

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
November 12, 2013**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, November 12, 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, McCullough, Erdei, Mayor Bring, Treasurer Woods, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves  
Absent: Councilmen Smith and Cizl, Service Director Smith (excused)  
Attending: Concerned Citizens, Fire Chief Tim Card, Firefighters; Davis, Kozlowski, Lt Novak, Members of the Media

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

*Council – October 22, 2013* - \*Motion by Elliott/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2013 Council meeting. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

*Clerk of Courts; Francine Shover* – Monthly report of court receipts for month of October 2013 - \$12,562.50.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Bring submitted Carolyn Brown for appointment as a Sheffield Lake Police Department Part-time Dispatcher. She has 28 years of service at the City of Oberlin Police Department. \*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Carolyn Brown for the position of part-time Dispatcher for the Sheffield Lake Police Department. **ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL:** Yeas All - McCullough, Kovach, Elliott, Erdei, Stark.

*Mayor Bring swore in Carolyn Brown for the appointment of part-time Police Dispatcher for the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio.*

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**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

*Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse:* Chairman Elliott reviewed the minutes of the November 4, 2013. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All./*Safety:* Chairperson Stark advised we had no meeting but I would like to thank Fire Chief Card and several of our other local departments for responding to a fire on Thelma Drive earlier this month. We had a lot of mutual aid

that had to come and help us out./***Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:***  
 Chairman McCullough reviewed the minutes of the November 7, 2013 meeting.  
 \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Elliott to accept the report. Yeas All./***Ordinance:***  
 Chairman Kovach reviewed the minutes of the November 7, 2013 meeting.  
 \*Motion by Elliott/Second by Stark to accept the report. Yeas All./***Finance & Audit: None./Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center: None./Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None./Council Representative to the Planning Commission: None./Council Representative to the Park Board: None.***

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### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

***MAYORS REPORT:*** Mayor Bring reported first of all, I would like to thank Sheila Kopic for the displays of balloons that she did for the Halloween display down there at Shoreway. She put a lot of effort into that, I talked to her today. She had about 1000 people who went through that display and looked at those balloons. You can see some of the stuff that she had which is here. She put a tremendous amount of work in that and I would just like to thank her. She came to me today also asking if she can do anymore help for the city and she is looking at doing some other things and her and I are going to sit down and talk about what she can do for us. The other thing that I would like to talk about tonight is in-light of what happened with our income tax levy that failed. First of all I would like to thank everybody that helped pass out door hangers - we did that twice. We tried to get out the information as much as we possibly could. We had it on Facebook, we had it in the papers, I believe I was even on the radio as I did an interview for that. Again it failed, I am extremely disappointed on this. The only way this city is going to move forward is if we support the city we have here. If you look at the surrounding city's; Avon, Avon Lake, Sheffield Village – they have all passed levies here recently. They have all done very well and everybody talks about why do they do things that we can't do and it is because we don't have the funding. We have been very frugal with what we have had in the past but we are at a crossroad now with what is happening with the state; cuts and several other things. One thing just came in the other day is our insurance rates that we had budgeted I think at 5% and it came out to 9.2% so that is about \$88,000.00 more. There have been several other factors of why and where there money has been going but we are close to about \$600,000.00 that we have lost in revenue. Unfortunately we had to go back to the people to ask for that and they voted twice now, so I am not going to ask for another levy and we are going to deal with this problem and we are going to make some cuts. These cuts are not probably going to be something that everybody wants to hear about but it is what it is. Part of the reason that this community needs to take pride in what we have here, walking with our Police Chief and a few of the

other Officials in 5 streets that I walked we found 25 parking violations and several other things and the Chief took notes of all this and we are going to start with people parking in yards and in violating that we are going to start ticketing people. The community needs to step up and take pride in what they do, it is not fair to your neighbors, it is not fair to the community, it is very difficult when somebody wants to move into the community and they see this kind of stuff going on. I get comments on it all the time and here they send me emails and I follow up with that. This is how we are going to address it, I have ticketed people in the past and I go back there and I see the same thing over and over again. This is also part of the road repairs that we are doing because people are parking on the edges of it, we have drainage that people park on. Our guys have to go back and repair that and it is costing the city a tremendous amount of money. Unfortunately this is what we are going to do to try to curb that. For the issue, we had a town hall meeting and I invited Ted Kalo, Marcy Kaptur which one of her representatives came, Matt Lundy came to that and he is a state rep, Tom Stuber who is from LCADA came and we had several other people talk about that and we probably had about 12 residents. When you invite that many people to find out about an issue that was very important was kind of an embarrassment. I would imagine if I would have said it was a fish fry or a night at the races the place would have been packed and that seems to be the important thing around this city anymore. When it comes to these types of issues we can't get anybody to show up and then I get emails saying "I don't know anything about this what is going on". Well we had it on Facebook and we had it in all the papers and we had it on the radio – I don't know what else to do for anybody around here. It is extremely frustrating and sitting in this seat and it doesn't matter who sits in this seat because if you are not going to support the community, you can have somebody with a PHD in here but if they have nothing to work with – it is useless. I am talking in frustration because there is rumors going out there that we have done this - we have done that and that is basically what it is. The past Administration – John Piskura tried to do a tremendous for this city and probably did more in 8 years then the previous 30 years and all he did was get criticized. He had public records request that costs the city thousands and thousands of dollars because somebody thought they were going to find something against him. They found nothing. They continue to do that and it is the same person over and over again that he ran against and it seems to be the same person that I ran against. It is very frustrating that this is what is going on but they believe those people but when they won't come down here, they won't go to the town hall meetings. I have left my phone number to several people that have called me and they have never called me back and again this is what I am dealing with and this is what the city is dealing with – people don't come down for information. I see today there is people here and I really appreciate it, maybe you

guys will start understanding what is going on. For the past 35 Council meetings I bet you we haven't had 3 or 4 people at the meetings. People don't want to come down to see what is going on, they want to believe what is going out there as far as rumors. The only way the city is going to move forward is a city that needs to fight back and get the people that are interested in seeing the city move forward and taking pride in it, without that this is not going to move forward. You know get the facts and the spending that we do in this city. Tammy will tell you anything that you want, you can ask anyone of these Council people up here and they will tell you what is going on. They come to all the meetings, they know what is going on – ask about what our manpower is, ask about our loans and what we have in outstanding loans and stop the nonsense, get the facts, quit listening to all the other rumors around here. You know standing at the polls, I got criticized for standing at the polls because they said I was working on city time. During election day the city offices are all closed and it is kind of embarrassing that somebody calls and says that I am not doing my job. I was doing my job, I am standing at the polls trying to get this through so the city will move forward but no I get criticized for that. The impact of what is going to happen here and I have been saying this for the last 9 months – it is going to impact our Police Department, it is going to impact our Fire Department, our Building maintenance, our Parks and several other things. I told everybody that what I was going to do with the Police and Fire Departments and it is going to happen. I am going to pretty much get rid of our Police and Fire and our EMS and we are not going to have it. We are going to go to Life Care and we are going to go to part-time, after we get done with this, we have already contacted outside Counsel for this to get information on this for how we proceed forward in this and we are moving forward with that. After we do that, then we are going to look at our Dispatch area about having 911 go through the county and whatever else we can do as far as cuts. We are going to proceed with that. This is what you guys voted on and this is what I am going to do. We talked at length at our Safety meeting on the drug problems and everything else and there was another email that came through and said “just a bunch of bunk”. I don't know if you guys read the papers the other day but there was 17 overdoses and 3 of those people died and I think another one died today. We had 1 standing in front of Speedway and went into the bathroom and when he came out he fell flat on his face in the floor. Our Police Department revived him. So if you guys think there is not a drug problem going on, get your head out of the sand because it is going on and it is not getting any better and if I don't have a Police Force that can take care of it it is going to get a lot worse. If you think somebody is going to move into this community and come here because we don't have a Police Force and you are worried about rental property? Everybody is talking about rental properties – how many rental properties you have, what do think is going to happen when all these other people

