

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
June 17, 2014**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Absent: Councilman Smith (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Demo Board Chairperson Gee, Members of the Media

PRESENTATIONS: None.

*****COMMITTEES*****

ROADS & DRAINS: None./SAFETY: None./BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: None./ORDINANCE: None./FINANCE:

Chairperson Stark advised we will be having a public hearing on July 8, 2014 at 6:45 pm for the 2015 Tax Budget./**PARK BOARD:** Member Kovach advised we met last night and there was 2 topics of discussion for the time being where the Service Director had gone over how the extension of Nature Bike Trail and Ferndale is moving along and that there is potential that it may be moving even quicker with the participation of Metro Parks. The other item that we spoke about was the movie that we plan to put on Friday, June 27th at this time full steam ahead on that to go. We have had some email contact with Pat in regards to getting advertising on the sign at the Civic Center and the sign at the Shopping Center. I am assuming that he is going to get that up some time in the next week. I believe that Kerry has most of the paperwork in process for that. Councilman McCullough stated David just to let you know I got your email. We swank out of Illinois when we do this, they kind of have the Clearing House for all of it. You just can't take one off the shelf and even send them the money. They have to send you the DVD they want you to play because part of the agreement is that you have to play the previews that they want you to play and all the other stuff. They agreed to let us use Dolphin Tail for one night on a Friday for \$300.00 as opposed to \$500.00 their normal for a Disney movie. All that paperwork is in process and will be finished up tomorrow because I didn't have our tax ID number when I was just speaking to Courtney on the phone. But it will all be done and we will have it in our hands like I always do and it will be shown. Law Director Graves asked is it \$300.00 fee for

that public performance license. Councilman McCullough answered yes for one night and if it rains and you show up the next night you owe another \$100.00.

*****ADMINISTRATIVE*****

MAYOR: None./FINANCE DIRECTOR: None./SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Service Director Smith reported I only have a couple of things. Currently the Service Department cutting out and removing the concrete from the Civic Center parking lot to allow for a new underground 3 phase conduit connection to the transformer that Ohio Edison will be installing and part of our agreement that we worked that we cut the concrete and put the conduit in and they will sleeve and hook it up and then we will seal it. Then they will remove the utility pole and take care of removing the flag pole at the same time. So that is scheduled for 2 weeks from now, we are just trying to stay to a schedule that we have going right now. It seemed to be a little deeper and harder than we thought but we got it handled today. We are still patching holes and mowing each week in between other things and we will get through the city shortly. We had some equipment breakdowns this week, some serious ones with mowing equipment in the parks. Rob has been Johnny on the spot going back and forth fixing them and getting them running for a little bit. I don't know all of a sudden it just did that but Jerry was using the walk behind in the heat and everything but he still got everything done. So that seems to be an issue but Rob is keeping up with it the best he can. He also fixed the Fire Chief's Cherokee I guess today too. He was all proud of himself which is good. He is doing a great job. President Rosso asked do you have a tentative time schedule for when you think you can camera the sewers down Holl. Service Director Smith answered we could fit it in. Mayor Bring advised Mr. Smith there is an issue there because of the water. They can't do it right now because there is water in there and the camera would be in the middle of the pipe submerged. Service Director Smith stated the water in the one section, we are talking about the same section where we have the manhole. We found the manhole where we had some loose bricks that are falling in the bottom. We jetted through the water but we have high level in it. President Rosso clarified the sanitary? Service Director Smith answered I believe it is the sanitary. We have been working on it, as a matter of fact last week we went and just on precautionary we lifted every manhole cover till we found the one but we ended up doing all of them again and the flow is fine. Just down toward the one section we had a high level but it is flowing. President Rosso stated a couple of meetings ago we told the residents we would. Mayor Bring advised we did go over there and one of the issues with that silt was underneath the bridge and that is a problem as we have to lower a machine down in there and we have to figure out how we are going to do that. The other problem was that part of that pipe and I don't know if our truck is going to be powerful enough to jet some of that out. We did have the discussion and the guys were kind of talking to me and didn't tell Len

what was going on. We did talk back and forth but they have been over there. I just asked Mr. Smith today about going back over there again and we will we just have to figure out when we are going to have time. Service Director Smith stated but it needs to be said so that everyone is aware. We are trying to move as quickly and efficiently. President Rosso stated I tell people that we are working on it. Service Director Smith stated for instance I still have to call that elderly gentleman back who talked about the bridge because he was absolutely 100% correct. Not only is the silt located I even went had a meeting with Mike Bramhall and Mike explained to me why that happens and that is because of the velocity of the water flowing in the ditch that is impeded by the trees – it slows it down and then the natural course of the bridge itself slows it down in that spot and it can't carry the silt. So what happens is it deposits it where it slows down temporarily and falls from suspension. When it is rushing real fast and everything and the velocity of the water is up then it takes it to the lake. Since they redid the ditch; the railroad redid the ditch and the Village regarded their ditches, when we get flow and velocity in there there comes a lot of silt. So the gentleman was correct and I am going to call him to let him know and thank him because upon checking we did find that out. Like Dennis said we have to find a way to get a machine down in there to reach underneath the bridge and pull back. Mayor Bring advised I did talk to Mayor Hunter about stuff and he was talking about putting a larger pipe underneath the railroad tracks so we are doing not doing that as I told him we don't need any more water right now. We are leaving it as is but the property that they were talking about right behind their house that was cleaned out – that ditch is in Sheffield Village so both of those were in Sheffield Village. I told him about our concerns and he met with Len twice so we have had some more discussions about all that stuff. Councilman McCullough stated the vacant house that sits across the street from Grantwood on the lake. Mayor Bring advised it is going into foreclosure right now. Councilman McCullough asked did we cut that grass recently or who cut that? Mayor Bring answered we did it. Councilman McCullough stated the problem that I have is the people next door just using that land, they can't keep that grass cut for us or for that property. They keep the boat there all year long and now their boat trailer is there and now they got a pile of rocks in there. Mayor Bring stated yes and we reminded them of that and I was going to charge them for littering if they didn't get it out within a couple of days and they are working very hard to get it out because that was not appropriate to do and it is not their property and they have no business doing it. Councilman McCullough stated they have used that property as theirs since those people have been gone and you would think that they would at least be kind enough for the city just to keep the thing cut so it looks decent. Service Director Smith advised without having a complete list of mowing's are done in this city by the city and by the Port Authority each week. Totally

