:***

Councilman Erdei stated I would just like to thank Lisa for coming back and opening up the concession stand for our Night at the Movies. I was very shocked and a lot of people were really happy and she accepted donations and everything went good for what we had there. So thank you very much. Councilman Cizl asked Member Kovach do you know what the membership is for the Northcoast Community Woodshop. Councilman Kovach answered it is \$250.00 per year. Mayor Bring advised if it is a Sheffield Lake resident it is \$200.00 a year. Law Director Graves asked do you know if they are still accepting donations of power tools, hand tools, etc. Mayor Bring advised we did ask them that and there was a couple of other things that were brought up because I think that Steve had a drawing table that he was going to donate. They do have Board meetings so they would have to run that by the Board. So if you would want to donate they would have to call Ed I believe. Member Kovach answered yes and we are going to have to get the phone numbers. The 2 gentlemen that came last night for the presentation were Jerry Vogel and Ed Halloran, so we will have to get their phone numbers to make contact with them. He was very interested at least the drafting table that I had mentioned to them and I don't know what other tools they might need. I would say they would not have any problems and again he had to run everything across the Board for approval.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

***MAYORS REPORT:*** Mayor Bring advised just a couple of things; Brookside High School is going to have a community bonfire and they have free hot dogs and chips and that is going to be on September 29<sup>th</sup> which is on a Monday and everyone is going to be invited over there. As everyone knows a long time ago the bonfire – one of the colleges I think it was Texas A&M which was quite a bit of a disaster and things fell down and people got hurt/actually killed. So this bonfire is only going to be about 5 ft X 5 ft X 5 ft, so it is very limited but that is what they are only allowed to do. They would really like participation there because they want to want to get all the communities together and show some pride for our schools. So I invite you all down there for that. Also this year Halloween falls on Friday which is the 31<sup>st</sup> I believe but unfortunately most of the area it kind of co-insides with all the big football games. So most of the Mayor's got together via email and they want to push it back to Thursday night so that is when we are going to have it – Thursday night from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. He continued with the completion of the Bike Path over there we had talked about the wood walkway to go over the top of the wetlands which is 65 feet and that is now under construction. We put some caution tape around that because it is elevated and I had several people stopping and asking why it is elevated and I told them it is for exercise. That is not true – we

are going to build a ramp but I just want to tell everybody if anybody is going to walk down but for right now there is caution tape around there so kind of avoid that little area right there. You will have to walk around that area as it is a little bit unsafe and hopefully by the end of the week it should be pretty close to completion. \*Mayor by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:** Finance Director Smith advised I just wanted to invite everybody to go to sheffieldlake.net our website is now up and running. I think it is beautiful and as of today we had Council minutes for 2014 as well as Safety, Buildings & Lands and Ordinance minutes all those minutes are up-to-date and we are working on getting all the ordinances up-to-date and linked onto the website for your reading pleasure. We are uploading pictures, we are just adding lots of things every day. I just spent an hour today with our webmaster learning how to do some things on the website and how to arrange and add things. If anybody has any comments after you view it please give me a call I am here all the time. There is also a link where you can make a suggestion via email or you can call city hall. I welcome any thoughts and ideas. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**TREASURER REPORT: None./SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Councilman Erdei stated when I was going down South Street/West Drive has a street sign that says West Drive but East Drive doesn't have a sign. Was there ever a sign there or did somebody steal it? Service Director Smith answered yes there was a sign there, I don't know what exactly and actually today there were several other signs that I noticed were missing; street signs, off of Ferndale itself. So we will be taking care of those. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

**SAFETY DIRECTORS REPORT: None./LAW DIRECTOR REPORT: None.**  
**CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:**

**Judy Demetriou, 922 Stark** advised I am having a problem – a big problem with water coming in. I have had Ohio State water proofing and I have had B-dry coming out – had it repaired with Ohio State, they repaired it and it lasted a while. Now at the last year they opened the fire hydrants and it flooded the family room just by doing that. I don't know what is going on, I am at my wits end. My house is getting ruined from all the water coming in, there was ankle deep water in that house. President Rosso asked when they flushed the hydrants? Mrs. Dementriou answered yes when they flushed the hydrants it came in but with this last rain it was ankle deep and it has been that way before and I called Ohio State back out again. I told them can you please come out and check and see why this is still leaking and they said it is not their fault. They checked around and everything and everything is like it should be. Then they said out front where the water – we are at the T crossing, so we have water coming up this way and water coming that way and water coming across and then ours comes in here. These are all 6 inch pipes