move out of here. People are going to buy those up and we are going to have more rental properties. Do you think any businesses are going to move in here – no. I can't even get anybody to even talk to me. We have got some businesses coming into the Shoreway Shopping Center that I have been working on for the last 5 or 6 months but they are smaller businesses but we are trying to fill that up and make it a viable place but it is very difficult – people talk about bringing in restaurants and doing this and doing that – hell, I wouldn't come in, I don't know. Our Service Department right now we have lost another man, we have 2 people working in our Service Department and we have 4 people in our Water Department. We don't have a Service Director he has been out for 4 months, almost 5 months. We have 1 Building Inspector, the car that the Building Inspector was driving around which he got criticized for driving up and down the streets – somebody said I see this car driving up and down the street. Oh it's the Building Inspector – what is he doing out there driving up and down the streets. He would be doing his job because he found about 100 and some violations so far this year and that is what he does – he goes out and actually catches people doing something wrong or not filing for their permits. The Building Inspectors car went down, we had a car for our Police Department that went down and we resurrected that and gave that to the Building Inspector so he is driving around in an old car that is ready to fall apart. Our Fire Chief is driving around in a 2000 jeep and Tim will tell you exactly how that thing runs. We have some other things that we are going to do due to this failing is that we have lock outs in people's cars – they call us and that is a service that the Police Department is doing, if there is not a child in that car we are not going to do that anymore. It is taking up a tremendous amount of our time. We have had alarms go off 23 times at 1 residence and after 2 times we are going to start charging those people for that. Calls between neighbor disputes – we had a call for somebody watering their lawn and the water was sprinkling over onto their neighbors yard – we are not going to those anymore. We had a lady that was watering her flowers on the balcony of Erie Shore Landings and the water dripped on the balcony below to another gentleman's balcony and he called complaining about that and our Officer spent an hour and a half over there because he thought that was wrong. The Officer asked him “what you do when it rains out and the water drips on your balcony” and the gentleman replied nothing. So the Officer asked what is the problem with this then and the gentleman answered because I don't like what she is doing and I want to file charges. These things that I am telling you – they are true and it happens every day. We have a Dispatcher up there that can tell you right now that the amount of calls and the things that she gets screamed at is unbelievable. We have people calling almost on a daily basis, every time they get their water bill for a \$1.00 or \$2.00 difference and they want our guys to come out there and check their meters – we will put that on a list and we will get to it when we get to it

because we just simply do not have the manpower. Salting the roads this year, we are going to salt the intersections, the main roads which is Lake Road, 301, Harris Road and Lake Breeze. The rest of them will get salted at the intersections we will plow. The Parks Department, we have 1 gentleman there part-time, if he gets to mowing he will mow and if not the parks will have long grass and that is just a fact of the way it is going to be. David Graves will no longer be our Grant Writer at the beginning of the year because we can't afford to match any of the grants for what is going out there. He is taking care of business up until that point and after that we will no longer have a grant writer. Again this is what is going on and we have had some other things and I am not even going to get into it to be honest with you. At this point I think everybody can get a picture, there is going to be more cuts and like I said I am going to proceed with what I said I was going to do and that is all I have to say for right now. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to accept the report. Yeas All./**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Finance Director Smith reported I have an appropriations ordinance in front of you tonight and it is pretty simple, there is \$11,650.00 vehicle expense in the Fire – that is the match money for our new ambulance that is coming at the end of this month. That money was from the sale of our 2 old ambulances. So we really haven't taken any money out of the budget to match the money to pay for that ambulance. The other two is a wash; that is just out into the note interest and fees. I forgot about municipal advisory committee – they have a fee, it is all to do with our Shoreway note. That is a net 0 in the 105 fund. Councilman McCullough stated just a clarification, the vehicle expense – that is also all that match money that was used from the internet casino's right – nothing has ever come out of general fund to match that? Finance Director Smith answered correct, we purchased the 2008 with the casino money and this is the sale of the 2 old ambulances so no not a dime has come out of general fund. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Elliott to accept the report. Yeas All./**TREASURER REPORT: None./SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring reported we had talked about our salt trucks, I have been learning a lot about salt trucks. The Sterling salt truck that we have which is our newest one is approximately 8 years old and we are finding out that they are about \$168,000.00 for one of those trucks and we purchased it used. All the computer system and all the wiring were basically under the hood and below the chassis and when all the salt goes in there it ruins the computer, you have to have a \$25,000.00 piece of equipment which is a computer to check the computers on the salt trucks and all the wirings that are on there. If the computer goes bad on a salt truck it is \$20,000.00. We just had a situation where the computer registered that the engine was off and the transmission would not lock into position. We went over the whole thing, cleaned the whole thing all out and we took the computer from somebody else's department – borrowed it and went over that and still couldn't figure it out

so we took it to Sterling and had them reassess everything and they brought it back and needless to say it costs us a lot of money. There is so much wires and they draw so many amps that if the batteries which are 2 batteries which are \$500.00, if there is a bad cell in one of those batteries and they are working 100% it kicks the computer out and won't let the truck run. So we had to do that. Then I get the information after talking to those gentlemen, they said nobody buys a truck after 5 years of one of those because this is what happens and it usually costs you between \$40,000 to \$50,000.00 to repair the truck. Unbeknownst to us that is what we have. The other one that we had that we repaired we have got that back running and that was one of our oldest ones – those are all run by hydraulics and mechanisms that you can actually fix – doesn't have a computer and that one is running. So unfortunately with trucks, that is what you have to purchase to get it. So we are going to get through this season with those and after that we are going to reevaluate what we have and what we are going to do with those trucks. Right now we have them up and running and we did not plow this today. We had a gentleman call me this morning yelling at Lisa, screaming at her saying that his daughter ran to the bus stop and fell on the sidewalk and hit her head on the ice and wanted me to take care of that and I tried to explain after she got screamed at for 15 minutes and told him it is not our responsibility. So then he got a hold of me and I explained it to him and thanked him and I said I am sorry about your daughter but that is not our responsibility and he couldn't understand that. One of many phone calls we get with that kind of stuff. We continue to try to do the best job we can. We did a lateral transfer from the Water Department over to our Street Department for manning and as I told you before that one of the gentleman had had an accident and he is going to be out another couple of weeks at least. So now we are down to 3 and 3. The other day when we had vacations and sick time we had 1 person in the Water Department and 1 person in the Service Department. We are trying to clean out the ditches, we are trying to get the water moved. We moved the grindings and we cleaned behind Speedway back there. We opened up that ditch and we are going to continue that process as much as we possibly can through the winter and if it starts to snow then we will take care of that. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Elliott to accept the report. Yeas All./**SAFETY DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring reported again I told you about the Speedway incident and the use of Narcan did bring that gentleman back. Sheffield Village ended up I think responding to that and they in abated him and that got him back upright and took him to the hospital. Then I told you about the cars, we are have a couple of cars with 130,000 or 140,000 miles on it and our newer cars have 60,000 miles on them and I think we are down to 5 cars and 1 of those is very old and the other 2 have the high mileage and to be honest with you I don't know how we are going to get through this year. So that is something we are going to have to deal with. Councilman

McCullough asked of the 3 overdoses were any of them in Sheffield Lake other than the one at Speedway? Mayor Bring answered no. There were 17 throughout the Lorain county, I think they had in Amherst – I think the girl in Amherst may have passed away. I think 2 in Lorain passed away. I heard another one passed away but I think there was a total of 17 overdoses and that was a 2-day period.

