

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
October 22, 2013**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, October 22, 2013. Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

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

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

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

Absent: Councilman Smith, Service Director Smiths (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Demolition Board: Gee, Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), Members of the Media

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

*Council – October 8, 2013* - \*Motion by Elliott/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2013 Council meeting. Yeas All.

*Council Worksession – October 15, 2013* - \*Motion by Elliott/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2013 Council meeting. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

*Clerk of Courts; Francine Shover* – Monthly report of court receipts for month of September 2013 - \$9043.0.

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

*Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse:* Chairman Elliott reviewed the minutes of the October 7 2013. \*Motion by Stark/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas

All./*Safety: None./Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance:*

Chairman Kovach reviewed the minutes of the October 3, 2013 meeting. \*Motion by Stark/Second by Elliott to accept the report. Yeas All./*Finance & Audit:* Chairperson

Stark reviewed the minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting. \*Motion by Elliott/Second by Stark to accept the report. Yeas All./*Council Representative to the Joyce*

*Hanks Community Center:* Representative Cizl advised next meeting is November

18, 2013 at 7 pm./*Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:*

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

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**MAYORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring reported we showed 2 more units at Shoreway shopping center. Hopefully at the next Council meeting I will probably be bringing those to you, they were both very pleased to be part of that shopping center and to rent off of us so hopefully that works out. I showed on Saturday and then I showed one this morning but both were very positive. Councilman McCullough asked on the drive-thru, what was that dumpster and where did all that crap come from. Mayor Bring answered that all came out of the inside of that. Councilman McCullough asked is that where those cabinets were stored? Mayor Bring answered no this is just stuff that has been in there for about 8 years and we cleaned it all out. \*Motion by Stark/Second by Elliott to accept the report. Yeas All./

**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Finance Director Smith reported tonight I have additional appropriation ordinance in conjunction with the ordinance that I brought forward last week at Finance. This one is just transferring \$40,000.00 out of Shoreway Operating into Shoreway Note Fees. A year ago when I wrote the budget I didn't know exactly what we were going to be paying down on the Shoreway note, we are going out to bid on the bond. This Thursday we should be getting bids on interest rates and Finance companies are going to look to buy the bond note and we are paying it down by \$70,000.00. So this \$40,000.00 is part of that and the fees, so the increase I need to go to note interest and fees out of operating and if we don't use it all. \*Motion by Stark/Second by Elliott to accept the report. Yeas All./

**TREASURER REPORT:** Treasurer Woods reported the report is attached to this agenda. \*Motion by Stark/Second by Elliott to accept the report. Yeas All./

**SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring reported the one thing I didn't mention under the Mayors report was that the lady that was doing the balloons- Sheila Kepic, on the first day that they were open on Friday she had 148 people go through there and as of today I stopped by she is adding to what she has and if you look at the Lorain Journal this morning she was on the front page of the Journal. It is always good to have something positive on the front page and I believe the Chronicle stopped down and took pictures and I know that John stopped down and took pictures. So I am assuming that more of that is going to be in the newspapers. I had the opportunity along with Jim Woods to stand down there and watch some of the kids go through and it was exciting to see their faces. For the Service Director, we have been talking about the non-sufficient funds for the checks and we did a little study on this and after collectively discussing and identifying we sent this out in an email; "the non-sufficient checks, problems and solutions it is agreed that the Water Department will default to te program solutions effectively immediately and we agree that should a bank return a check due to insufficient a batch will be opened and the correction utilized in the procedure and further identify batch maintenance command buttons. Enclosing this process will identify and remove false credit generated by these non-sufficient checks by the month to the corrective process for delinquent accounts would continue to correct the action and would be necessary to generate and include negative batch reports for the Treasurer's review and enclosing with all that it is just that we had a little glitch and part of the money for the

