

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

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, November 25, 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, Wtulich, Cizl, Stark, McCullough, Kovach, Erdei, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Treasurer Woods, Law Director Graves

Absent: Service Director Smith (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Members of the Media; Avon Lake Press and Morning Journal

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council – November 11, 2014 - *Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2014 Council meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

Council Worksession – November 18, 2014 - *Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2014 Worksession meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

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:

Representative Cizl reviewed the minutes of November 17, 2014 meeting submitted by Manager Pat Hastings./**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 November 17, 2014 meeting. Councilman Wtulich asked is there any more talk about a designated skate area/park? Member Kovach advised well that was left with the Mayor who was in the process of looking at some estimates of what that would cost to have a pad poured? Mayor Bring answered we did get

some estimates on that and we have not got concrete in this year. We are going to wait until spring time here to take a look at that a little bit more over there. There are some other things that we are looking at for Ferndale Park. We kind of changed our minds. I haven't brought it to you yet because we are still going back and forth on what we are going to do over there. If I get something in place I will let you know. Councilman Cizl stated I know it is premature but you say Ferndale Park but I think originally we heard Lincoln Park. I just remember reading from the Avon Lake Press that there were a lot of complaints in Avon Lake because of the noise of their park. Mayor Bring answered no we are going to do Ferndale Park. Councilman Cizl stated good I have heard a lot of compliments or some people have actually told me that that is a good idea. Mayor Bring advised we thought that was the best place because basically it is surrounded by woods.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYORS REPORT: None./FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: Finance Director Smith reported I have of course our appropriation ordinance for tonight as well as - in our general fund budget, we always have about \$5000.00 set to transfer for the Community Center. It is the only transfer I set up, but we have always supplemented the Community Center here and there and instead of paying for the cameras out of the general fund we paid for it out of the Community Center. So before we could just do the transfer because it was already set up in the original budget. Well the State Auditors request that we do a separate ordinance specifying how much we are going to actually transfer out of that transfer line which is what you have before you which is \$2500.00. I had set up \$5000.00 but I don't think we need \$5000.00. Hopefully rentals will come up, that was the thing the rentals have been down a little bit in the last month or so and I guess that is industry wide. But we need to still get the Center through the end of the year with electricity and all the other fun things and we should be back on track next year. So this ordinance is nothing new or earth shattering, it is just now that the Auditors require that we do a separate ordinance for transfer – any kind of transfers, not just Community Center – any kind of transfers. President Rosso explained which is Council#059. *Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**TREASURER REPORT: None./SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring advised the recent power outage yesterday due to the high winds and stuff; we had 2 problems. One was at the pump station and the pump station went out which is almost like a breaker and it went out and it was bad and they are old. So to find one of those things it took us about 4-1/2 or 5 hours before we got the part and then we had somebody install that for us. The unfortunate thing with that is that while that pump was out raw sewage was going to the lake which we had to document and turn over to the EPA. So that happened and that has been fixed and everything has

been documented and they were called and everything was okay with that. It is something that is unavoidable. The other problem is that the generator which runs the City Hall and Police Department and Fire Department also went out at the same time and when that came back on it has got a governor on it and for some reason the governor wasn't working and it was coming back at a very high speed. The last thing we need is to have that thing blow up and it is very close to doing that so we shut that down and then we had a gentleman come out and bypass part of that and got it working again. The problem is we don't know why it did that so on Tuesday next week around 11 o'clock we are going to shut everything down around here for a period of time and then turn it back on. So when that comes back on he is going to have to be able to see what is actually working, but I think there is a control board in there; maybe something in the control board but we can't figure that out unless we shut everything down. There is going to be a period of time that this whole place might be shut down for an hour or so. So we are going to have to co-inside that with the 911 and the other Fire Departments and Police Departments around here just to make sure that we will have radios but most of everything is going to be shut down. So I just wanted you guys to be aware of that so if anybody calls in a panic – that is what we are going to do. Tentatively, I think it is going to be on Tuesday around 11 o'clock. Again, we still had a couple more water main breaks again too. That is going to be an on-going process for a while. President Rosso asked do we have like a routine maintenance schedule on that generator where somebody comes out? Mayor Bring answered we did and we had a new gentleman come out and do this which he is very, very good at what he does. We sat and talked about that this morning and went over things, but again that was originally a gas generator and we turned that into a natural gas generator but there is parts on there that you can fix and parts that you don't think are going to break and unfortunately they do. It is like anything else – it is an engine so some things go bad. But sitting idle for a long time and then having that come on, things rust and corrode and that is part of the problem. So we are going to look at that and try to do something. The next thing I would like to do in the future and I think I mentioned it maybe a year ago is to put a separate generator over by the Fire Station and take a little bit of pressure off of this one when the power goes out so it is only doing City Hall and the Police Department. So that is something that we may look at, not next year, but the following year and get prices on that. President Rosso advised I don't really know much about generators. Mayor Bring advised trust me, I learned a lot this morning, I learned a lot about the parts and what is going on with it, it was very interesting to find out. President Rosso stated your comment about sitting idle for so long and then kicking in, I know ours at work kicks on for a half hour every Tuesday. Now I don't know if we need to start this one every Tuesday and I don't know how it starts because there is nobody else out