\*Motion by Erdei/Second by Elliott to accept the report. Yeas All./*LAW*

***DIRECTOR REPORT:*** Law Director Graves reported continue to work on a number of projects that Council is aware of. The Civil Service Commission did meet the other night and did certify a list of available candidates for the Police Department if we are ever in the position to hire a new employee there. He reviewed legislation.

***CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:***

***Fire Chief Card*** stated on Sunday we had a house fire on Hollyview, Lt Davis crew responded and were on scene and had the fire out within 9-1/2 minutes. Mayor Bring added that gentleman on Thelma, you guys actually saved that gentleman because he was in his bedroom and the fire was going through the living room and they suppressed the fire there and got that gentleman out of there. If they would have showed another 10 minutes later that gentleman would have been passed away.

***Bev Codner, 4131 Belle Avenue*** stated I have a business that is in the back of the old Schunenman's. I was renting part of the Lumber Yard for quite a few years and then in the last I would say 6 or 7 months we had a lot of break-in's and I mean a lot – it was every weekend. I mean they even broke in were the garage door was slid wide open to the back road there and they actually took a whole boat apart – motor and everything. Now that took some time. My cars were parked in there and they went and broke out the windows and now this is what bothers me. Every window that was broke out, they broke out the passenger window and there was nothing in these cars to steal – radios, nothing. So when they broke out the window, their hand was like this on roof and reached in to open the door. Whatever else they stole out of the motor home and everything, they went through the building that we have there – in the whole building there was hand prints everywhere – fingerprints. I called the Police Department and I was told whether it is either a homicide or murder you might as well forget it - we are too busy. I said what is this an open door policy – come to Sheffield Lake. I insisted that these prints be done, finally Chief Campo came and he told me every print that we could see – I was told they are called latent prints, they are not useable. Even the Police Officer when they went through the building because they couldn't carry - the motor home had an air compressor or power washer rather. You can't carry that over the fence, so they went through there and there was a perfect handprint on the door and Patrolman Collins just went and put his hand right over it – that's it you

know. I am told then the other reason why we are not going to have anything done is because of the Ariel Castro case in Cleveland takes precedence over any other Police Departments. What does that have to do with Sheffield Lake. I understand that they have to send these prints out because we don't have the ability but I don't feel secure here in Sheffield Lake anymore. I moved out of there and I don't understand the thinking of our Police Department. I did call Mayor Bring and I asked him about this and he said they what? So what do we do here, so what you get broke in – so what, walk away. It costs me almost \$1000.00 to replace those windows, I am not going to claim it on my insurance. I have high risk insurance as it is because of what I do for a living. I just don't think this is fair to the community or anybody else. I mean if your house gets broken into, the Police Department is going to tell you so what and that is exactly the attitude that I got from the Police Department. Every Officer that responded I got the same attitude – that is too bad, we can't do anything to help you. I have to say this, these guys (Fire Fighters) here I wouldn't be standing here today if it wasn't for them. We had an issue and I know this sounds a little wild but our cat was very ill and we took it to the vet over and over because we couldn't figure out what was wrong and the vet called me one day and he said carbon monoxide poisoning. So these guys responded and our carbon monoxide poisoning was very high in that house. It was up there where they said they would have carried us out so these did a terrific job, they came over and got our house all squared away. Mayor Bring advised I passed that along to Chief Campo and told him exactly what she said and I called the owner of Abbe Road Lumber and talked to him and they all discussed everything that was going on and they discussed who else was in the buildings. The Chief and owner sat down and that is where it was left. Bev Codner stated oh I have to tell you that the owner of Abbe Road Lumber is so insecure there he rents from where I rent now too at the new place.

**Joe Wojciak, 4134 Knickerbocker** stated I would like to talk about the parking ban but before I do that I am a little confused. I understood you just to say that we are going to have Life Care take over and we are going to get rid of these fine gentlemen here, is that what I heard you say? Mayor Bring answered that is what the people voted for. Finance Director Smith stated we applied for a federal grant to receive a new ambulance; we applied a year and a half ago. Mr. Wojciak asked city funds matching? Finance Director Smith answered that is what we appropriated tonight with the city funds that matching with the revenue we are getting for our 2 old ambulances that we are selling. Mayor Bring answered 5% match. Finance Director Smith concurred yes there was a 5% match on the grant; we are already too far into this to stop this at this time. Mr. Wojciak stated as far as our Police Department goes I think we have some of the finest guys there is. As far as the Fire Department goes, I have had to go via EMS to the hospital 2 times and

they have been there. But I do feel however because the levy didn't pass, when the levy did not pass the first time the following evening everybody that lives on roads without curbs were issued citations for being parked on the gravel. I believe the citation said and this was on West Drive and it said because they were over the edge of the road but the ticket said that they were over the curb. There was a precedence set in 1969 when my mother-in-law bought the house that this city said that people could park over the edge and since 1969 when my mother-in-law bought that house and my brother who lived next door – he had a sewer in front of his house that was touching the road and that sewer is now 5 feet away from the edge of the road. Now you are saying we don't want you guys to park in the road late at night and we don't want you to park off to the side or we are going to give you a ticket for that. It sounds like we are being punished because the levy failed. Mayor Bring answered absolutely not. Mr. Wojciak stated I understand not parking in yards I think that is wrong. Mayor Bring stated the Fire Department, the Police Department and our Service Department has been asking previous Mayor's to do this forever and they have all chickened out, I personally don't care if I get re-elected but I am telling you right now when a snow ban happens and it snows our guys have a tremendous amount of overtime because everybody is parked in the streets. Our plows which I just measured the other day because I asked our guys how wide are our streets in the back streets and they told me 16 to 18 feet and I took a tape measure and measured our plow which is 11 foot/8 inches and that is not hard to do the math. The fact is when our guys in the middle of the night and it is snowing out they are out there plowing snow. The Police Department goes up and down with bells and whistles and people come out and they move all this stuff and it takes twice as long to plow the streets. Now getting back to the other thing, if you go up and down East Drive and West Drive and some of these other streets all the edges of the roads are being rolled over and all the drains are being destroyed – we are spending money on this. We don't have money to blow on this. If you want me to go down there and start taking pictures. Mr. Wojciak stated yes maybe they are getting rolled over, I would have to look at pictures that my brother had. You remember West Drive, you remember where that drain was and the edge of the road was there and it is now 4- 1/2 to 5 feet away from the edge of the road. Mayor Bring advised every other community around us has a parking ban from 2 am to 6 am. Mr. Wojciak asked the purpose of it? Mayor Bring answered the plowing and - when I started on Council I started driving up and down the streets and the parking on the streets has gotten extremely out of hand. We had a couple hundred cars and now we have got way out of hand. Mr. Wojciak stated how can parking get out of hand - parking in front of your own house is out of hand. Mayor Bring answered it is out of hand - yes. That is what you have a driveway for and most everybody has a garage for. Put it in the driveway and why is it so hard to put