checks were getting counted twice and it was creating a problem. So Pat and I sat down and we found that, so we are correcting that problem. Mr. McCullough you had asked about that study from Mr. Bramhall; our City Engineer – that is on-going and I also know the engineer down at our pump station over there on the dip by Jordan's and we had the discussion about there is new equipment that you can buy and there is all kinds of things that you can do now. In a short version of this, we looked at upgrading the pump stations with new equipment. The stuff we have now is like a sump pump and when you have a sump pump you have a plastic float and the water gets so high it pumps out so that is what we have. But unfortunately the water sits there and it is basically like a trap like if you had a crock there and what happens is that micro organisms actually die and that is what the smell is that comes out of that and that is what creates all that. This new equipment would actually not allow that water to sit there and would pump everything out and in turn that new equipment – if you look at some of the new cars out that have that eco-boost and they have a Chevy car that if you are going down the highway it tones it back down to like a 4-cylinder instead of the 8-cylinder. This does the same thing in electric, so when comes on it doesn't have a big surge – we are getting a tremendous amount of electricity that we are getting charged for because this pump is surging all the time. This new equipment would actually stop that from surging and it would be a gradual process and also self-start. That would save us a tremendous amount of money with electricity and also the new system would be monitored, instead of the guys going to the pump stations which you see there all the time during rains and they are there constantly monitoring that and with this you could sit at a computer and monitor that and start everything without going out of the office. So not only would you save a tremendous amount of overtime but he told me in 5 years just by the electricity alone it would pay for the new equipment. So we are having a study about that. I told you about South Street, we tore all the trees out of there and we are now digging that out – as you can see we are continuing that and get all that water out of there. We have drained a tremendous amount of water and I think the guys are behind your house today and they might have been down there installing another pipe and they are going to continue to open the ditch behind Mr. Cizl's back in there because that was all flooding back there. So we are taking care of those 2 issues. The plow truck that I told you about that was going to costs us a lot of money. We have pretty much got all that corrected, I was in there today when the mechanic that up and he has got that running so our third truck will be going here shortly. The Building Inspectors jeep is pretty much on its last legs and we are about ready to bury it but we had one of the police cars I think it was the #730 and I told you about the engine being bad on that, we are going to take that car and strip of the emblems and sires, etc and convert that over to the Building Inspectors car. We got the car running, it would not be serviceable for the Police Department but it will work out for the Building Department and we will use that for as long as we possibly can and see if we can't get through that but the jeep for the Building Department is shot. Also we have been getting some very high bills on the water that we are turning

over to the county. I took a look at that and found out that we are letting some of these go way too long. I have since said that we are going to do a 2-month period and I told the girls over there that they can blame it on me but we are going to start shutting the water off after 2-months because we are getting some \$600, \$700.00, \$800.00 water bills and people are walking away and we are going to try to nip this and there is going to be some angry people but all they have to do is be in compliance with paying their water bill and there won't be any issues. So I started looking at all that and had the girls back on it and we sat down so I have got them going over all the bills and making sure. Again this is going to take a little bit of a process because we got 3200 people doing this on water bills. Councilperson Stark advised I did speak to the Board of Elections regarding the grant for doing some work over at the Civic Center, they are still working on trying to get some matching funds. They might be able to help out next year with the electric and gas bills. Mayor Bring explained what Leanna is talking about is the entrance to the Civic Center, first of all they told us they were going to fix this through a grant and it wasn't going to be a matching so then they wanted us to match the funds and we couldn't afford to do that right now. Councilman Erdei asked as far as the maintenance on the plaza, how are the roofs in case we do rent some of those spaces out? Mayor Bring answered we have a company that any time there is a leak we send them out there and he fixes it. We do have a small leak in the drive-thru but looking up somebody had cut a vent hole in there and they patched but obviously they didn't do a very good job but the leak is very small. I am going to send them over there to fix that. Actually that roof is in pretty good shape and roof's on the rest of them we have had several repairs; Apple's had a leak this year and I sent them over there and they fixed that. We have been taking care of all that. Councilman Erdei asked the one I want to know is the bowling alley, is that leaking still or that was getting water in there when I was last in there. Mayor Bring answered the corner of the building is leaking and we are going to get into that probably within the next couple of months we are going to start cleaning that all out. We will look at that then and we may not get that fixed until spring time but meanwhile we are going to try to get as much of that stuff out of there as we can. It is basically, all the machinery is gutted out of there just some stuff laying in there that we need to remove. There is still all the floor joist and everything that we are going to salvage and see if we can sell those or do something to pay for some of the maintenance and everything else that we are doing over there. Councilman Erdei asked is anybody showing any interest in that bowling alley yet or have you had any calls? Mayor Bring answered yes. Councilman McCullough asked the pumps for that pump station down at Jordan's Dip, now that can be paid for out of that capital improvement fund that we set up right out of the extra that is on the water bill? Mayor Bring answered we are doing the study first, I have to find out exactly how much everything costs though. We should be in good shape. The thing of it is I guess we want to be a little bit more pro-active instead of waiting for something to go, it is very antiquated over there in talking to the engineer, we have to start thinking about what is going to

happen here down the line and if you let that go too long, those parts are very expensive. They are going to start breaking down and I think that we really do need to look at that. I think that if you can pay for something in 5 years after doing that, I think it is worthwhile. Then we are looking at one more issue which I will bring up to you probably in a couple of months that is even going to save us more money but I can't tell you what that is right now. We are probably going to redirect some sewage. Councilman Erdei asked we have what 3 pump stations in the city? Mayor Bring answered correct. Councilman Erdei asked Jordan's is the most antique one of the pump stations? Mayor Bring answered no they are all the same. Even the platforms and everything because that goes down 3 stories and I don't know if anybody knows that, it is not just a building. We are looking at replacing those grates because it is very corrosive. \*Motion by Stark/Second by Elliott to accept the report. Yeas