there doing anything but it runs a half hour every Tuesday. Mayor Bring advised years ago Rick when you and I both were sitting on Council and we talked about maintenance and it had been neglected for years and remember we found water in the tank and we found this and that. That is when they switched it over to natural gas and when they did that there is still parts like the top muffler section had been bent over and there was water dripping down inside there. We found all kinds of things, we got Larry from AmShan which this is kind of his forte. He not only does that but does all kinds of electrical, he redoes our generator and he does pumps and everything and like I said, that was 45 minutes of listening to him try to teach me something that I had no clue about what I was talking about. So that is what we were doing this morning and he was telling me about what we need and what we were going to do. President Rosso stated I was just thinking maybe a couple times a year we should run it. Finance Director Smith stated actually it goes off regularly if the power bleeps or anything like that it will kick on. It is just that when you sit there and it doesn't come on, that really freaks you out. Especially when you are working on a computer. Mayor Bring stated it is the same thing with our pump stations too. When that went out – it is like a breaker, so you pull this out and then you look at the breaker and it was actually almost split in half. So that was part of it, but then you can't find that part anymore because it is too old, so then you had to buy the whole panel. So that is what they had to do today. It is part of maintenance and part of an on-going thing. I don't know if you could – I don't know how much we spent this year just on that generator from Larry doing filters and stuff like that. President Rosso stated well like you said it is from years of neglect. Mayor Bring advised things break and that generator is pretty old and we are going to try to do the best we can but in the future, I think we should probably get a separate generator for the Fire Station because that might be a little bit too much for that one generator right now. As the years go along we start adding more things here and there and more lights and more this and more that. Councilman Erdei stated, is there anymore on what Bramhall was looking at? Mayor Bring answered, I did have a meeting with Mr. Bramhall the other day and I didn't bring that up because I don't have everything to bring to you, but that is going to be pretty extensive and there are some other things going on about that. I will have more for you later. We have been working on quite a few things to be honest with you and that is just one of them. Mr. Bramhall is working on an online for me to have to bring to you guys and also there is money out there – a grant and I will tell you that I will see Marcy Kaptur on that and that is what we will work on. When I bring the whole thing to you it will be a good thing for the city. I don't have enough information right now to solve this all. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**SAFETY DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring advised we are going to be working a little bit on the Police Department on

the inside in the Dispatch area in the next week removing some walls. We did mention that a number of months ago, so that is going to start and we will remove some walls and tidy up the place and make a better place for the guys to sit down and do some reports and numerous other things inside the Police Station. So that will be going on. The Fire Station – when people get here they always ask where is the Fire Station. So we bought some white lettering – very inexpensive that says Sheffield Lake Fire Station and we are going to have that mounted. We also got their logo which is on all their trucks and equipment and we going to put that up on gable end there. So that will be mounted here in the next few days too. It is just needs to be a slight bit more professional around here and also people won't have to ask where the Fire Station is. I don't know if I told you guys yet about the Police cars, I think I did, but they are not coming to see until the end of January now. There is not a thing we can do about it and when they get here they get here. That is why we have to order the one now because this one is taking about 7 or 8 months. Councilman Erdei asked on the Fire Departments, now the State of Ohio is trying to push some kind of collection fee or something on the Fire Department for people who have fires and they don't want to let the insurance company cover it or something? Mayor Bring answered, I don't know about that, but we do that for our ambulance, we turn it into their insurance and if they don't have insurance we don't do anything about it. That is about the only thing I have heard. Fire Chief Card hasn't said anything to me about it. He is working on another grant by the way for more equipment. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**LAW DIRECTOR REPORT:** Law Director Graves reviewed the proposed legislation. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:

Eric Pawlyshyn, 800 Community stated this is my first time attending so I just had mostly questions tonight. When this was brought up about the solicitors, were there complaints about the kids walking around with the big badges or did this come up from something else. I am just wondering if they are legit because I always give to them. The kids with the boxes that say they are trying to get to camp or something like that. Law Director Graves stated anyone going door to door in the city should have a license issued by the Mayor. Mr. Pawlyshyn asked that is even prior to now. Law Director Graves answered yes, that is even under the current one. They may have one license issued to the organization, they should have something that they can provide you. If they are unable to provide that then I would call city hall and let them know that they do not. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated I did browse through some of the recent minutes just to try to find if these things have been talked about. I didn't go back years, I just went back a couple of months so I apologize if there is information out there available but I couldn't find it. Regarding the Shoreway

Shopping Center and the surrounding land. During meetings that I participated in I believe there at the Library or maybe the Civic Center prior to 2008 because I moved back from Miami in 2008. There was some discussion on what to do, there was a city planning contractor that we were discussing what they had – drawn out plans. The options included relocating government buildings there, retirement community, new housing, more businesses, a complex filled with stories similar to Crocker Park and City Hall in the center. I am just curious whatever happened with those discussions; you know we are looking at 7+ years ago and I don't think anything has been done – nothing has really changed. I am just curious about that. President Rosso advised as you mentioned in there we are working with 2 gentlemen – a developer if you will whose job was to go out and get the funding to do all of that and they did not find anyone. Mr. Pawlyshyn asked you mean like investors or anything? President Rosso answered yes. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated so this is outside of what the State might provide. President Rosso advised Mayor you can jump in and tell me if I am wrong, but it is not the city's intent to keep that property and develop it and make it into anything. We are looking for someone to invest in it and refurbish it. So it was never the intent back in '08 for the city to go out and find investors or the city to get State or Federal money to do all these things that were talked about there. That is where we are at even today, looking for someone who wants to invest. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated I think the developers at the time were pitching these ideas and they were asking for the residents to say do you want retirement community/do you want shopping? President Rosso continued then they said this is what the residents want, let's go out and see if we can find somebody who wants to invest. Mr. Pawlyshyn asked what did the residents want? Mayor Bring answered it was a mixed use – the total costs of everything that was proposed there was like \$1,000,000.00. A lot of people didn't want city hall down there, they thought that was nonsense. They thought it was more of a park setting, maybe condominiums below and the businesses above. There were quite a few ideas that were kicked around, but nothing came about out of that because of the amount of money and also there was supposed to be a TIF which they were going to do the area in TIF and that never came through. There were a lot of things proposed, but there was also a hospital that was talked about maybe possibly going over there. A lot of that just didn't pan out. I will tell you we are actively looking to do something now and we continue that process. It is like Mr. Rosso said the city had no intention of ever hanging onto that piece of property. We tried to get it looking a little bit better than it was, it was in pretty poor condition. We accomplished some of that and obviously it is still not the greatest thing in the world. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated at the time it was still owned by the Levin Trust, which I understand we had purchased some of them in the last 5 years or so. Mayor Bring answered we own the shopping center. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated at the time that

I was discussing it with the other Mayor I think Levin Trust still owned it, when did we purchase that. Law Director Graves stated I think the community consensus meetings that you are talking about were held by RMS property management, which was the last management company that the Levin Trust/Shoreway Trust had engaged and they went through a number of management companies. They, I think did have some serious aspirations of redeveloping the shopping center and that is when we had those various meetings. I do have the plan that came out of those meetings. I have probably 5 different development plans over the years and all of them involve an investment of a large amount of money. Hence, it is an on-going process talking to various developers/investors trying to find somebody that wants to invest in the center. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated I think it is a bit of a vicious circle as I saw that the levy did not pass again. The school levy did not pass. In my mind, I am thinking what can we do differently to get these things to pass because I am looking at the demographics of Sheffield Lake versus like Avon Lake and Avon. It is the same medium age, it is not like there is a bunch of people here that don't have kids – we do, people here have children. I don't know why they are not passing. I am looking around the community thinking what could we improve, how can we bring more people here; younger families here, how can we bring businesses. I think we need to build something so that they would come. I am not saying build it and they will come, but somebody has to kind of – I don't know. I don't know if I am looking for city pride or what, but to bring some of this here because there are a lot of nice houses in Sheffield Lake, there are some lower income houses and stuff but I think you have that pretty much anywhere. So I am just trying to see what we have planned to improve, certain areas of the city have been the same way since I moved here 11 years ago. Ferndale Road between Harris and Lake Breeze the current speed is 25, are there any plans to increase that. I don't want it increased, but I just noticed that many people don't obey that law or obey speed. I am right on the corner and I have got a 4 year old now, so prior to my 4 year old being able to go running in the yard it didn't bother much because I didn't have any risks but now I have risks. Mayor Bring asked what time do you see most of that happening, you tell me and I will have a police car sit there for a little while. Mr. Pawlyshyn answered I want to say it is in the mornings, my job has changed and I work from home. I would say it is mostly people coming home from work. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated 4:30 or 5 o'clock. Mr. McCullough stated I can tell you that usually every morning between 6 and 6:30 there is one sitting in Allen Court right by Ferndale. Mayor Bring advised I will speak with the Police Chief on the process for that traffic situation. Mr. Pawlyshyn advised I have noticed that since the street was improved by state funding. Finance Director Smith quipped, we had our own speed bumps then. There was a brief discussion on speed control. Mr. Pawlyshyn continued another question I have and I am sorry that I haven't