separate; Lorain County Port Authority people are out doing theirs. If you need a list I can supply you with it. Mayor Bring advised the house is still in the one guy's name but the lots are in somebody else's name so it is a mess. Councilman McCullough stated the guy next door just encroaches and leaves the stuff there. Mayor Bring advised he had no business doing what he did, like I said I sent the Building Inspector down there the next day. Councilman McCullough stated thank you and I just said it because it looks like crap and they don't even clean up, they just leave it./**SAFETY DIRECTOR:** Mayor Bring advised we are back down to 3 Police cars, the old cars are continuously breaking down which our 2009's we have had a lot of trouble with here lately too. There has been some sensors, starters, steering box which is the third time for the one car. We have to limp through until we get a new car and somehow get through this. The radios we had a problem the other day when the guys were out in the field and we have got to get that taken care of. We have got a problem with 911 through the Fire Department and Mr. Card had mentioned that to me and that is through the county. I did sit down the other day with Mayor Jensen from the City of Avon and he acknowledged that too. I didn't get a chance to talk to Mayor Zilka but I know that his Fire Chief was just as upset about it. So we do have to sit down with the county and figure out exactly what their next move is going to be because they keep saying they are going to correct the problem and they still haven't done anything. I know they have gone out to find like the dead zones of where the communication is that we can't hear anything and that is a problem. We do need to get that taken care of. There are a lot of things that are going bad rapidly. We did get the white car back which is now silver. We had to have that painted as the paint was completely peeling off of that. We sent it to a body shop and they had 2 cars in Avon Lake that did exactly the same thing and they had to strip it down completely and repaint it. We had to get that fixed. Ford said that is not under warranty but every white car that came out of there with that same exact paint job is completely peeling off. That car only has 50,000 miles on it so we will keep that as the Chief car over there. We did bring in the 2 new Firemen and they are in training, they came in Monday and they are just doing 10 hours each day. They are here and are very busy. President Rosso stated Tim I just thought it would be a good opportunity to mention about the glass boards and I do want to make sure that we try to remember next week to mention it over Council floor. Fire Chief Card stated Matt Harper, he somehow acquired some big glass boards that you can write on with dry erase markers. They are very expensive if you look at them up online. One is 4 foot X 6 foot that we hung in the day room. He also came in and hung them as well as donate them. We hung another one in the little room that goes between Watch Office and the Bays where we are going to write down equipment needs and then the smaller one is hung in the Lt. Office. They are still trying to figure out what they are going to do with that

one. He did donate them to us and his time. It was very nice of him to do that. President Rosso stated if you remember Matt was one of the gentlemen here a couple of weeks ago on Holl and this was after that I believe he brought these over and donated them. I would like to mention it across Council floor. Fire Chief Card advised he actually came in and installed them after he stood up and talked. Councilman McCullough stated on the 911 calls is that Fire Department only or is that Fire and Police that have the problem. Fire Chief Card advised right now it is just us. Finance Director Smith advised however the new radios that we plan on getting will be able to cross over with the new 911 system if we go that way for the Police. Fire Chief Card stated if they are going digital, all we are is narrow band. We have actually started having more problems communicating since we have switched to narrow band. I don't know why that is I haven't got a clear answer from people. Councilman McCullough stated I can tell you – cell phones. Fire Chief Card advised we used to be to talk and communicate pretty clearly from any of the commercial buildings, especially in Apples and all the Shoreway shopping stores but now if we go into those buildings and you are in there you have to leave someone outside in order to hear communications from 911. It is just not making it into the building and our communications aren't making it out as well. Councilman Cizl stated is skateboarding getting worse? I was driving down Lake Road yesterday and there was a little boy about 13 years old blond haired kid going right down the center of Lake Road and I told him don't you know this is illegal and he kind of said something and I kept going and right after I passed him he went right down the center in front of Risco's down the middle of the road. I was shocked. Mayor Bring advised yes that is a problem and I informed the Police about it. I was going to wait for Tony to come back from vacation and I think we are probably going to start picking these young men up and having their parents come in and we are going to confiscate their skateboards until the parents come in. They are going down the side streets and going down the striped streets and not moving for traffic. They are down at the boat launch and they have been told repeatedly not to go down there. They are down behind the Post Office and they have been told repeatedly not to go behind there. Then the parents come and even after the Police take care of the matter the parents are coming down saying where are the kids going to skateboard at. The parents aren't any better than the kids and that is part of the problem. Then the kids are saying there are no signs up anywhere so I told Pat to order 12 signs and we are going to post them all over Shoreway and at the Boat Launch – everywhere. I hate to be like that but that is just the way it is because they are not listening and every time you stop and talk to them, I caught them behind the Post Office the other day with all the boards out jumping on that. One kid fell and hit his head about 2 weeks ago. So one of these kids are going to fall down and break a neck or break an arm or get hurt seriously and we are going

