

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING – 2015 BUDGET
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 6:45 pm.

*******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 &
Morning Journal

President Richard Rosso advised this is a public hearing for the 2015 Budget. Finance Director Smith thanked the residents of Sheffield Lake for passing our tax increase this summer. Otherwise I don't really, really know where we would be at this moment but we won't recognize any kind of real revenue until probably somewhere around the second quarter of 2015. Fully it takes about a year and a half to almost 2 years to recognize what we will see every year. So I budgeted accordingly. However we do want to answer to the residents of what they were really looking for when they passed the increase and that is supporting our safety forces as well as doing some improvements in our parks. I have got money in for perhaps doing a gazebo at a couple of the parks, maybe one this year and maybe one next year; 2015/2016. Some small improvements for now and hopefully those will grow as we go along. A couple of the other considerations that I had with the budget was the costs of all increases; such as healthcare which is pretty much across the board industry wide. That has gone up almost 11% from 2014 to 2015 and that is quite a hit. I have also budgeted though too for a new cruiser for each year because I think if we can stay in that rhythm instead of financing 4 cars for 5 years, if we just get a car every year that will keep our fleet current and I think in good shape. I have tweaked some lines and added a couple of lines that I think will make it easier for me to look at the things in the middle of the year. Such as for our programming and software, I have created a line which I normally take out of office expenses throughout all the funds. I just created a line because it makes it easier for me to budget. There is just a few little tweaks – nothing major and nothing earth shattering this year. We are still trying to get along and waiting for that revenue to start flowing but other than that. I am here all week and you can call me or email me. We will pass it by ordinance at the end of the year and that is

when it will become in effect on January 1st. Mayor Bring advised the bad news is I had a meeting with Mr. Hunter the other day and we were talking as he did go to Columbus for a meeting where they were talking about more cuts for municipalities and we don't know how much it is but we are kind of waiting for an answer on that and we haven't heard anything else. If that does happen we may be back to square one and that would be very unfortunate. Also we are still going through negotiations. Councilman Erdei asked with all these purchases and the building maintenances which I know we need, we are not going above our heads on any of this. Finance Director Smith answered not at all. When we borrowed the money I contemplated that and that is not an issue that is going to be repaid. The nice thing is we split it up, part for equipment and part for building and we will obviously pay off the equipment faster because the life expectancy of that, but it is all figured into the budget. That is not going to deter from the Police or Fire or anything else – it is all separate and it is fine. Avon Lake Press John Edwards asked is there a carry-over figure? Finance Director Smith answered not yet and probably about the same as last year, right around \$200,000.00 for general fund and that is really the one fund that matters the most because it is most volatile with all the safety forces coming out of that. I will know that a little closer to the end.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to adjourn at 6:51 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 the PUBLIC HEARING 2015 BUDGET of November 25, 2014.

MAYOR

Dennis Bring