been attending so I have lots. If you go from my house head north on Community there used to be a blockade there and I really liked it and somehow it was removed. I am just curious, it wasn't there and then it was there and then it wasn't there. I mean it has been there like twice and right where the Speedway and Chase Bank there was dirt there. There has been several attempts to block traffic from coming through there and it seems like they have all gone to the way. President Rosso answered, I will tell you the dirt wasn't to block traffic as much as someone had a great idea if you force cars to drive in front they would stop at the stores and buy something. That proved to not really work and that impacted the deliveries of those trucks now having to come down Sheffield the back way and then back up. But I will let the Mayor comment about the barrier on the other end. Mayor Bring answered the reason that was removed was because 2 weeks after I got elected to be the Mayor here the Safety Forces came to me; particularly the Police and said is there any way you can have that removed because what was happening is if there was any kind of a crime the suspects automatically went behind that and the Police had to go all the way around. Also, just for patrolling the Police can go through there. I asked the Fire Department and they said that would be great because right now if we have anybody with a heart attack or anything like we have to go all the way around for that and then have to back down the street to get to anybody's house there. Lastly, I went to the Service Department and they said that is a dead-end street and they had to back the big truck down there to do the snow plowing. So all 3 of them came to me and asked the same thing, is there any way we can have that removed. Mr. Pawlyshyn asked was it put up because of residents asking for it to be put up? Law Director Graves answered if I am not mistaken, I think the original reason that that was up was when we were trying to make the prior owner of the shopping center repair some of the pot holes and things there and beyond that barrier, that portion of Community was vacated. Community Road stops where those barricades used to be, beyond that it is the shopping center – it is not a road. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated you know there is a street sign at Lake that says Community though, that is why it all went through. Law Director Graves stated I don't where the vacated portion starts and stops, but behind the shopping center were vacated a long time ago. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated the final thing here is reasons to relocate to any sort of city and again this is part of my questions on what we are doing as a city to try to make – I don't think this city has any sort of blight problem per say but we definitely have areas/homes that are in disrepair. Just trying to brainstorm as to why people come to different cities. The first thing I think if you have children obviously is the quality of the schools, I looked up our performance index; students passing the state exams and how did they do – we got a B. The progress of a child from year to year – we got an A for everything but gifted which I thought was great. The annual measureable objectives success rate of students in all

subjects, unfortunately it was a C. Our graduation rate is 91.2% and that is higher than North Ridgeville but lower than Avon and Avon Lake. I think theirs are around 96 or 98%. I am seeing that we are building a new school and I think that is great. I don't know if that was part of the state funding, I think Lorain built a whole bunch of new schools too. Councilman McCullough stated you are paying for it. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated, we couldn't get in on the Lorain City Schools because they got all new schools. Law Director Graves advised I am going to tell you something, my wife teaches in some of those schools in Lorain that were paid for with state funds. When we toured the new High School, the construction quality that is going on at the new Brookside is so much better than what was built in Lorain. Some of those buildings in Lorain are already having problems. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated they are all less than 5 years old. Law Director Graves advised what is being built up here is much better construction. You can be very proud of that school when it is done. Councilman Cizl advised a majority of it is taxpayer money, the state from what I understand is only paying 16% to 18% of it and that money is not going to be kicked in until after we are done. So the City of Sheffield Lake and the Sheffield Village has funded a big part of that which probably hurt that levy you were talking about. Mr. Pawlyshyn continued, obviously we need government service amenities such as; access to the public pools, walking/bike paths, trash collection, etc. I think we have walking and bike paths, I like that we have that boat launch. Businesses in the area that is just something I really don't see in Sheffield Lake. Like places for people to shop, I have been to Sun Hardware and I have been to the deli down there – Bi-Rite. I try to shop locally, but really for most of the stuff I need I go to Avon. I wish that we could get some businesses here if we could lure them here. Obviously people look for proximity to their job, it doesn't matter if you live in Avon or Avon Lake or Sheffield Lake – your job is probably downtown anyway or you do have to drive for that. Shopping nearby and aesthetics of neighborhoods, I think we are falling behind in that aspect. In the demographics like-minded; relative income levels, success rate of graduating students; whether they go to college, graduate school, etc. So I think some of these things are within our control and I thought that we can do some things to improve that and bring people here. Like I said I have been here 11 years and I think it is a great town, it is just I have got a child; the first kid. I haven't really been involved in the schools yet. My child hasn't started school yet, but unfortunately my company is talking about relocating us out west. So my house is on the market right now, I don't know if we are going to go or not, but I thought it would be proactive to put it on the market and just kind of feel it out and see what happens. If my company decides not to move, then I will be staying and if they decide to move me, I don't know if I can sell my house. President Rosso advised just to comment on the shopping the biggest issue with the shopping is potential