to get sued over this stuff. It's to the point where it is way out of hand and they are very obnoxious about it and when I stopped them at the Post Office I said how many times I got to tell you and they say you never told me this. I have got no patience for that anymore so I looked at them with my normal look and they picked everything up and ran because I'm done. They just don't listen and we are all tired of it but they are being obnoxious to the Police and being obnoxious to Mr. Smith and they are being obnoxious to the residents. It is unfortunate but I don't know what else to do. Service Director Smith stated if I may that is why I brought up last week to you guys about holding their parents responsible for the unsupervised children of a certain age down there. There is no reason that an 8 year old should be jumping off a pier and in the water when his parent is home sleeping. There is no reason for that and I have caught 10 year olds and I have caught 11 year olds all unsupervised. 12 year olds is a law where they can stay home and babysit, that is fine but when they go down there unsupervised and disobey the rules – it is becoming a real problem. Mayor Bring advised they are even doing it off of our step back here and we have had 2 dispatchers catch them and we have told them and again the first thing that comes out of their mouth is that there is no signs. Councilman McCullough stated where is it legal for them to ride skateboards in the city, on the bike lane? Mayor Bring advised they can't go on the road. Councilman McCullough stated can they go in the bike lane like a bike? Mayor Bring answered we don't bother them when they go down the bike lane. Service Director Smith advised let's not forget we have got how many schools here with a lot of paved asphalt that just sits there. They don't want to go to a flat surface, they want to go down to the ramp because there is a boat ramp there. They want to ride their bikes down to the beach, they want to bring their dogs and let them poop in the sand so people can't use the beach. In the last 2 weeks and I have given this in reports I started off being real nice and talking to them. After hearing this is only place my Mom let's me come. What is your Mom doing, why isn't she here? They don't listen and they can't comprehend why they are not supposed to be down there unsupervised swimming. I just don't a 10 or 12 year old should be in the water without his parent around. There is something wrong with that. Councilman McCullough stated that is all stemming from the same house that you have had the problem at. Service Director Smith stated it is more than that. Mayor Bring advised there is about a dozen of them at minimum. Finance Director Smith stated and the attitudes./**LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Graves advised a couple pieces of legislation will be forthcoming. We certified a couple of liens for demolitions that have been done on East Drive through the NSP3 funds. Those liens will need to be assigned back to the county since they are the ones who incurred the costs so that legislation will be coming. Also the OVI is planning to do some additional shore line improvements and once we take a look at that we are going to need a

resolution that the city has plans for any public projects down there which is typically what we do. On Monday I will be attending and Kay is going with me a Public Records training on behalf of the Council members that are newly elected. On July 16th we will be resuming negotiations with both the OPBA and the FOP and will keep you apprised of that process as it progresses. I am also going to let you know that I have been approached by a couple of different entities seeking to open various forms of internet gaming in town, seeking to make a case that there is a loophole or that this would somehow qualify as a legal operation. I have been reviewing those and I will keep you apprised as that moves forward. At this point I am not convinced that they are in fact legal entities. Councilman McCullough stated I guess this is a slippery slope as if everybody is doing it why aren't we doing it. I notice more and more of those things popping up again especially in Sheffield. The two that were closed in that plaza are open and busy. I guess the comment that I am making is they really helped us out. Finance Director Smith stated we got an ambulance from the last one. Mayor Bring stated David is not going to let them do it unless it is legal and that is what he is looking into. Councilman McCullough stated wonder what their loopholes are or have you discussed with other Law Director's what they are looking at? Law Director Graves answered I haven't done any of that, there are a couple of cases where they have successfully defended themselves against the Prosecution but you have to understand when you are found not guilty of gambling that just says that the State failed to prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt. That is not a decision affirming the legality of the operation./**COMMUNICATIONS: None./OLD BUSINESS:** Councilperson Stark stated I got an email about our Fall/Autumn Festival, what was the dates we were setting up for that? Service Director Smith answered I think September 11th through the 14th. It was moved to some conflict. I think they said the 11th is carnival all night.
NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Bring advised I presented a number of things to you and I was kind of hoping to move forward it is getting kind of critical. President Rosso stated I guess I was under the impression that we were ready to roll on the police cars. Mayor Bring advised I can't do anything unless you guys okay it. President Rosso advised Council everyone has in their packets where Fire Chief Card wrote up this thing about the utility vehicle, this is not a Chief's vehicle – this is the utility vehicle that they have today that they need to replace which is listed with all the reasons. I know we had that list that had a lot of things on it which I sent out an email and advised probably 90+% we already knew we had to do. The police cars – obviously that is a no brainer and the radios was a no brainer. Mayor Bring advised there were a number of repairs. We had the repair for the Civic Center repair for the blacktop and we had to blacktop out here and we had the roof repairs, we had the radios, we had the computers, we had the repairs in the