a car in the driveway. Mr. Wojciak stated times are getting hard though. Are you aware that families are starting to have to move in with each other and live together and when they do that it increases the number of vehicles. Are you considering that, is that being taken into consideration? Mayor Bring answered absolutely. Mr. Wojciak stated when parents are moving in with their children and where children are moving in with their parents and now there are more vehicles in the household. Mayor Bring answered so you want the city to continue to pay for the roads being damaged and the city to pay for all the overtime. There is not going to be any damage on my road, I got curbs. Mayor Bring asked so what about the rest of the people now? Mr. Wojciak asked so what is wrong with parking on my road. Mayor Bring answered I can't do it per road; I am going to do it for the whole city. Mr. Wojciak stated so what you are saying and actually it is not you because you weren't in office as the road narrowed so don't think I am making an accusation toward you. This would go to Minge and probably back to Kelly and before him but the roads have narrowed, is that my fault? Mayor Bring answered no. Mr. Wojciak asked is that mother-in-law's fault? Mayor Bring answered no. Mr. Wojciak stated or is it in fact this city's fault? West and East Drives used to flood, your predecessor stopped that. Especially over there at East Drive or West Drive/the crossroads that go east and west and that was fixed. The city did a great job of it but why should these people be penalized because what does state law say - how wide a lane has to be? Mayor Bring answered we are in compliance with our streets but that doesn't mean the back streets. David is there a law for that. Law Director Graves stated I don't think so and the issue isn't how wide the road is, the issue is whether or not there should be parking there. The roads are compliance, the question is parking. A lot of communities have much wider roads that permit parking overnight for various reasons. The issue has been debated in committee for months and it has been on Council's agenda for quite some time so it is not something that just came up after the election if that is what you are insinuating. Mr. Wojciak stated no the tickets started right after the first issue came up and failed and I am sorry that it failed because I do want to help the Police Department and I do want to help the Fire Department. I do want to make Sheffield Lake a better place to live. Mayor Bring stated then that is exactly what we are talking about would make Sheffield Lake a better place but it would also save us dollars that we could probably keep of these things. Mr. Wojciak stated I don't see how anybody is saving any, I mean you are saving dollars by narrowing the roads and then you are telling people you own that house but you can't park in front of it at night. It doesn't make sense. Mayor Bring stated so when the Police and this has been a fact and I was going to have them come but I was going to have them come to the next meeting, when the Police have to park down the road when there is an emergency because they can't get down there or our fire trucks can't get down there

because people are parked and somebody dies who is going to pay for that. Mr. Wojciak stated so you are telling me the Police only respond between 2 and 6 am? Mayor Bring stated the problem is between 2 and 6 am is everybody is sleeping and nobody will move their cars. Chief Card - how many times have you had to go around cars and block off streets because you couldn't get down there? Chief Card answered yes and especially on the dead end streets we have to back out of them. Mr. Wojciak stated I can see the dead end streets being extra stuff. Chief Card continued if we have a call where we have to have the ambulance and fire truck and the ambulance is transporting someone and the pump operator has to drive the truck back to the station by himself so then he has to back down the street by himself. Mayor Bring stated between the 2 and 6 am when you park in the driveway you are usually sleeping so everybody is okay it makes it a little bit easier for the Police Department to go down there and if there is somebody doing something wrong and they see a car in there and then they can say we are going to check into this. If you got 14 cars parked on the street and somebody is doing something, drug deal or this or that they don't know who is there. Mr. Wojciak stated see everybody is here because somebody here and I don't know who did it but my hat is off to you put on the water bill. Mayor Bring stated this is only way I can get anybody to respond is if I do the water bill. Mr. Wojciak stated if you would everything on the water bill that was going to be talked about you would all kind of people here. It was a good idea. Mayor Bring stated we are also limited because when there is election or something we can't put anything because it is illegal. Mr. Wojciak stated you could still there is a Council meeting. President Rosso advised everybody knows there is a Council meeting, Council meeting is publicized all over the place. Mr. Wojciak stated some of the people I talked to didn't know what issue#18 was for. Mayor Bring answered then shame on them because we passed out 7000 flyers, door to door. President Rosso brought the floor to order and advised there is no discussion and it is a debate between the audience and the Mayor. I am not talking about you sir because you have the podium right now. Mayor Bring advised 7000 flyers, 3 newspapers, the radio, and the internet so I don't know what else to do. President Rosso stated I will say we are at a catch 22 here being at the Mayor's direction - we put it on the water bills to have people up and voice their concerns clearly against this legislation to ban parking between 2 and 6 in the morning. We are getting to a point now I think you have asked your questions and the Mayor has answered your questions and you don't agree with him but I don't know that there is much more in this meeting. Mr. Wojciak asked this is going to be brought up again right? President Rosso stated tonight is the second reading, we have Worksession next Tuesday and it will be discussed again. The last Council meeting of the month is the third reading where it will be voted on and will be discussed again there. There will be action on this this evening but

the catch 22 is you would probably there from now until midnight because he is never going to convince you that you should be for it and you are never going to convince him that he should be against it. I am trying not to cut you short. Mr. Wojciak stated I have pretty much said what I got to say. Councilman McCullough stated Joe I just wanted to tell you don't get hung up on the 2 to 6 am, it is just a number. We are trying to get the streets cleared; there are 3 things that we want to accomplish and that we went through in Ordinance that we discussed for a long time but there was 3 things that really were our concern. #1 was the Fire Department and being able to get up a lot of the side streets and I know you are on Knickerbocker and if you had everybody parked on one side, yea you could probably get 2 trucks up there but these guys were just on Thelma and if they were on the curb at Thelma they are barely getting a truck through there let alone 2 if they need to get them there. #2 was the snow and the money we would save in snowplowing alone is a tremendous amount of money. #3 you talked about on West Drive and when they are parking over the curbs and they are not parked on the street per say, they are actually sitting on the tree lawns it is just tearing everything up and there is lots of reasons and we discussed about maybe not bringing this out until after the election but if the election went the way it did it would still look like you say like we are punishing. But I don't remember us ticketing after the last election, I think there was a lot of hand ringing on that and a lot of notices posted on those vehicles. Mr. Wojciak stated I can give you the name of the Officer that signed most of the tickets. Councilman McCullough stated I know it was probably one in one night. I know that it had come to where we had to do that. Mayor Bring stated that was actually through our Service Director who was very frustrated because he had been getting repair and he called a number of quotes on how much it was going to cost us and he prompted that me and I passed that along. Mr. Wojciak stated but you do understand that the road is the same way as it was originally. Councilman McCullough stated yes and I also understand if the road was the same width Joe we would still be saying let's not park on the streets at night, it just makes it cleaner and safer for the kids and everybody involved. Voices heard from the audience – President Rosso brought the floor to order and advised audience if you want to speak you must come to the podium and give your name and address.