and we have got a 4 inch pipe and that is why my basement is still getting flooded and mold in there. I can't have that and I just don't what else to do and I don't know who to go to or what to do. Service Director Smith advised I believe you called my department and the consensus was there was no check valve or the check valve was defective in her sump pump. Mrs. Demetriou stated B-Dry checked it and it is fine. Service Director Smith stated the water in the ditch isn't flooding the other houses and water in the ditch is somehow making its way back to her foundation now. Mrs. Demetriou stated the house next door to me flooded this time too. President Rosso asked Len is it coming up through the drain or is it coming in through the sides? Mrs. Stadnick stated it is coming through the corner, I am sorry it is a split level; family room corner where your patio meets your family room. That is the only place it is coming from. Mrs. Demetriou stated I had B-Dry come out today and they said everything is fine as far as how they did it but there is water still coming in. Mrs. Stadnick it is a little hole in the cement block at the bottom of the floor. President Rosso stated so it is coming through the wall? Mrs. Demetriou stated yes it is and I was told it back up because our pipe is smaller and that is what they told me. So if my pipe is smaller then why isn't it backing up into the sump pump not in the back of the house. President Rosso guessed it is probably backing up into the drains around the footer and they are probably broke. Service Director Smith stated we will send somebody out to make sure that our connections are correct and you don't have some other issue going on. Mrs. Demetriou stated that is what I need, I need somebody to tell me the truth for once. I mean my house is going and I just don't know where to turn anymore. Mayor Bring asked with Ohio State – they just did the plastic when they go down 3 feet. Mrs. Demetriou stated they tarred it. Mayor Bring asked when they tarred it, did they go all the way or did they just do the plastic? Mrs. Demetriou answered all the way down and they did the inside too and they even re-routed the sump pump to the other side of the house so that it would flow down that way and go out. Mrs. Stadnick stated the pump does work perfectly. President Rosso stated it is not coming in through the pump to the drain. Mrs. Demetriou stated here is another thing, the back of the house where it is coming in at is totally dry. Service Director Smith stated well that is under pressure so the only way water can get under pressure around the foundation of the house is if the sink bowl that your foundation is sitting in has accumulated water to the point where it is developing head pressure. Now it is going to go to the point of least resistance which evidently is a crack in the wall. Mrs. Demetriou stated there is no cracks. President Rosso stated there is a crack where that water is coming in. Mrs. Stadnick stated Ohio State Water Proof said that that is supposed to be there – that hole. Mrs. Demetriou stated those holes down there are supposed to be below the footer, that is what that is supposed to be but whoever built this house didn't put them below there.

**Andrea Stadnick, 922 Stark** stated I rent the house. My first question is I have read about this Gibb's project – a development that was going to go in, is that still going? Mayor Bring answered no. Mrs. Stadnick stated my second question, I have asked the city for 3 months now to get a children at play sign on my street. It was finally after 3 months, it was put there after repeated calls. It was taken down 3 days later because my next door neighbor complained about it. It was in our tree lawn and they complained about it and I am not sure exactly what words were but bottom line when I came in person to ask why the sign was removed I was told there was a neighbor dispute that they are not getting involved and they are taking down the sign. But like I said well now you just got involved because you took down the children at play sign. I called after talking to Len Smith I called channel 5 and told them that I was very upset about it and they did a little story and they called Len and then they informed me that he said I was to get a petition with at least 5 or 6 neighbors. I got a petition of 14 neighbors on that street and that we would get the sign back. Well that has been a month or more and no sign. I really didn't know where to go because like I said I have already talked to Len Smith about it. My concern is of course the sign, we have a lot of children. My second one is I told my grandchildren when the sign was put there that the city would just like some extra safety for them. What do I tell them now – that the city took their children at play sign? That the city no longer cares about their safety, that the streets that have these signs – you care about those children but you 6, 7 or 8 kids that play right here. Now yes there is a neighbor dispute but what does have to do with this, that 1 neighbor disputed having that sign up there. They didn't have to get a petition to remove the sign but I was supposed to get a petition to have the sign put back. One cranky neighbor who doesn't like children playing comes to a Mayor, I was told the Law Director and the Chief of Police and Len and you say okay we will take the sign down. I don't get that. Mayor Bring advised that dispute has been going on for some time and yes she did come in and talk to us and she talked to David Graves and I also talked to Chief Campo about this several times. Chief Campo has been over there several times and I know that the Building Inspector has been over there several times, a sign going up is not going to stop somebody from having kids playing in the street and getting into trouble. The problem is the kids don't need to be playing and laying down in the middle of the street as cars are coming down there. Mrs. Stadnick stated they don't do that. Mayor Bring continued well that is what we have heard and we have heard that from a lot of people – not just one, we have heard that from a lot of people. There has been much more going on over there then I am going to get into right now because this is a Council meeting. I would be more than happy to speak to you afterwards. Mrs. Stadnick stated I have tried to do that so that is why I came. Mayor Bring stated you have never been down here to see me about anything but