customers. Being on the lake obviously you are not drawing from the north, you won't find businesses who will do their studies and say hey I don't have enough potential customers to locate there. You will see it in Avon Lake now, businesses are closing in Avon Lake and starting to move to Avon where they are drawing from all 4 sides. Look at the Avon Lake complex down there that used to have shopping center, grocery store and everything else. Now there are a couple of restaurants, there used to be a movie theater and IGA. So it is affecting all the towns that are on the lake. You don't have the traffic going down Lake Road that you did years ago. So that is why you find that businesses are hesitant to move into the shopping center because they are not going to draw – they don't have the people to draw. You will even see it in Lorain that they are moving further south off of the lake. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated so maybe there is something that we can do to re-appropriate the shopping center, I mean I like having Apples there as it is very convenient, but for a lot of things I still go to Sheffield Giant Eagle or Avon Lake Giant Eagle. If I have got to get, to be honest with you Apples does not cater to the sugar free, fat free crowd. They just don't, they don't have those options there or organic food – I have got to go someplace else to get that. They just built another Dollar General up on 611, do we need this one here, are they closing? Law Director Graves answered no. Mayor Bring advised you talk about the housing, we have torn down 5 David? Law Director Graves answered, oh yes at least, maybe 7. Mayor Bring advised so we are addressing that problem, we have given out I think 105 abandoned vehicles or vehicles without proper license plates. So we have been working on that. On property maintenance, we have 1 Buildings Inspector but next year I may look at getting a property maintenance person in there and start looking at getting a little bit more aggressive with that. It makes people very angry that they have to do things like that, but we are addressing that. He explained if you give them a letter saying that they have to address their property. The car thing – for the most part everybody was pretty good, but we have received some very nasty phone calls and very nasty letters saying this is my property I will do whatever I want with it. Unfortunately, you are affecting your neighbors so we had to address that. The house paintings and everything else – that will be taken care of. The biggest problem that we had was so that we passed our income tax but before that we were getting down to the state had cut funds away from us which was about 500,000 to 600,000 dollars. So we got that passed, which is good, but we are addressing our safety forces again, but now we have an infraction problem below the ground, our water lines/meters and a bunch of other things that we have to work on too. I agree that we do have to attract businesses here, but just like Mr. Rosso said a lot of it has moved away from the north once they put Rt 2 in. Avon is booming, Bendix is thinking about moving from Elyria to Avon now. Avon is getting everybody just like Westlake did and Avon Lake is also having some issues

with that stuff. I don't know what the happy medium is over there, but the three of us here have been talking to people about the shopping center and numerous other things. We haven't been ignoring it, but we also have been working on this since I was elected. We have always been very frugal with what we do because of lack of money, but we do the best that we can. Some of the problems with the schools are a lot of people aren't paying their taxes, we had a meeting about that the other day. There is a lot of outstanding taxes between Sheffield and Sheffield Lake – it is a high number. The schools are also paying for children, disabled or unruly which the school system attempts to accommodate all walks of life so those children go somewhere else and our system pays for that which costs approximately \$6500.00 for each child. That number is very high. We also have a child in the system that is deaf and mute and I think the school is paying upwards of \$35,000 to \$40,000 for that child for each year. So there is a number of things that are affecting the school with actual costs, which no one really knows about. We had a big talk about that. There are some things that can be cut and it is difficult for the people in Sheffield Lake with a moderate income and we just asked them for a 2% income tax increase. We passed a levy, which costs money and now you are asking to pass another levy. The people in this city are very cautious about what they spend their money on and a lot of them just can't afford it. It is very hard and you have to explain everything and they are going to give it to you if you do the right thing. The new school will attract newer, younger families here because it is going to be good. They are going to build a new elementary school eventually. That complex will be very, very nice. Hopefully in a few years everything will work out. We also need a few years to keep going here too, but we are actively trying to do everything that was asked for. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated that is good to hear and I know you guys have a lot that you have to worry about, especially under the ground and those are things no one can see. Mayor Bring advised those costs are going to be tremendous. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated obviously what I see is what is above ground; people not taking care of their homes. Mayor Bring advised we will be addressing that. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated it shouldn't be shame on you, you are doing bad. It should be okay, what can we do to make a community proud of where they live and proud of their homes and want to do better. How do we incentivize people to want to do better and again some of those things might be bringing businesses here and some of them might just be really kicking butt at school. We are not doing that bad, like I said we are doing better than Ridgeville. I didn't look at the other communities, I just looked at those 3. Again, I know we do the fairs out there at the shopping center and the parades and things like that, but to be honest with you I have lived here 11 years and I haven't had a kid but I really had no clue what was going on in our schools. Mayor Bring advised I have lived here since 1958 and trust me it has been bugging me since I was a little kid. I always tell everybody