**Bev Codner, 4131 Belle Avenue** stated if you want to get to basics and that and bring this town back to the way you want it to be, make everybody responsible – then we don't have to shovel our sidewalks anymore, why not; the mailman has tramp through people's yards and he can't through. Why don't we go back to the way we used to live and show responsibility and pride in our properties? Let's start that. Another thing too is educate your snowplow drivers, my husband worked for the city at the airport and when you have a snowplow that comes down and leaves

this much snow in your driveway, what do these elderly people do? Mayor Bring asked how do you stop it. Bev Codner answered how do you stop it – they learn how to use the plows properly, they have to be angled properly. Mayor Bring answered our plows do not angle. Bev Codner rolls her eyes. Mayor Bring stated do you want to pay \$168,000.00 for a new plow. Bev Codner stated well another thing and where my business is at they had to come back and re-plow, they took all the snow off of the street and plowed. That was a lot. Mayor Bring stated again you have got a big truck on small streets and these guys are out when it is snowing and their visions are hindered in these snows and you are driving around cars and you are trying to drive around people. I don't what else you want these people to do and we got 2 or 3 guys doing this at 15 hours a day. You go back to your point about shoveling your sidewalks and stuff, we have 1 Building Inspector and he is in charge of all that and immediately if he goes out and says anything to anybody we get 20 phone calls. Bev Codner stated so what. If you don't cut your grass, people are going to complain to the city. Mayor Bring stated it is very difficult when he is doing all the permits and everything else, he doesn't have a secretary. Bev Codner stated so why don't you find a free committee that will work together. Mayor Bring stated we tried getting a committee together for the levy; we had maybe a dozen people. I keep asking for help and I am not getting any help. Bev Codner stated I have been here a long time and we take pride in our property but then we are told we can't park in front of our house and that is aggravating. I pay my taxes. Mayor Bring answered so does everybody else. Law Director Graves stated you are still required to shovel your sidewalks. Bev Codner stated I was told you weren't. Law Director Graves advised it is by ordinance you have to keep your sidewalks clear of snow – it is a minor misdemeanor.

**Joyce Nicola, 218 Mariners Way** stated I have lived in Sheffield Lake since 1966 and I used to live on West Drive and I can remember they had signs on East and West Drives snow ban, if it snowed or there was a report that we were going to get snow they had to get their cars in the driveways. So why can't they go back to that. President Rosso stated that still is a law, the snow bans are still in effect. Joyce Nicola stated I haven't seen any signs over there. Law Director Graves stated regardless if there is a sign or not. Any time there is an accumulation of an inch it is an automatic ban or anytime the Service Director calls for it. So anytime there is an inch it is an automatic ban, you are not to park on the streets. Joyce Nicola stated I was wondering why the signs are missing now. Mayor Bring advised they are not actually missing, if you come into the city, there is a snow ban; Harris Road, Lake Road and there is one on Lake Breeze – they are there. Joyce Nicola stated another thing, issue#18 – the first time I didn't even know there was a thing as issue#18; I went to do Meals on Wheels on that Tuesday and all I thought was this Murray Ridge thing was on the ballot. They said oh no, there is something for

the Police and Firemen and I said you are kidding. So that day I voted for it and voted for it the second time. I live over there in Mariners Watch and we got a lot of seniors and nobody put any flyers in our mailboxes. Mayor Bring stated you can't put them in the mailboxes. Finance Director Smith stated I put them on doors. Joyce Nicola stated where did you put it, I didn't get one. You know what they were saying geez if only we knew we would have went out there and voted for it. We got more then 18 people living in Mariners Watch. Mayor Bring stated again I don't know, we put in every paper. Joyce Nicola stated I know but you know what a lot of them don't get a newspaper. Mayor Bring stated I don't know how to communicate with anybody but you know what if I don't pick up the garbage for one day I got 20,000 people calling me and saying why isn't my garbage picked up. Law Director Graves stated there were signs posted all over town. Joyce Nicola stated I know I seen them but half of them over there said they didn't know anything about it. It didn't pass, what is going to happen without any Policemen. Mayor Bring stated to Joyce Nicola I do appreciate all the work you do for Meals on Wheels, I do appreciate it. Joyce Nicola stated I voted for it because I wanted the city to come together.

**Harry Thompson, 316 Thelma** stated I do want to congratulate the Police and Fire Departments on their response to a fire just down the street from us the other day. But I have to tell the Council that I totally disagree with this overnight parking ban. I understand some of the reasons and I am hearing that it is mostly about egress and what not. What happens to the other 20 hours of the day, I understand that this is at night and most of the people are at home then but the other 20 hours of the day does nothing for us and helps in us in no way. You are talking about dealing with the snow, I don't know I haven't seen a snowplow going down my street and I have been here for 10 years over on Thelma. Please reconsider when you are going to vote. Councilperson Stark asked do you know my neighbors across the street, the ones that leave their cars parked all the time on the street – don't move, even when there is snowplows. I have had the police come up and down our street and have multiple times on that end of the street and have to go up to houses and ask them to move their cars during a snow ban. We have issues with the corner, turning onto Erieview where we have had to ticket how many times because we park illegally there. The soccer parents come and park on our street. These are all reasons – when we did Erieview last year, we had no parking signs up during the day because they were going to come clean the street and they stole the signs saying no parking on the street. If people would simply stay off of the streets we wouldn't come to this but this is something we have been discussing for years and it has not gotten better – it is getting worse. Just living in that neighborhood and seeing some of that stuff, that is where I am coming from. Mayor Bring stated just to follow up on what Leanna said about when we grind the streets down, we put

the signs up and they stole the signs – there were 6 of them. These were temporary signs for no parking because they were grinding the roads out so that we could pave the road, they stole those signs. The guys tried to grind the roads down and there were people parking and we had to tow one car because he wouldn't come out and he had no license to move the car – he was under a warrant. There were other cars there and they moved them, the guys ground the streets down and came back to sweep them and there was 5 cars parked again and the guys said we are done – they went home for the day and left it. Then they humps in the road, some lady drove down there and hit her car/bottom out and was trying to sue the city over that. But then the guys didn't come back for a while and they were all complaining – well you didn't finish the road, well no we can't get down there and the guy said we are not coming back until you get this cleaned up and move the cars. So I don't think the street got done for almost 2 weeks and then we repaved it to make it look nice. Even when we try to do good, we can't do anything good. Councilperson Stark stated if you see me walking up and down the street, I walk up and down the street all the time – feel free to stop me at any point and I will be happy to have a one on one discussion with you guys or anybody else on the street about this. Mr. Thompson stated we have an ordinance about snow parking bans – enforce it. Mayor Bring stated heaven forbid because we did that and we started to ticket people and oh my God. Mr. Thompson stated with this overnight ban, you are just not going to enforce it. Mayor Bring answered we do, like I said we just ticketed some people for parking the grass today and we had numerous phone calls on that already screaming and yelling. Mr. Thompson stated if this is another ordinance that isn't enforced what are we going to accomplish? The people that will obey the law are obeying the law – they obey the law now, this is just putting an extra undo hardship on them. The ones that aren't going to obey the law and tear down parking signs, guess what they are not going to obey the law and we are not going to accomplish anything. I live here in Sheffield Lake due to the proximity of the lake, within 5 miles of my house is 2 boat ramps, I keep a boat in my yard 8 months of the year – summer, spring and fall. I can't put it far enough back in my yard because the houses are too close together and I will hit an overhang. So I am forced to put one car else where on the street overnight. I take it and store it in the winter; my cars are off the street in the winter for the snow. I don't understand what my problem would be with the city on that. Mayor Bring stated you are not being banned from parking on the street; you are only being banned overnight. Mr. Thompson stated if my boat is in the yard I can't park 2 cars in my drive. Now if I just store my boat, okay there is a simple solution right – another \$300.00 and some dollars a year. Okay we can understand that, hey you want to play, you got to pay. But now as we heard one lady say about storage facilities in the city getting robbed and now it is at risk. I can't store rods or any of

my safety gear on the boat for fear it will stolen, I have to load it all up into a car because the storage facility, unload it and put it in the boat and hook the boat up and go launch it and bring it back, unload it and bring it all home. I know I am just one citizen but I can't cite a lot of boat owners and RV owners that are in the same predicament as me.