there is an on-going thing and we are not going to put signs up because I think it is the your responsibility to make sure that your grandchildren are not in the street. A sign is not going to stop a car from coming down the street – it is 25 mph, kids that age don't belong in the street. Mrs. Stadnick stated I will talk to you afterwards about it but first you don't have all the facts, you have one person's facts. Mayor Bring advised no I don't I have more facts because I had the Chief of Police go down to several people down there and talk to them. The police have been down there um-teen times and we are not going to go down there anymore for that unless there is going to be somebody else that is going to get in trouble for it. Mrs. Stadnick stated I would hope that they wouldn't come because last week I had a call to the police and I talked to a very nice Officer. Mayor Bring stated we just had another neighbor complain about the kids doing something to their car too. Mrs. Stadnick stated no. Mayor Bring advised yes that was 2 weeks ago. Mrs. Stadnick stated this was just the other day last week, my grandson who is 8 was riding his bike on the sidewalk which we don't want them in the street and the neighbor was coming home and she had to wait – I am just going to push it – for 2 seconds but probably more like 1 and she laid on her horn and then she called the police because she doesn't feel that he should be riding his bike when she is coming home and wants to turn into the driveway. Mayor Bring stated the Police were also told this is an on-going dispute and they were afraid that the child is going to get ran over and that is what they fear. Again somebody has to supervise the children which is your responsibility. Mrs. Stadnick stated which I do. Mayor Bring advised no – you have to do a little bit better job. Mrs. Stadnick stated I do a very good job. Mayor Bring stated I am going to totally disagree with you on that one. Mrs. Stadnick stated well unless you can show me a video tape of me not supervising them then you need to stop listening to one person. Mayor Bring answered oh the Chief of Police and Law Director. Mrs. Stadnick stated not the Chief of Police – he has never seen any of that nonsense. So I guess I will no longer address that. How about the fence at Freedom Park? Service Director Smith advised it is being taken care of, it was reported on at last night's Park Board meeting. Mrs. Stadnick stated I was just going by the report over a month ago. Service Director Smith stated I need to make one comment which I want to straighten it out so the facts are the facts. The sign did not come down because anybody came in to talk to the Mayor or to the Police Chief, the sign came down because I was gone in South Carolina that week and I did not tell my guys to put that sign up. Mrs. Stadnick called the Water Department and told them that I promised them that that sign would go up and that it was to go up and which Annie passed the message onto Pat who was out replacing signs so Pat put the sign up. When I came back and made my rounds throughout the city from my vacation I noticed the sign was up in which I questioned Pat as to why and that is how I found

the facts. It was not, it had nothing to do with any of the stuff that she is talking about in talking to the Mayor. Mrs. Stadnick stated that is not what you told me in your office. Service Director Smith reiterated it is what I told you and I don't want to discuss it anymore with you. We talked about it I don't know how many times. ***Lisa Prokay, 765 Lafayette*** stated I forgot to mention that we have \$63.00 on the bank for next year's event. People were really willing to give a dollar or so, I put on a jar donation of a dollar or more would be appreciated and people were more than willing to do that. Then my question is about I recently read in the Press about the proposed tax levy from the school board and I haven't been able to attend previous meetings so I just wanted to know what the general feel was about that. Mayor Bring advised we can't really say anything. President Rosso advised I would ask that question to the school board or call the Superintendent. ***Joyce Nicola, 218 Mariners Way*** stated I wanted to thank Lenny, it took a little bit of time and the Mayor for getting our streets fixed over there. Now we can be safe.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilman Kovach asked the ribbon cutting? Mayor Bring answered I have no idea yet, they were working on the Metro Parks side this afternoon. They did add more gravel to it. Councilman Kovach explained what I am referring to is that we also spoke last night at Park Board the Bike Path in the near future, there is going to be a presentation/ribbon cutting as it is completed.

Councilman Erdei asked has that café opened up in the shopping center yet because everybody is waiting for it? Mayor Bring answered everything is ready to go and she is getting things prepared, we are not going to make an announcement as she wants a soft opening so that she can make sure that she can take care of whoever comes in first. So she can have a dry run and I am going to leave that up to her to announce but it is going to be very soon. She told me the other day it is about 7 to 9 days away.

#### **NEW BUSINESS: None.**

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: None.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** President Rosso advised the Cardinal Community Bonfire which is put on by the Sheffield/Sheffield Lake Teachers Association up at Volunteer Field on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Also on September 27<sup>th</sup>, the Brookside High School Quarterback Club is having a Night at the Races at the VFW next door here. Also as Mr. Graves pointed out – tomorrow the Big Band/Dance Fundraiser at DeLuca's for the Office on Aging so that is tomorrow evening. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the Homecoming Parade which will go down Harris Road. So hopefully I will see

somebody out somewhere. Councilperson Stark stated the SMS; the Middle School – the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball players will be doing the Alzheimer Walk this Sunday at Lake Erie Stadium. So if anyone wants to donate, they will be walking or people can still sign up to walk on Sunday morning. President Rosso advised I did attend the Oktoberfest this past Saturday at the Civic Center that Mrs. Desello put on in memory of her daughter Elisa Spence and it was really nice. They sold out – I don't know the exact dollar amount that they raised but they had a good turn-out and it was nice seeing people I hadn't seen in a while. It was very, very good and that was a plus for the city and it was a good cause. Finance Director Smith stated since we are talking about events, if anybody hears of any event that you think we should put on our calendar – any civic events. Please let us know and we would be happy to do that also. President Rosso advised if you pass me a note I would be happy to announce it at a Council meeting. Avon Lake Press John Edwards announced the new school building will booking for tours before the football game on October 24 and 31.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:45 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*

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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 23, 2014.

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*