some of the reasons why I became Mayor is when I played sports and a lot of people would ask where are you from and I would say Brookside and they would say ohhhh. I have a lot of pride and I want a lot of pride about our city and I want the city to excel. I wish I could make it move faster, but I think we are making strides, although they are small but we are trying. That is all I can promise you. Finance Director Smith stated also if you have any ideas, we are here at city hall, 5 days a week and I am here all the time. Feel free to come in and sit down and talk to us, if you have any thoughts and you want to let us know. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated it is hard not having all the facts, part of my reason for coming here – I guess I missed the budget immediately before this. President Rosso advised that was just the public hearing and you can have a copy of it if you wish. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated yes I was just curious of what we are spending money on. Mayor Bring advised we have our website up and running pretty well. Kay has been trying to get all the minutes on that and that has been a long process, we have had a couple of different tries on that and this seems to be the best one. We are going to start putting more information on that as we go along. Finance Director Smith stated it is like me and one other person tries to keep that up. President Rosso stated that is a point that I want to make, you go to any other community's council meetings and you won't hear their Mayor giving a Mayor's report, a Service Directors report, a Safety report. Six of these seven council people work full time jobs and then come up here multiple nights a week. Mr. Cizl is recently retired. Dennis – it takes a lot of time and it is a part-time job and he has a full-time job. None of us have small children anymore. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated I have a little bit more information than most of what it takes to be someone in local politics, my Uncle was a Council-at-Large in Avon Lake for several years. So I knew what he was going through and he had to hold down a full-time job too, but he was just always going; he was sporting coach and councilman and I don't know how he juggled it all but somehow he managed. He is one of those unique individuals that can somehow just do everything and my Aunt did everything else. President Rosso quipped I am sure your Aunt had a lot of comments for your Uncle because my wife has a lot of comments for me. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated I am not an elected official obviously, but for the time being if I don't move I am willing to pitch in and help if I can. If there are things going on and you guys need an extra set of hands I am available. Finance Director Smith advised I don't know if you are on Facebook, but one of our residents has the Sheffield Lake Buzz and she tries to promote the city and put on good news and try to bring in informative things and things like that. Again she volunteered to do that on her own to monitor that site just to help us out. So there are some people who are trying desperately and we appreciate it and we would like to see your face here on a regular basis. Mayor Bring stated the other thing is you came here tonight and you are very calm and you talk to us, most people that come