**Alberto Agotto, 805 Hollywood** stated I would like to discuss the issue with the drugs. There has been suspicious activity on certain streets and we have done our best as a few on the street to contact the Chief of Police and been given the run around to contact Lorain Drug Task Force. I have children and there are many children on that street. We were visited by an Officer, we are talking about funds here – we are paying these Officers to do things and there was a comment made on Facebook and the Chief of Police sees it and becomes upset. Somebody is visited by an Officer to go ahead and contact him. So we contact him and given the run around, it wasn't a few hours that it was posted. Either he was contacted by somebody or he was on himself. None the less he sent an Officer to go tell somebody to make a phone call instead of him making a phone call himself. If we are told by an Officer what the proper procedure is to go ahead and notate suspicious vehicles, descriptions, license plate numbers and gather all this information. I mean certain individuals that may or may not be involved – I don't want to mention any names but none the less we need to be told the correct procedure and not given the run around by the Captain. I understand he has a hard job and I would help him out if I would help him out if I could. He was upset about the comment that was made that this certain household that has been visited over 100 times. He comment to us was the household was only visited 54 times in the past 2 years. I don't know about you but I haven't had a single visit in 30 years. So what 50 some reports. President Rosso asked when you say visits, are you talking Police visits? Mr. Agotto answered yes and if this had just came up yesterday but we have been trying to make phone call after phone call and he said to text him and we text him – the response that I am getting aren't acceptable. President Rosso asked have you taken it then to the next step and contact the Mayor in his role as Safety Director? Mr. Agotto answered no. I found out about the city Council meeting and I was told if I wanted to say something go show up there because nobody else shows up. I want to talk about and no offense to the people with the streets, I understand that that is a big deal too. I am not on either side of it; there are good points and bad points. But I have been in Sheffield Lake a long time and the drug issues are getting out of hand. People's houses that are trying to go ahead and maintain good properties are getting broke into it whenever these guys need a fix and if the Police aren't going to be trying to at least get the ones that they know are a problem and do something about it then I am supposed to stand out on my porch with my shotgun and wait until somebody comes up on my porch. How

many Zimmermen's are you going to have before something gets done. President Rosso stated this type of topic is probably best resolved talking off of Council floor with the Mayor. Law Director Graves stated there was an email that was posted and it was forwarded today and I am assuming this is the same situation that you are referring to. I had a conversation with the Chief of Police today about that and am well aware of the situation. I think he actually kind of went above and beyond having giving his personal cell phone, we have responded to that 54 times and I am very familiar with that house. I am also the City Prosecutor for 9 nine years and I am also Chairman of the Board for Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services. So I am very, very familiar about the opium epidemic that is going on throughout the regions and it is hitting hard right here in Sheffield Lake. With the limited funds there is not a lot of manpower to deal with these things. We do the absolute best that we can. Last Friday, the Police revived somebody with Narcan. There are a lot of addicts in Sheffield Lake and we do the best we can. Mayor Bring stated to follow up on that, they are not only in Sheffield Lake they are everywhere. In your situation where you don't think we are doing anything, we don't have an unmarked car so our Police cars stick out like a sore thumb. Our Chief actually calls the Drug Task Force to sit on these houses and they are telling him and I have actually been in there because I have been very disappointed on this too to be honest with you, I say Tony why can't we get anyone over here to do this and he says I call them and they are so overwhelmed with what is going on and it may take them 3 months to show up. I say to him so what is everybody supposed to do and he said we have to deal with it but if we pull somebody over that doesn't have any drugs and it looks like we are trying to intimidate people – so they have to be very. The unfortunate thing that these people are doing drugs, they are not stupid people and they know who is going – they have people looking out and standing on other streets and they see our car coming and right away they stop and call them. It is totally out of hand and I have to agree with you. Three months ago and I was sitting in his office and I said gosh we have to do something here. I don't have an answer for you and I really don't and I am about as disappointed as you are to be honest. I don't understand how we can formulate a plan to stop this. He explained what we are doing now. Law Director Graves advised this issue is so important that when we had the town hall meeting in an effort to try and educate the public about the necessity of the tax measure. The only person that was invited to speak that was not a public official was the CEO of LOCADA to talk about the drug epidemic that is going on here and how if we don't have the resources to combat this this is just going to get worse. That was a paramount topic at the town hall meeting. Mayor Bring stated one more thing I am going to add but there were some other people that were in that area that did call the police this past spring and there was a gentleman that was wanted by the FBI. I had the FBI and the Tobacco

Firearms people show up and they arrested that guy. Not saying that things don't work but we did catch that gentleman and we arrested him and I know shortly after that there were more people going back to that house. But again we can't just pick up people and if there is not anybody there. So keeping vigilance and contact me, I will give you my card with my cell phone number on it. I am usually around every morning and if you want I can help you out with whatever I can but I sympathize with you, I really do. Mr. Agotto stated as far as the levy, I have been dealing with this issue for quite a few months and my in-laws live on the same street and have been there for decades. The problem has been brewing, it didn't start yesterday and I voted no on the levy because of the response that I have been getting with the Chief and I am supposed to try and help this guy out with his run around and his sideways comments. I don't support people with bad attitudes, I am trying to do the best I can raising my family here and I never gave him any trouble by calling your office and complaining and all this. I have been very civil about it. I am sorry. President Rosso stated I just want to make a point and not just to your situation, on just the process – you know you talked to the Chief and you weren't satisfied with the answer you were given so the next process or normal process is to go to the Safety Director which would be his boss and then to the Mayor which would be the Safety Director's boss. Unfortunately we can't afford to pay a Safety Director so we don't have one so the Mayor plays the role of the Safety Director so you would actually go right to the top. I am just saying this so people understand if you talk to someone in the city and you don't believe you were given the respect, the consideration and an honest answer – you are concerned about what you were told, feel free to go up the chain. Dennis is always open and available to answer to answer questions. I am not here to say or talk about your specific issue going on, just so people know that if you are not getting satisfaction please do not hesitate to go up that chain. Even if you want to contact your Council person, don't feel that you have been shut out at one level and you don't have another recourse. Mr. Agotto stated I know somebody has got a bad day but it is pretty consistent. Law Director Graves stated I am fairly certain I know the house you are talking about and I have to underscore they have been out there 54 times and it is not as if the problem is being ignored and there have been arrest and I know it because I have prosecuted these people. Not just in Sheffield Lake some of these people have been arrested and prosecuted in Lorain and at the County level. The problem is they are addicts, so they get prosecuted, they get punished, they go to jail, they get out and they are still using. Unless the get in a recovery they are going to continue to abuse opiate's until it kills them. So that is where we are. Councilman Elliott asked David don't we have an ordinance out about houses that are repeated problems. Law Director Graves explained this is not a rental, they own this house and as far as we know they just using. It is not as if they are dealing drugs there. The

ordinance that you are referring to is if you are a landlord and you are permitting property to be rented and there is repeated police calls the landlord can be prosecuted for perpetuating a public nuisance and this is not a rental. A voice from the audience stated can we afford a policy like that?