Building Department, we had the repairs in the Police Department, we had the cars, we had the utility vehicle for Fire Department, we had the Chief vehicle for the Fire Department, we had the multi-use vehicle. President Rosso stated just so everyone understands anything under \$25,000.00 you don't have to come to Council for approval – you can just go ahead and add that. Mayor Bring stated the Fire Department had the cot. President Rosso stated right but if there is anything on there that you want to get moving on – feel free because you don't have to come to us for approval on that. So everyone knows anything under state bid which is \$25,000.00 does not require Council approval. Out of that list that you had originally passed out there are some things that I would like to talk about before we move forward on that might not cross that \$25,000.00 threshold. Especially anything to do with Council because I am all for spending it on people that are really doing the work in the city, we really don't need it. I would just ask as a courtesy we talk about anything you think is going to be for Council and we could talk about Council. I would rather have you spend it on anybody else. Mayor Bring stated the one for the blacktop over here is over \$25,000.00 and the one over at the Civic Center is over \$25,000.00. Both Police cars are over \$25,000.00 and the utility vehicle is over \$25,000.00 and the Fire Chief car is over \$25,000.00 and the Fire cot is over \$25,000.00. The roof repair is not and everything was not. Law Director Graves advised I would just like to clarify when we talk about the \$25,000.00 limit it is really a coincidence but you are talking about 2 different requirements both of which have a \$25,000.00 threshold. Any expenditure over \$25,000.00 requires Council approval. In addition, in an expenditure that is required to be bid over \$25,000.00 requires Council. He explained there are some things that are not required to be bid. In other words as part of the state consortium or professional services and things like that that are more than \$25,000.00 – they are not required to be bid but still require Council approval because it is just an expenditure over \$25,000.00. So really there is 2 things, some expenditures over \$25,000.00 are required bid and all expenditures over \$25,000.00 require Council approval. So everyone is clear it is 2 different things. President Rosso stated so in order to move things along we are going to start it this way, I have talked to several people on Council – not everyone and the only item that has ever come up in question and I am not saying it will be the only one but the one that seems to pop right to the top of the list is the car for the Fire Chief. So let's start there after Kerry ask his question to David and then we will go through the rest of the things and I would think everyone agrees with this – let's not hold up 90% of the stuff that we want to get moving on if we are talk about one thing. Councilman McCullough stated David when the Mayor presents it to us as a package and we are going to borrow \$402,000.00 does not become all inclusive and that is way over the \$25,000.00 or not? Law Director Graves advised this is just a proposal. President

Rosso stated there will be separate legislation for each line. So we will get Police cruiser legislation and we will get the cot legislation, the roofing legislation and all that. Councilman Erdei stated we are talking about all this equipment and replacement and everything which I am for but we are short on manpower in our Service Department. Mayor Bring answered different funding. Finance Director Smith explained this is only general fund, this has nothing to do with the Service or Water Departments. Councilman Erdei stated I am just bringing it up, did you ever think of having another hire working in the department to help on the stress level. President Rosso stated it has nothing to do with this so let's focus on this money here. Councilperson Stark stated I believe we can take off the hazmat trailer correct because we are going to share with the Village. Fire Chief Card concurred yes Chief Young offered instead of us having to identical pieces of equipment if we have a need for Decon or any hazmat thing that exceeds what we have over there we can just call his department and they will bring their trailer down. Of course we will have to replace whatever we use from his trailer. President Rosso stated let's start at the top and go down and see if anyone has an issue and if we can put a check next to it then tomorrow you can start writing up legislation for Tuesday. Does anyone have any questions regarding the purchase of 2 Ford Explorer's; those are Patrol cars correct? Councilman McCullough stated my point is this and I made point to the Mayor about this too, we have 2 Explorer's and we have trouble with our police cars right now. I think our money would be better spent if we went with 3 new Ford Explorer's that way if 2 of them aren't running 24/7. You got 1 down 8 hours a day, I just think that would be a better move. If we are looking at this as a total budget and how to spend it and how to move it around. I would think that 3 Explorer's for the Police Department would make the longevity of those Explorer's so much longer because if we do have 1 go down then 2 of them run fine. On the flipside of that I did talk to 1 of the Officers in Lakewood since they got their Ford Explorer's and they are really sharp and 1 of them you can't even tell as it just blends right in for traffic. He was telling me that theirs have been running 24/7 and they have been running for 6 months and running really good but they are running theirs 24/7 and their concern is they are going to putter out because they don't stop. President Rosso stated so you are saying 3 instead of 2. Finance Director Smith stated I agree with Kerry however the problem that we have had in the past is it is feast or famine. We order 5 cars and we get them and they are all the same year and they all get beat up at the same time and we all need new cars at the same time. The reason we only put 2 down for this year is because if you look at the 2015 budget I already passed some money in there to order another Ford Explorer next year. That way we can start putting in and they will start a rotation. President Rosso stated which is what we attempted to do. Mayor Bring stated which is what we attempted to do 13 years ago. Finance Director

Smith stated I like where Kerry is going however I think if we buy 3 this year those 3 will be worn out at the same time in 10 years or whatever it is. That is why I was hoping and we have definite need right now but I was hoping to institute a pattern that we can replace 1 every year. President Rosso stated so everyone is fairly comfortable with at least getting the 2 cars. Mayor Bring advised I could have ordered those 2 weeks ago and we would have got them in October and if we order those next week it will probably be in sometime in November now. So every time you wait it is going to be almost 2 more months. Even on some of this other stuff they don't have them on the lot. President Rosso stated does anyone have any questions on the camera's for the 2 units? Mayor Bring advised those are probably going to be donated by the VFW and Amvets is what I have heard. We may get those through them. President Rosso asked any concerns about replacing the 20 outdated Tasers in the Police Department for \$20,000.00. Again all this stuff was what we said we were going to do. What about the 18 radios which would go to digital for the Police? Councilman McCullough stated the only time you would need those is once a year but you got to have them. Mayor Bring asked what do you mean once a year. Councilman McCullough stated Community Days. Mayor Bring stated they use them every day. Councilman McCullough stated Tony said he needed 18 and I said why 18 and he said because we need 18 at Community Days. Well that is what he lead me to believe but it made sense. President Rosso stated what about the equipment for dispatch; computers, monitors, radio equipment. Does anyone have any concerns or questions about that. No voices were heard. President Rosso asked what about the one unmarked used police car? Mayor Bring explained why. No voices were heard. President Rosso stated moving to the Fire, the utility vehicle is what Chief Card had put his write up together and I am sure have not had much time to go through but this is to replace a truck that is already in service today. Mayor Bring advised it is truck 66. When we had Hurricane Sandy Tim and I were out in the morning driving around the streets but some of the streets had downed power lines and we had to take our pumper truck over there to block off a street. When we had some other bad weather we had that and that truck also carried the equipment. Since T66 has been down the Firemen have not done the fire hydrants which was a practice that we did a long time ago. So the flushing is something that it is used for, that truck was a multi-use truck and that is kind of what everything was used for and it lasted us 16 years and we are anticipating that this one is going to last us as long. President Rosso stated one thing not to under value is using it as a chase vehicle so if they don't need 4 then they can return and we have a squad ready to go out again instead of calling in and waiting. President Rosso asked any questions? Councilman Erdei stated on this proposal are we going to have that Sheffield Lake Fire Department – is it going to be painted on it. Fire Chief Card answered yes it is on the proposal which is state