here are yelling at these people. Finance Director Smith concurred because they come once every 10 years. Mayor Bring added you took the time to read the minutes, at least you are educated in what is going on a little bit and that is a huge plus. If we could get more people that would be like that it would help us out tremendously. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated, okay, but I am the only one I know. If I had lots of friends in Sheffield Lake I would encourage them to come, but my family is in Avon Lake and friends in Avon, Bay Village. Mayor Bring stated sometimes we will get 6 or 7 people here and they will come for a couple weeks and then they go away for a couple of weeks. But participation has been a little bit better, but it is getting around the holidays. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated there was a couple of meetings last week that were cancelled. Mayor Bring answered those are usually Zoning and Planning. Finance Director Smith advised there were no applicants for those Boards to meet. Mr. Pawlyshyn asked is this monthly or bi-monthly, semi-monthly. Finance Director Smith answered twice a month; second and fourth Tuesday of the month. You can look on the website to look at the schedule. President Rosso stated I will give you the December schedule when I give the budget. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated I actually added your calendar to my google plus. Councilman McCullough stated, we are putting together a Charter Review which needs to be done every 5 years and we haven't had one in about 8 years, but think about it and if you're interested leave your number with our Clerk of Council. Finance Director Smith advised it is a volunteer Board but we do appreciate it, it is a good civic duty. Councilman McCullough stated they just look at the Charter and see where it needs to go, we have got a lot of forward thinking. That meeting that you are talking about happened at Forestlawn Elementary School for the shopping center. President Rosso stated there was a couple of meetings at different places. **Meg Dietz, Sheffield Village** stated I grew up in Sheffield Lake, I was here about 6 months and spoke to you about the summer craft program. First of all I want to let you know that I work with Deb Suarez and that is who does the Sheffield Lake Buzz. She will let you know about different things, she is incredible. It ended up going very well, we did it for 6 weeks and started in July and we went through August. We averaged between 16 and 22 kids and they did fire and clay projects and the Woodworking Shop came and we made cutting boards. It was pretty incredible for the first time and we ended up taking on about 4 other wonderful women from Sheffield Lake that helped us with it. We did a little thing in the parade, so I just wanted to set the tone that good things are happening here, which brings me to the reason I am here tonight. I wanted to propose, there was something that was on and I don't think it was Sheffield Lake Buzz but I think it was you know you are from Sheffield and it was a little discussion about a Christmas Tree decorating. It was either bringing back this tradition or starting a tradition and there were some people that spoke very fondly of it. I am not sure if

any of you are from Sheffield Lake and remember anything like that, I don't remember it. Councilman Cizl advised at Community Park, where the Boat Launch is now. Mrs. Dietz stated I don't remember it, but apparently it was decorated in a few different ways. The scouts did something with it and then someone else was saying the schools; the kids made 2 ornaments which one went home and one went on the tree. I just had a couple of ideas and I don't know if this is even possible and I don't know if we have a tree currently that could be used. I don't know if this is something that we talk about maybe for next year, but I guess the bottom line is we are never going to be an Avon and we are not going to be an Avon lake and we are not going to be a Westlake. I wish that we could anchor stores like Avon is anchoring but it is not a reality. So I think instead of and this is kind of my take, instead of thinking I wish we were or we don't have and never going to have, maybe we should take a different stance and say they are never going to have movies in the park. I don't know if you were responsible Kerry, but my kids went and they had a fabulous time. I grew up here and I have so many fond memories and because of what you did my kids have memories of going to the movie in the park and spending time with their Dad. The summer craft program that we have done this summer, 22 kids that was pretty cool when we really didn't have much time to work with and the community was so incredibly generous in what they gave us. We were able to get a little bit of funding, Deb and I really didn't spend any money because we were given so much, but because of some of the money that came from the movie in the park we were able to do some more things with the kids. We can have movies in the park and have summer programs with crafts and maybe possibly start a new tradition with the Christmas tree. So I don't know if we have a tree, I was thinking like smaller scale and Deb could put it on the Buzz and maybe on the website and people could bring their own ornament and it will go on for 1 hour on a Saturday or 1 hour during the weekend. Bring your own hot chocolate and bring your ornament and we sing a couple impromptu carols and we are making more memories for the kids. On a larger scale and I don't know if you have ever approached them, but the Schill boys grew up in Sheffield Lake and obviously they own a successful landscaping company now. I don't know if they would be willing to donate a small tree. You know, maybe the Brookside choir could come or band could come and play and we could start a tradition. Another possibility that I was thinking about if they were willing to donate, maybe a few trees, maybe we could start a tradition where we have like a tree decorating contest and Sheffield Lake's Council has a tree and Sheffield Village Council has a tree and the different divisions of the sports team has a tree and the same thing then that night everybody comes. I do see a lot of good things happening here. Another thing that I was thinking of is the possibility of opening up the Community Center for an hour one evening and inviting the kids, maybe send some flyers out through

the schools which is what we did for that craft program and then parents would have to stay, of course, and we give them an hour and they decorate their little ornament and how we fund that is like having a little Santa Secret Shop kind of thing where enchanted florist and maybe a couple of vendors come and the kids shop and the vendors pay \$25.00 for a table. That money is used to purchase the materials for the ornaments. I don't even know if it is necessary because we were given so much for our summer program. I think there is a lot of people that would want to help so if Sheffield Lake Buzz put something out that we were looking for donations we might be surprised from what we get. Again, I don't know if it is possible this year, maybe we could start it next year. Finance Director Smith advised perhaps you could start some kind of little club that you would have volunteers that could bring these ideas to our Parks & Rec committee and it might blossom from there. It is hard because, like the Mayor said before, we don't have a lot of people employed by the city. Mrs. Dietz stated I am speaking for myself to help with this. Councilman Cizl advised you bring up a lot of great points and I would be very interested. Mrs. Dietz asked is there a tree that we can use or a good location. Finance Director Smith advised I don't know that there is a pine tree that we have at any of the parks that is big enough. Mrs. Dietz stated it doesn't necessarily have to be a big tree. Councilman McCullough stated I think what Meg is asking for is for us to give her permission if they can find a place to put up a tree and find a tree can they do a community tree, isn't that what you are kind of asking? Mayor Bring answered absolutely. Councilman McCullough stated you got your yes and also the movie in the park was Steve and Mark Erdei. So you get to put up your tree.