**Macy Surface, 840 Hollywood** stated in regards to the drugs, I am actually the one that wrote the email and this problem has been going on for a long time. We have called the Police numerous times and then we got the Police Chief's phone number and we have given him like plate numbers, sent him pictures of the cars, we have a list of cars and we are basically down to the 3 at the moment that they come. A red car, white car, black truck – we have all the license plate numbers and they have been forwarded. This Saturday we texted the Police Chief a picture of the car and the car had a small child in it – a baby and they came to the house, we sent the text and our response on the phone was I only work Monday through Friday which I understand that he has to have time off. Well why couldn't he call the Police or get in contact with someone. We were told that when the cars pull up and they sit out there so we call the Police Chief. Nobody ever comes; like we would expect him to send someone or if someone does come it is like 3 or 4 hours later. The other day we called and we actually watched the boys and the mom beat an old man with her cast on which was horrifying. My nephews are outside and this is what we put up with and I said hundreds of times that is what it feels like to us I don't know the exact number but when you live it, the kids are scared to go outside. We don't know what to do anymore. We have at least 12 kids under 8 years old and we don't know what to do. Mayor Bring stated I actually sat with the Chief today and talked about your situation but here is your problem, well it isn't your problem – you texted the Chief so when he got the text he looked at his phone and it was 2 hours later and that is the problem. The other time that you text him. Ms. Surface stated because that is what we were told to do. Mayor Bring stated I know but Saturday and Sundays is when he is off and he doesn't look at his phone, he doesn't carry it on him 24/7 and he does have it but when he hears a text he doesn't look at it all the time. I discussed that with him today and he said by the time I got around to it, you know he has got a lot going on. He said if she would have called me I probably could have done something so there maybe a miscommunication right there. If you can't get a hold of him in a text or something, call me – call my cell phone number and I will make sure we get an officer out there. Ms. Surface stated right now, we are at the point where we feel like we are annoying you guys with this situation. The only way it is going to get handled is because people like you guys stand up and start doing this and that is how you catch people because we can't go drive around – like I said we stick out like a sore thumb and people scatter. I talked to him for about an hour about this this morning and we discussed exactly what you did and what you just said was exactly what happened. Monday through Friday he

puts his hours in and when he goes home he kind of relaxes a little bit and he has his Officers calling him several times for scheduling and this and that. If you could call it would probably be better or like I said if you call him and you don't get answer – call me. Ms. Surface stated you know what the boys stand outside and wait for the car to come waiting for him to come out. Like Saturday, the guy was sitting there waiting for them to come out for 45 minutes so what they do in a car. I mean we sit there and watch them shoot up on their back porch all the time.

**Dema Meade, 953 Warwick Drive** stated I want to talk about the parking, what do we do because I have company that comes out of state? I have company right now that is in the lower part of Ohio and when the ban comes what do I do, where can they park. We have a small driveway, so what can we do? Law Director Graves advised I can tell you and this is something you may want to consider, in other communities if you are going to have overnight visitors or parties where you may have people on a one time basis you can let the Police Department know. I don't know if that is something that we are going to work into our legislation or what but I know in other communities you can call the Police and hey tonight I have overnight visitors or we are having a get together. Mayor Bring advised we actually do that already they call me and say they are going to have a party or something and kind of say we are having a party and having so many people over is it alright if we do this or that? We always accommodate them; there would be no issues with that. Mrs. Meade stated because I have children that live in Texas, I have family in Kentucky and they come often to see us and visit the community.

**Joe Wojciak, 4314 Knickerbocker** stated I hear you people talk about the drug problem here and from what I can hear from everybody up here Sheffield Lake really seems to have a really bad drug problem. Unfortunately I haven't had in my area, well actually that is not true my neighbors son who now has been drafted. If it is that bad, where did you guys find the time to think about something like this? Why don't you guys concentrate on saving lives instead of this? President Rosso answered that legislation came as an act of Council, the issue with law enforcement and the drug issues is an Administrative issue through the Police Department. Mr. Wojciak asked you work together? President Rosso answered we do work together but Council legislation has nothing to do, we don't need to pass legislation to ban drug abuse. So they are doing their jobs and we are doing our jobs – that is why not everything Council does is directly related to. Mr. Wojciak stated I was just told tonight that because the levy didn't pass we are going to do away with our Police Department but we have got a major drug problem. But a van parking on the street and giving tickets but we are not going to have any cops to do it with. President Rosso answered we have to pay for the Police. Mr. Wojciak stated I am just saying that you are telling me all these things and everything that I am hearing is contradictory. President Rosso stated I am just answering your

question “why Council is taking under consideration a parking ban when there is a drug problem.” Mr. Wojciak stated you know a parking ban is really quickly becoming a secondary, if you don’t have Police Officers how are you going to enforce the parking ban let alone the drug problem in the neighborhoods. Mayor Bring asked can I respond to that? If we don’t have the funds to pay the Police Officers how are we going to have Police Officers. Mr. Wojciak stated I don’t know what you guys all attempted but I can honestly tell you, most of the people I knew didn’t even know there was a levy until it happened. I didn’t know and maybe you need somebody PR. Mayor Bring answered we can’t afford what we have. I have got Tammy who comes in every day in this office down here and she has a girl that pays the bills, David is part-time and I am part-time and that is who resides in this building during the day. Councilman McCullough stated that is something we discussed about the parking ban too and something else Joe is people get used to parking in their driveways and then all of a sudden a house starts getting all these little cars parking at it – it is very easily to stick out like a sore thumb as to who is showing up and leaving right away. Over on Hollywood they don’t park on the streets because there is no place on the streets so it sticks out over there like a sore thumb. I am willing to bet you right now over on Knickerbocker and I am willing to bet you on West Drive there is a problem going on on those streets – you just can’t see it because they blend in. I will bet you that and you are worried about how Council is trying to make things to move the city forward. We have worked together on this, we had Council people out hanging door hangers and we talked and we made sure every single door was hung in this city. We talked about this together as Council and I talked to him and he and I barely see eye to eye at all, we are always at each other but I will tell you what when it came to this parking ban I told him I will stand next to you and I will stand in front of you if I have to. It is about moving us forward and we got a lot of balls in the air right now and one of them is he is the one that has to deal with the budget – not us. We can’t decide what he can do. Mr. Wojciak stated again the parking ban takes a back seat. Councilman McCullough stated Joe there is more things then just the parking ban. It still got to be passed, it still got to be discussed. Mr. Wojciak stated you want to pass it – fine but make public to everybody in this city who voted in favor of it. President Rosso stated it is public record. Every Council meeting is public record. Mr. Wojciak stated I wonder in this room how many people would re-elect somebody who told them they can’t park. Councilman McCullough stated I am willing to stand up. Mr. Wojciak stated you may have to. Mayor Bring stated I have had people call me and if you give me a ticket I am not going to vote for you, if you don’t pave my road I am not going to vote for you, if you don’t do this for me I am not going to vote for you – I can’t run a city like that and I don’t care if I get re-elected but I am going to try to make this city run a little

bit better. If you don't want to vote for me again and you don't want to vote for these people again then so be it but you know what the same thing is going to happen again, again and again. If you guys want to just let the city go to hell, let me know because I will stand back and I will stand around and go okay. We won't do anything. Mr. Wojciak stated the government by the people and for the people. Mayor Bring stated absolutely. Mr. Wojciak stated if they don't like what you do they are not going to vote for you. Mayor Bring stated God Bless them and that is why they have the right to vote. Mr. Wojciak stated I don't want to make enemies in this room.