bid and all the equipment is at state bid price. Mayor Bring advised a long time ago we used to buy some of these things and then we outfit and it was a huge mistake. Now they got it where everything comes as a state bid and we get the equipment cheaper and everything else and that is kind of why I am trying to tell you guys that we need to take advantage of it because if we don't take the state bid and we buy the equipment it is about \$4000.00 for the lights and everything else and then you got to have somebody put it in which is another \$2000.00. So you are spending an extra \$6000.00 instead of probably \$3000.00 and then you got to have somebody put it all this stuff in and it is the proper stuff. We started ordering police cars like that a number of years ago so it has worked out much better. They give you options and we sat down; Tony and I did and Tim and I did and talked to these gentlemen about what to order and what not to order. Basically we got kind of a basic package or you can get lights that costs \$5000.00 or they got lights that costs \$2200.00 but there is not much difference in it and the guy said they are fine. You can put lights in the grill or in the cabby – you can do all this stuff. But it gets to the point where all it is is something else to break so you just get what is necessary. He advised I went to the other cities and I priced the other vehicles and they are exactly the same price so I tried to figure out how much to spend on these things. Councilman Erdei advised it saves a lot of headaches just having it all done at one time anyway. Finance Director Smith advised it is all installed properly. President Rosso stated the next item is the Ford Explorer which is for lack of a better term the Chief's vehicle. Mayor Bring stated his car right now that is sitting out there is illegal, it doesn't pass the E-check. That car is worn out, there are meetings that he has to go to and there are several other functions and then when there is a fire there is a command vehicle and Tim can tell you more than I can but I have been to them where they sit in there and the other Chief's come and they will sit there and direct fires. Then he also gets radio calls in there and if somebody else calls – we had a situation last year where we were at the fire on Pinewood and then we had an air compressor blow on Southwood so we had multiple things going on so he and I took off and ran over to there and investigated that. Does it happen all the time – no but there is necessity for it. If you are looking at getting another used vehicle you are going to spend \$20,000.00 or somewhere around there. You are going to have to spend another \$6,000.00 on getting that equipment put in there but it is not going to be a state bid then you are going to be in 5 years somebody else is going to be sitting in this seat ordering another car and worried about how we are going to pay for thing. This is an opportunity for a state bid to get this thing and it will probably last 15 years and we got to quit thinking about buying pieces of crap because just to let you know we had 2 sweepers that we bought and we made it into one and that is now broke. That is no longer in service. We got another sweeper out there and that is broke. We got dump trucks that we

buy used that everybody else doesn't want but they are newer for what we have and if it hadn't been for our mechanic we would not have been able to plow snow this year because all 3 of those went down. We have another white truck and that has been going down we just replaced the alternator in that. It has been non-stop every time you buy used stuff. We bought a used bulldozer and that is down. We bought a used red truck and that one is down. I can go on and on and on. Sooner or later everybody has got to realize we can't keep buying cheap crap so we got an opportunity to buy something and maybe it is going to cost us \$15,000.00 more but it is going to last us a long time. That is all I am trying to tell you, I got to get rid of that other thing because it is illegal. You know how I am about spending money, I don't like spending money and you know that but it gets to a point where sooner or later we have to step up to the plate. President Rosso stated Fire Chief Card can you talk about the use of this and the mutual aid that we have with other communities. Fire Chief Card explained I will talk out on how we respond and how we receive calls. When a house fire comes in I get a phone call at the same time they are giving the call to my guys whether I am sitting in that station or at my house – my phone rings. If I have a vehicle I can respond right then and I can be on scene with them from here, there or wherever. We respond with all these other departments automatically. When a house fire house Avon automatically responds and Sheffield Village automatically with us. Their Chief's automatically respond whether they at station or at home – they go directly to my scene. Then if it is a house fire we drop our first alarm and then we get Avon Lake and Elyria Township and Sheffield Township. Those departments respond and their Chief's respond so we end up with 5 Chief's on scene however I am not on the scene because I am always the last Chief on the scene at our house fires because I can't go directly to the scene. I also cannot automatically respond to their fires when they have them and help them. So I haven't been to any of their fires, I am sorry I did make one in Avon. I need a vehicle so I can be relevant in the county as well as in our town here. You know I am the Fire Chief and I have a huge responsibility. I am responsible for the wellbeing and safety of this town and I am responsible for my guys and their safety. Me showing up on scene as quickly as possible gives that Lieutenant the opportunity to go and work with his crew and now he can be the shift Officer like he supposed to and direct his crew where I can give him an order and he will just handle it the way it is supposed to be done. Where now he is out here and we may have a senior guy in there doing what needs to get done or you may have one of these new guys in there what needs to get done but nobody is running them because their Lieutenant is out in the front yard and I am in traffic. I also need it to get to meetings, I have meetings and most of my meetings are 7 o'clock at night because that is when the county Chief's meet and that is when all of their different Boards that they have meet. There is a Lorain County Incident