**All./SAFETY DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring reported we did get the police car back that was damaged in the accident, we did get that back the other day and that is up and running. The other car that we had with the one transmission out we did that fixed so that is up and running too. That is why we are prompting the other one to take it down. So we are in pretty decent shape as far as police cars go again. Again several of them have very high mileage but we just got our fingers crossed that this levy passes and then we can actually maybe get a couple new cars. We did get the truck back from the Fire Department and everything passed so there was no issues there and Tim is looking into doing some grants for equipment and he is also doing a grant for another one of those lift chairs and those are about \$40,000.00 but having that would be a tremendous asset. There is a pretty good possibility that those grants are available and we would fit into that pretty good. Councilman Stark asked we are still on track for the ambulance at the end of November? Mayor Bring answered yes. Councilman Stark asked do our police cars have the portable A-fibs in them or is it just the fire trucks (portable defibrillators)? Mayor Bring answered just the Fire. We are also, the police cars are now carrying narkan which they have been trained to use. I hate to say this and whether this is a good thing or bad thing but you bring back people to life but now they are having overdose parties and they are actually – when you OD you get a high and it is better then just having a regular high of doing heroin. So now they are all sitting around in a group and somebodys OD-ing and then they sit and call 911 and they have our police and fire departments revive them. So all that stuff is really getting out of hand and we are looking into that too but again if you can save a life. Hopefully they turn their life around. Councilman Elliott asked are our police units authorized to give that? Mayor Bring answered yes, the Fire Department trained them and almost all of the surrounding areas are going to do it too. Everybody is doing that now and you know when you call an ambulance sometimes it takes 3 or 4 minutes and usually the police cars are already there because they are already on the streets so if they can get there and administer that it could save a life and that is why they are doing it. It is a nasal – it is not an injection or anything else. Councilman Erdei stated I asked this question the last time but one Fire truck was going to get down,



is the other one down? Mayor Bring answered yes that is what I just said, it is done and we are okay. \*Motion by Stark/Second by Elliott to accept the report. Yeas All./**LAW DIRECTOR REPORT:** Law Director Graves reviewed the legislation. Councilman Stark asked do we have anything on the books for Sheffield Lake in regard to Halloween for anybody who is a registered sex offender – they can't have their lights on or anything? Law Director Graves answered no. He continued the Brookside Nature Trail extension, we have gotten approvals from all of the entities necessary; except from one extension of the US Fish and Wildlife and that is largely due to government shutdown. They are looking at that and I anticipate approval very shortly. \*Motion by Stark/Second by Elliott to accept the report. Yeas All./

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:**

**Rosa Gee, 72 Gayle Drive** stated I am here requesting on behalf of Issue#18, I need Council volunteers to do phone banking. I am asking for 2 hours from each Council person that wishes to volunteer. I have openings; 10 am Saturday morning and I can also arrange other openings. If anyone is interested please give me a call. We have 4 computers up and running, so in other words I have openings for 3 people at one time. So if anyone is interested please let me know. We have quite a few residents to call. Thank You. Councilman Cizl asked where are we going to be calling from? Mrs. Gee answered we will be doing it at AFL-CIO headquarters over off of 254 in Lorain. For the people that are interested if you send me an email I will send you address, time and everything. Let me know what hours you are available and I will make sure I can get in the building.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilperson Stark advised please remember that there is an ID policy when you come to the polls that you must bring a form of ID with you. We have made some changes on how the voting centers will be set up so if you have your ID we are going to make it a lot more efficient for you to get through with line and everything and we are taking a crack it now so when we have the governors race it will make it a lot easier for everybody. So if you could please just tell your friends and neighbors that you do need to have ID when you come to the polling places it would be appreciated.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#049 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance providing for the establishment and increase and decrease of certain funds within the annual appropriations ordinance of the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio and the declaring of an emergency.

\*Motion by Stark/Second by Elliott for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

\*Motion by Stark/Second by Elliott for ADOPTION:

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

**Ordinance Passes#48-13**

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\*Motion by Stark/Second by Elliott for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

\*Motion by Stark/Second by Elliott for ADOPTION:

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

**Ordinance Passes#49-13**

Council#051 – FIRST READING – an ordinance amending section 351.17 of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake regarding parking on city streets and the declaring of an emergency.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: President Rosso advised Trick or Treat 6 to 7:30 pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Enjoy and be safe.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Elliott to adjourn at 7:38 PM. Yeas All.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL AFFIRMATION:** This Meeting Of The City Council Of The City Of Sheffield Lake, Ohio Was Held And Conducted Under All Rules And Regulations Governing The Sunshine Laws Of The State Of Ohio As They May Apply. All meetings are recorded and available in council offices.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES

*Kay Fantauzzi*

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COUNCILPRESIDENT

*Rick Rosso*

*and/or*

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COUNCIL PRO TEM

*Eric S Elliott*

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 October 22, 2013.

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*