Councilman McCullough asked for a moment of silence for Rosa Gee's son who was in a very serious car accident on November 12, 2014 and he succumbed November 19, 2014 and they donated I think 8 or 12 of his organs. A moment of silence was taken in his memory.

Councilman Cizl stated we had 2 people who came up to us tonight and it is true that a lot of people come to our meetings and they come here because they want someone's scalp. I am sure all of us are very appreciative of both of you speaking. The one thing that I am very much interested in and you both hit on it which is community pride. I mentioned this last summer after we had the May 18th flood and we were divulged with community problems of flooding and everything else. I threw out that maybe we could do some type of community pride where we kind of do something to add incentives for people to clean up their yards and have a contest of some sort. I let it drop because we were being attacked by the community so much because the city had some major problems to deal with at that time, our levy and whatever. But a public relations committee, I don't know if we don't have one or should we have one. We have some people that I think definitely

could provide a lot of positive input to this. You brought up something that didn't dawn on me and Eric it gets into what you were saying too, we deal with money issues so often because we have to deal with the lack of money, but something with us growing up here and something I never really quite understood until tonight is a community like Wellington always seemed to have a pride and didn't ever want to be big. They always had this little old fashion Mayberry atmosphere and they were proud of that and being a basketball player we used to make fun of it – yea there is farmers down there. But they couldn't compete with Elyria and the big city's and it wasn't until tonight that you kind of hit it that is why do we always want to be like Avon Lake or Avon. We don't want to be like somebody else but maybe we need to figure out a way to stem some pride and we are doing it in small steps, but maybe we need to try some more ways of finding some pride instead of blasting us or the community. Look at the shopping center, what are we doing about the shopping center and the Mayor says we really don't want the shopping center but no one else does either. But if there is a way that we could kind develop some type of community pride committee from both of your perspectives and some of ours; trees, kids, schools. We have the pride in the schools, but they are having the same issues, I just feel like somehow we have to do it as a community. There is nothing wrong with us not being an Avon or Avon Lake. We have some good things here, but we tend to let the lack of money block it, the poverty and the problems that every city has and we tend to miss some of the good things. People just sit back and let the loud voices take over and I would really invite you to not give up on us and maybe we could do something even more in the aspect. We are talking about even the simplest things like putting the meeting schedule up on cable. Taking a video camera down to our beautiful trail – how many people don't know that trail that we just connected. We need to do more with public information, we have a nice website and we need to do more with that and we will develop more community pride. I would like to help, I can't chair it but I would like to help. Mr. Pawlyshyn advised just so I can clear up any misunderstandings – my intention in mentioning other cities isn't because I wanted to be like them. It was just to say these are city's that are succeeding, it was just to say how can we succeed and I am thinking of ideas of how we can bring pride here. My wife and I were talking about this the other day too, I think that we can come up with some other ideas of things that we can do. I will tell you that when Ferndale went in, that was just amazing and my wife and I used it all summer long and all spring long. I can't tell how many times we have been up and down there. I did see in the minutes by the way that there was something added or something? There was a detailed directional given for the add-on on the trail.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#056 – SECOND READING – an ordinance amending section 772.06 of the codified ordinances of the City of Sheffield Lake.

Council#057 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance providing for the establishment and increase and decrease of certain funds within the annual appropriations ordinance of the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for APPROVAL:

ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL:

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

Ordinance Passes#57-14

Council#058 – FIRST READING – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Statewide Ford Lincoln for the purchase of one Police Department vehicle and the declaring of an emergency.

Council#059 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance providing for the establishment and increase and decrease of certain funds within the annual appropriations ordinance of the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for APPROVAL:

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

Ordinance Passes#58-14

Council#060 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding between the Lorain County Commissioners and the City of Sheffield Lake for an emergency notification system and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei for APPROVAL:

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

Resolution Passes#59-14

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 8:29 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 November 25, 2014.

MAYOR

Dennis Bring