Management Team that I am not a part of because I can't respond. We also just like I said those Chief's that we formed that little group that we respond together with, we created our own little Incident Management Team which is called Northeast Lorain County Incident Management Team and I am a part of it when I show up on my fires but I am not a part of it when they have a fire. It is an important tool for me to use as a Command Post, all the training that we are doing in Incident Command – you need to run a fire or any major incident from inside of the vehicle because the mobile radio's that are in there are more powerful than our portables and it also a required environment where I am not standing out in the front yard with the pump running behind me where I might miss a fire fighter calling for a mayday which means he is in trouble and then we might miss that which then he is not going to get the help that he needs or not in a timely manner. It is just an important tool for a Fire Chief to have is a vehicle. Those are the reason that I need it. Councilperson Stark stated sitting in Safety for a while I know a lot of cities have donated and helped us out but the Fire Department has really handicapped and not been able to give them the same level of help that they have given us and I believe the Police Chief has a car that he gets to use and they get to take their cars to go to meetings and pickup warrants and everything. The Fire Department has really taken the brunt of the fall and has not asked a lot from us. I know that everybody is on board with this stuff but I am just saying they had gone the extra mile the last year and a half. They go out and get bids and they are very diligent on every penny that is spent in that department. I honestly think this is something we need to do and we need to get more involved with the different cities and start paying back what they have done for us. If it is a car it's a car. Mayor Bring advised just to remind you guys Mr. Card went out and got us a \$280,000.00 vehicle and that was because he wrote the grant and he also found that 2008 vehicle that we got for \$60,000.00 which is like brand new. He has saved the city a ton of money and he is asking for a piece of equipment that is going to be for something he uses. You don't get to the point where someone deserves something but he has shown that he appreciates where he works and he has shown that is he appreciates the city and he has also turned that department around and is making a better department. Again you need the proper tools to make that happen. Fire Chief Card stated this isn't a new thing for my department, it is something that went away during the last decade but Chief Rouse always had a vehicle. When Chief Rouse was the Chief we were very involved in everything that went on in Lorain County because he went to all the meetings, he had a vehicle and he made it to the calls. When I first got hired I just remember that he always was at meetings and that that kind of went away after he retired and the Chief's vehicle – we always had one sitting out there but it was usually broke down or wasn't worth driving. President Rosso stated somebody jump in and tell me I am really wrong, I don't

think there is anyone saying that we don't need a Chief's car. The discussion really is do we go new or do we look for used. The Mayor made all his points on why he thinks new is the right way to go. Somebody jump in and say that a Chief doesn't need a car at all if you think I am wrong but I think I have heard everyone say he needs a car. It is just debating whether we go new or used right now I guess. Councilman McCullough stated appreciate what you are saying about us being hamstrunged however for years the citizens of this community paid for Sheffield and Avon to have fire service because our guys were full-time and we would go to those entities all the time. The first on the scene and they were the last to leave. Sometimes Sheffield wouldn't even show up; their volunteers wouldn't show up to their own fires. So as far as owing people I don't like to use that term. As far as a Chief's vehicle I have no problem with a Chief's vehicle. I do have my concerns about when you talk about Rouse who lived down the street. We have an expense and the expense is that this thing is going to traveling back and forth every day. The type of vehicle I don't know why it needs to be an Explorer, I mean somebody can explain that to me. I don't know if the state has an Escape that does the same basic thing or if it wouldn't be better served if we had – I understand that the Explorer is part of the 4 wheel drive and snow and that sort of thing and that is basically a no brainer I guess. So a 4 wheel drive or F150 or F250 would be very expensive and it would be crazy. I guess that is where I am at, I am just trying to wrap my head around a \$35,000.00 Chief's vehicle. That is all Tim it has nothing to do with you. It just seems like a lot of money and all of a sudden we are going to have this influx of vehicles coming into the city and then it is going to come out as why is the Fire Chief driving back and forth to Lorain every day and that is a call that we are going to have to take and Dennis is going to have to take, Rick is going to have to take – all of us are going to have to take up here. Fire Chief Card advised if that happens and you get a call then just give them to me. I don't even know that that is allowed. The Mayor hasn't given me an okay for that. I am telling why I need a vehicle. There has been no discussion on how I am going to use it because that is up to the Mayor whether that happens or not. President Rosso stated Kerry I think you are in agreement that he needs a vehicle. Councilman McCullough stated without a doubt but I am wrapping my head around a \$35,000.00 vehicle and a \$40,000.00 cot. President Rosso stated the debate is it is new or as Dennis says used and we keep band-aiding it. Councilman Erdei stated if you can get 3 Ford Explorer's in a package deal at a better rate then if you would just get 2 Ford Explorer's and another cheaper vehicle. Myself I would rather buy new and not worry about and not sink anymore tax dollars into a broken down vehicle. That is what it boils down to and if 2 years you buy a used vehicle and 2 years something goes wrong then you are spending another \$5,000.00 or \$10,000.00 and it just keeps adding up and adding up and before you know it you