**Fire Fighter Lt. Davis** stated I am in charge of the EMS for the city and that is all the paramedics and we just heard that the Mayor said he is talking bringing Life Care in and this is the one area I am concerned with. I have a couple of points here versus Life Care versus what the service you have right now if you call Sheffield Lake Fire Department if you call them right at this second right now. Life Care will provide you 2 people is what they will provide you. We currently provide 3 on all the calls and that is guaranteed that there will be 3 people there. That is what you get right now. Of these 2 people, one of them will probably be an EMT and one will probably be a paramedic from Life Care. We have 3 paramedics on the squad at all times and the difference with this is a paramedic can do a lot of things that EMT can't do as far as air way management, medications, IV's and such as that. They are a private business so they do it cheaper with 2 people. You have 3 paramedics right now that can do anything at any point at any time even if we are on the fire truck. We have equipment on the fire truck that we can do just the same as the ambulance, so we are not out of service just when we are on the fire truck. With the EMT another problem is there is mostly just the driver and these people that work at Life Care and I am going to say this because I worked at Life Care for 5 years so I know exactly how it works, I was a paramedic there for 5 years before I worked on Sheffield Lake so I have 19 years of experience on the Fire Department and Life Care together. These people have basically 3 to 5 years of experience and they pretty much leave the service and they are looking for Fire Department jobs, nursing jobs, paramedic jobs inside hospitals. They use Life Care for experience and it is good for that. We have right now currently 205 years of experience on the Fire Department right now, if you add up everybody's time on the Fire Department. I know we have young people, I know people think I am young but I have 19 years on myself as a paramedic licensed in Ohio. So right now our average is about 18 years a person on the squad – you are going to get 3 of them at all times versus the 3 to 5 years of experience that are probably going to get at Life Care. These 3 to 5 year experience people run to Lorain, Elyria and all over the place, they will run about 20 calls a day and it is about an hour and a half each call. They work 24 hour periods a lot of them and some of them work split

shifts – 12's or whatever. So these people get burned out pretty quick – they do, that is why they leave and another reason they leave it is a private business and they don't pay them that well. What concerns me also is they use different med control then we use, we have a great working relationship with St. John West Shore which is where our med control is and our medical Director lives in town. He cares about the community, he is the one who sit up the program with the Narcan for the Police and through the state he really wants to help people in this town. He has been medical Director since I have been around for at least 17 years so he does care about this community and he comes in and he gives us medical direction all the time; he gives us run reviews and whatever we need as support. I mean he does a great job with that. They use a different med control then us and as I say this because West Shore has given this department support in equipment and in training and they come out all the time and ask us what we need at all times. You don't have that support through the other medical control – you don't. It is a big loss, it is. As far as getting into billing, the city collects money – we soft bill insurances and we collect money from the residence insurance policy and the city get the money – they will lose that money and what happens with that is if a resident's insurance company says hey I don't pay this bill, I don't want to pay a partial to this bill we don't think it needed to happen – you're a tax payer and that is it – it goes away. It doesn't go any further then that but Life Care will send you to collections, they will get their money because they are a private business. The city will get none of that money, it will go to Life Care and they will levy against that. They will just send you to collections, that is what they do. You can write legislation that says leave our citizens alone, we will still provide EMS even though this guy owes this much money we will still give them the service. That is fine, you can write legislation like that but they still owe the money and they want their money and they are just not willing to give that good of care. The main problem I have with this is because I have family that probably lives in 4 or 5 parts of this town; close family and many, many friends. I do the coaching of youth football, I got many friends in this town so I care about them, I have been here and I want to finish my career here. People can say I am a Fireman and of course I want to say all this, it is more then that. I started when I was 15 years old as a Explorer to be a Fireman to help people and that is what I want to continue to do and this is the community I choose to do it in – my kids go to school here. Other then that – 18 votes to me is not to give up on the Police and Fire Departments. It is just way too important, it is just way too important for 18 votes to say this is over. I would love to see another levy with more information about the Fire Department actually does and the Police Department actually does and the other departments. I don't know how we have to get it done but I think we owe it to ourselves and the citizens. (audience applause) Councilman Elliott stated you want

my job you can take it – honestly, I have not been a stranger to the Fire Department. All you guys know me, I have not been a stranger to the Police Department but unfortunately in this city you got most residents that know what is going on in Washington but doesn't know what is going on here. We need people to get involved, we have said this for years, for years. Listen I am not running for re-election, I have done this job for 9 years and it is a thankless job. You don't pay enough for this job, I did it because I want to do I want to make a difference. Everybody up here is doing this job to get rich – nobody! So if you are going to sit there and tell me that this job is easy when a levy doesn't pass and we got to lay off friends. I am telling you right now, take this job I don't want it anymore. I will tell you what you can do with this parking ban – this ban is this big and all you guys came out because of this parking ban. I don't care about a parking ban, I am telling you right now – I don't care, this is a small issue. When you have got drugs on your streets and not enough Cops on your streets and then we are going to have to lay off Firemen, let me tell you what you can do with this.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.***

***NEW BUSINESS:*** \*Motion by McCullough/Second by Stark to amend the agenda to include Council#053, 054 and 055. ROLL CALL TO AMEND THE AGENDA: Yeas All – McCullough, Stark, Erdei, Kovach, Elliott.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#051 – SECOND 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.

Council#52 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance providing for an 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 Kovach for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

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

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

**Ordinance Passes#50-13**

Council#053 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement Jim Carter and Susan Carter for the rental of 4210(A) Ivanhoe Avenue in the Shoreway Shopping Center and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

**Resolution Passes#51-13**

Council#054 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into lease agreement with Karen Biltz for the rental of unit#4114 of the Shoreway Shopping Center and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

**Resolution Passes#52-13**

Council#055 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Constance Higgins for the rental of 4118 Ivanhoe Avenue located in the Shoreway Shopping Center and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

**Resolution Passes#53-13**

President Rosso stated the public hearing for the 2014 Budget will be on December 10, 2013 @ 6:45 pm and because our second Council meeting is Christmas Eve, we are moving that to December 30<sup>th</sup>, the Monday prior to which is where we will pass the legislation on 2014 budget.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Elliott to adjourn at 8:55 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 November 12, 2013.

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*