are in the same boat you were when you first started. So I say buy new and that's it and it is covered. Mayor Bring advised just to let you know when we looked at these bids and we looked at Dodge Charger with the engine and equipment was the same price as a Ford Explorer. We looked at other vehicles and they are the same price. So they give you an option between a Ford Taurus, they give you an option between a Tahoe, they give you an option between a Chevy Malibu or the Ford Explorer – that was your options for these state bid vehicles. That is why this came up, I didn't just pick the Ford Explorer out of thing. It is not 4 wheel drive – it is 2 wheel drive. You forget here too that David drives every day to court and he drives his own personal vehicle and Tammy drives her personal vehicle every day to the bank and Len drives his personal vehicle around and I drive my personal vehicle around. We all have sacrificed a lot of things in this city but I think it is time, sooner or later. If these people want to complain about everything in this city, you are not going to stop them but sooner or later the city has to move forward and if we keep thinking about buying cheap crap we are never going to go anywhere. Finance Director Smith stated to me it all comes down to dollars and cents, you have a vehicle that is going to last 12 to 15 years and it is going to cost us less than \$3000.00 a year. I go by dollars and cents I don't really care what Tim uses it for – if he needs it that is fine than let's figure out what it is going to cost us. I believe that the citizens of Sheffield Lake made it very clear that they don't want to lose their Fire Department, they want to support it. If we give them a used vehicle they are going to say that is how we are spending our money. The people want to be proud of what we have and they want to be proud to say they live in Sheffield Lake. They love when our new vehicles go down in the parade always. Law Director Graves stated I happened to notice there was a Ford Escape out there today with Avon Lake Fire Department on it. Fire Chief Card answered yes they got that from Kiwaski's up here and it wasn't a state bid. I think they have given them some kind of deal – I think they got it for like \$22,000.00 but then they had to pay to outfit with the equipment. Law Director Graves stated if a brand new Ford Escape could be had at a more reasonable price would that be as adequate as the Explorer or is there benefits to the Explorer over the Escape. Fire Chief Card stated I don't think we are going to save anything. Councilman Kovach advised by the time you would equip an Escape if you were at \$35000.00 on this you would be lucky. I think you couldn't pull an equipped car out for \$30,000.00 and it is so much more car. Mayor Bring stated you are looking at \$35,000.00 but quite a bit of that is equipment. President Rosso stated which is what you said earlier in the past we have tried to get things and to do it ourselves and we end up spending more and it is used. Service Director Smith stated when we have to look used we have and that is not necessarily a bad thing at all. But when we don't have to we shouldn't, we should be just like the average person in town that purchases a new car. I can

tell you the used car that I purchased, 8 months before I purchased it used at a \$38,000.00 price tag and it was a Taurus. You can't just sit here and ignore the fact that it is better to get a new car and it is better to have the warranty and it is better to have the drive tran warranty – it is better to have all that stuff because when you start adding all the nickel and dime it gets frustrating for the owner of the car and it gets frustrating for the department. I am not saying it is wrong to buy used but you don't have to at this point, it is not a necessity to buy used. You need to get the extra years out of it and extra value and running time. It is my opinion as a citizen more so then as a Service Director. I live in the town too and I have no objection to him having an Explorer and to be honest with you I think it should be 4 wheel drive and not 2 wheel drive. Fire Chief Card stated that Escape it is still an emergency vehicle but that is their bureau car. He drives around all day doing inspections on buildings and he uses it for when he has to respond to fire scenes to do investigations. It is not like a first response vehicle. Councilman McCullough stated I feel I need to say this, I am asking these questions for the simple fact of I am going to use my due diligence and I am going to make sure I have explored every possibility of every single answer and I am sorry makes people uncomfortable but I want to know in my head when it comes to next Tuesday and we are voting on a Ford Explorer for the Fire Department that my yes vote is going to be because it is the best thing and the answers were answered not just because it was put out there. I appreciate David bringing up the Escape and the statement Steve when we were over here talking was the fact of it is a good price for the vehicle but even if you got the Escape within \$5000.00 it is not going to last but 2/3 of the time. So for that \$5000.00 you are going to get hopefully another 5 years. That is the big thing I am looking at, before I go spending somebody else's money I am going to make sure that I have everything in my head clear. Mayor Bring stated part of what he just said is 100% correct because that is what I did and that is what I have been doing and that is what I do every day to make sure that we spend the money that was needed and that is what I am trying to tell you guys. We spent a lot of time looking at this stuff and I didn't just say we are going to get 4 Explorer's – we just didn't do that. We have been talking about this for a long. Just exactly what Kerry said I don't want to spend the public's money unless I think there is going to be a value on it and that is what I did. President Rosso stated I will say this just as a comment I think in my opinion that Council and Administration work very well together. I think most all of us all the time respect that you have done your due diligence and that Administration has done their due diligence and came with their presentation and to Kerry's point it is our job to do our due diligence and ask questions and make sure we are comfortable to answer those questions to our constituents and this is not us versus you – this is okay guys what do we need to make the city better and you say we need this and we ask a few

questions. Mayor Bring stated the other thing is you may get criticized because they are going to say oh we spent all this money. Well you know what we have waited and waited and waited and it is absolutely critical that we start doing this because there is some serious equipment things that we need that we don't have right now. Every day – Tony and I talk with Tammy and some of the other stuff that is going on even in the dispatch and the Fire Department and everything else that is going on around here and it is a little scary. I will tell you that. President Rosso stated if you are not voting to make purchase for the betterment of the city because you are afraid somebody is going to criticize you then you don't need to be up here and I don't think we have anybody like that. Councilperson Stark stated for a the last year and a half in safety we have discussed pretty much everything that is on this list plus more and how we have sort of I want to call it – duck-taped stuff together and done without. This is all stuff that we have been discussing sort of on the back burner of what are we going to do and how can we do it and what is the cheapest way we can do it – how can we get through if one – the levy didn't pass, how are we going to keep duck-patching this stuff and if it did pass – what were our priorities. People really want to know about this stuff then come to a Safety meeting and learn about this stuff but we have discussed this and we have been duck-taping both departments and barely stringing both departments along for well over a year and a half. Maintenance is probably half the budget of what we get every time we get a list of repair and maintenance – every meeting we get broken, broken, broken/this is how much we have to pay, we have to pay, we have to pay. This is why I think the new vehicles are going to save us so much money by not having to do these repairs or have it go down when we need them. Mayor Bring advised just to remind you the 2 old ambulances were costing us \$20,000.00 a year just in repairs. There was a brief discussion on Ford's versus other manufacturers. Councilman Cizl noted concerns of operations of Service Departments; equipment and staffing. President Rosso advised none of this money can be used there. Should we write this legislation up for tonight which was discussed and Law Director will draw up for Tuesday's Council meeting. President Rosso advised anybody between now and next Tuesday has an issue with the Chief's truck and they want to vote it down, we still have to get the 2 Police cars on order. Councilman McCullough stated can we not put off that other cot right now. Tell me why we need this cot? Fire Chief Card explained right now what we are trying is to have the ambulances exactly the same. I can't take that power cot out of S72 and put it in S71 because it won't mount in there. If I could then we would do that when we switch the squads because I want to rotate the squads so we are not just running one squad all the time. The Mayor me that we were going to go ahead and purchase this cot in the near future so right now we aren't the 2008 ambulance unless it is absolutely necessary because I am trying to prevent my guys from injuring their backs from

picking up people with the cots. This cot – you just push a button and it lifts 700 pounds. So since they have been using it they have not had to pick anyone up at all. They help them to the cot and push the button and take them to the ambulance and it hooks into the load system and the load system picks up the cot and you just push it into the squad like a drawer. Since the Mayor told me that we are doing that we haven't used the 2008 squad because I am trying to prevent my guys from injuring their backs which would cost the city more money in workers comp claims. Tammy told me that when we have workers comp claim on a back injury that the city sometimes has to pay close to \$100,000.00 over the course of the rehab and stuff. Mayor Bring answered we can't do double runs now because the cot is in the one. Councilman Wtulich advised I did go see a presentation of a power cot and it seems like a no brainer to me. I mean if you save one back injury you have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars to the city. It seems like a good idea to me and it is a pretty impressive piece of machinery too. There was a brief discussion on the longevity of squads in the advantage of having 2 and rotating them. Councilman Kovach stated I have one comment though if we skip down to parks and going with what we just said, do we really want to go with a used pick-up as opposed to a new one and the reason I ask that is I was there in '93 when we bought the last new one. It last 21 years and it has had some work and it took a beating but you are going kind of against the grain there and it is not that much more money for that size pick-up truck. Mayor Bring stated I will be honest with you and this is one of those things were Len brought up where sometimes you buy used and sometimes you don't. I would be very comfortable having a used pick-up truck in that department and it is no offense to how they use it but that truck is towing trailers, doing this and that, we have had kids driving it. If a kid drove that thing and scratched a new truck I would blow a gasket. Councilman Kovach advised you wouldn't have to wait long because the last one I think it was 3 weeks when they crushed the fender/quarter panel. Councilman McCullough stated I see they use ATV's for parks employees, I got an email from Yamaha because I love Yamaha jet ski's and their program that we weren't able to take part of last year is back again. Mayor Bring advised we aren't going to do it, way too much flack over that and I am not even going to go there. The other thing is that that also takes training and we don't have the manpower to do the training and everything else. Tim and I discussed this about Avon Lake has something similar if we need to get into that and we are just not going to go through all the nonsense. President Rosso asked are we prepared to talk about the capital improvements? Mayor Bring answered again the parking lots have to be bid out independently. You are talking probably sometime late fall at best. President Rosso stated you are talking about hiring somebody to come in and actually do it. You are not going someplace and buying asphalt and letting us dump it and roll it. Law Director explained again

legislation would be authorizing the Mayor or Service Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for these projects. Mayor Bring explained with what is going over in Iraq the oil prices if you haven't seen it are going up so that means asphalt is going to go up. So the longer we wait the higher the bid. They shut down their main refinery yesterday. Finance Director Smith stated and they will use it as an excuse. President Rosso asked does anyone have any problem with giving the Mayor authorization to go out for bid for re-pavement of city hall and civic center parking lots. No voices were heard. President Rosso asked what about the front doors for the Police Department? Mayor Bring advised the front door is all rusted out and the steps are lifting up and I think we are going to end up putting caution tape around it. There was a brief discussion regarding repairs/updating of dispatch at Police Department which will probably be broken into separate projects due to all that has to be done. President Rosso advised I know Alan is not here tonight but in conversations with Alan he was okay with it. Mayor Bring advised I did have a conversation with Alan about a couple of things and I think he understands, he may not be 100% with the one vehicle but he still understands. Whether he votes yes or no? President Rosso advised I don't want to hesitate waiting for one Council member to come back and talk about it so we are going to move on. Mayor Bring advised certain are needed very badly.

Councilman McCullough stated can we really start everybody please Charter Review, please, please, please. President Rosso stated look for people, registered voter. We need a minimum of 5. Well Karl Guenther Jr. would like to serve. Clerk Fantauzzi advised Mr. Joe Gee is also willing to serve. There was a brief discussion on process.

Councilperson Stark advised Kerstetter's walk/run is July 12, 2014 for a 5 mile run. The walk is free and the run I believe is 20 dollars and it all goes to help the Charity and you can register on line and if you go to Facebook you can go to Kerstetter 5K.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –

Council#026 – THIRD READING – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into the Seventh Amendment to contract with Browning-Ferris Industries of Ohio, Inc.(BFI) and the declaring of an emergency.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to adjourn at 8:43 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

MAYOR

Dennis Bring

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Richard Rosso

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 WORKSESSION of June 17, 2014.

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Alan Smith