

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
January 12, 2016  
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The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Council President Rick Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

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

Present: Rosso, Stark, Gee, Erdei, Cizl, Wtulich, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves  
Absent: Councilmen Smith and Kovach, Superintendent Hastings (excused)  
Attending: Concerned Citizens, Exclusive Balloons: Sheila Kepic, Service Department: Tom Kepic and Willy Trowbridge, Zoning Board of Appeals: Matt Harper, Park Board: Joe Gee and Lisa Prokay, Members of the Media: Avon Lake Press and Chronicle

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

**Council** - \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the December 29, 2015 Council meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Monthly report of court receipts for month of December 2015 - \$6381.15.

**PRESENTATIONS:** under Mayor's report.

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**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse:** Chairman Cizl reviewed the minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./

**Safety:** Chairman Wtulich reviewed the minutes of the January 6, 2016 meeting. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All. /

**Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** Chairman Erdei reviewed the minutes of the January 7, 2016 meeting. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./

**Ordinance:** Co-chairman Erdei reviewed the minutes of the January 7, 2016 meeting. \*Motion by Cizl/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./

**Finance & Audit: None./Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center: None./Council Representative to the Park Board:**

**None./Council Representative to the Planning Commission: None./Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None.**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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**MAYOR/SAFETY:** Mayor Bring submitted Rocky Radeff for Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission.

Mayor Bring submitted Harold Trowbridge as an employee of Sheffield Lake Service Department.

\*Motion by Cizl/Second by Erdei to approve Rocky Radeff for Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission. ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL: Yeas All – Wtulich, Stark, Gee, Cizl, Erdei.

\*Motion by Erdei/Second by Cizl to approve Harold Trowbridge as an employee to the Service Department. ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL: Yeas All – Stark, Erdei, Gee, Wtulich, Cizl.

Mayor Bring continued we did receive the last 1000 water meters and they tried to install them all and I think we have about 400 left. Basically it is most of Lake Road and there is a few commercial ones left to do. We don't know if they are going to get done this year, depending on what this weather is. If the weather doesn't get any better than this I don't know if they are going to come back so we may not end up finishing it off until spring. We kind of anticipated this and we never expected them to get as off they did so we have been pretty fortunate. So all in all I think it has worked out pretty well and everything went really smoothly. We had a few people complain that they were in the shower or washing dishes or whatever and we didn't notify them. Pat actually sat down and figured it out if we would have went up and started knocking on doors the amount of time that would have taken would have been weeks. Basically the time to change the meter out is between 5 to 12 minutes and some of them went pretty smooth and some of them were a little harder. Lake Road is going to be a little bit more difficult and that is why they saved those for the last. We did talk about the snowplows and we did have another plow fall off the truck during this last snow storm. It did not damage the truck but we lifted it back and they did put that back on. Again unfortunately the metal on these things are down to nothing and Rob had to weld some parts back on so we are trying to see if we can't get it to last a little bit longer and see what we are going to do here. The tower for the communications over there, we were hoping to get that up soon but it is weather permitting because they have to put cables on there. Hopefully that will go well and get that up and running and get all our communications on that and that also is part of the communications for the radio read water meters also. That is going to be approximately 20 foot higher then what we have right now. We took the boat launch ramps out the other day and the guys were still out fishing and they kind of thanked us that we lasted as long as we did. They had a good season with that and it worked out pretty well. We had the gentleman that had the Triathlon last year contact us and he would like to do that again this year and I believe the date is July 10<sup>th</sup> which is a Saturday I believe. I think we are going to get that going again and I think last year it was in August and I think Community Days is on the 20<sup>th</sup> I believe so it shouldn't interfere with anything. A few people contacted us about Shoreway, we had the guys go over and

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clean the unit out and they still have some work on that. We got a dumpster over there to just kind of get it up to snuff as it needed to be cleaned out anyway. It keeps the guys out of the cold. We are going to be doing a little bit of updating over there at the Service Department and get that room available which is basically going to be a conference room. We have meetings once in a while over there and instead of us going over to the engineers place, we can actually get a couple of tables over there and lay out the maps and sit down to talk about some of things that we are going to working on. I am going to do a state of the city at the next Council meeting. Basically I will be going over what has been accomplished in the last 4 years and what we need to work on and then what we need to work on. Then just an overall view of some of the ideas that we have coming up and some of the challenges that we have coming up. I will address the safety concerns and do some of the reports on the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Service Department. Some of the stuff may be trivial to what we have accomplished but I think it is just important that everybody knows that we have done quite a few things and some of them not so major but we have accomplished quite a few things. I think right now we have a very good staff in all the departments and it is working quite well and I think the guys coming in seem to be pretty happy and working with Council has been a pleasure the last 4 years and hopefully we can continue this on. President Rosso asked did we have an issue with mailing out the water bills this month? Mayor Bring answered yes that was another problem again but they should be all out though. They were delayed again and I know the girls, this was not our fault though this was CMI. I think we are going to have a couple little glitches here with this new system that is going on. Unfortunately until we get everything corrected. President Rosso asked will we be given a little leeway of people paying? Mayor Bring answered we really don't have a problem with that, the problem is that it is an automatic thing through the computer that it shows there and it automatically kicks it on that there is a service charge. I think it was a couple of days that we were late again. President Rosso advised it just got mine today which reminded me that it is kind of late so I thought I would ask. Just so everyone knows not to panic if they are a few days late. Mayor Bring advised until we get through this whole system here there is going to be some challenges. I will tell you that the whole city will be done in probably about 3 hours as far as reading all the meters which is phenomenal. The guys in that department are doing other jobs, we have got a lot of little things to take care of and they have been doing that and it has been nice. Just one less thing we have to worry about. Hopefully once we get this all corrected and we get them all up and running, we will be much more efficient. President Rosso advised I am sure we will. Councilperson Gee asked could you briefly touch on the email that our Police Chief received from the state. Mayor Bring advised yes Mr. Campo is our Police Chief, some of the stuff that has been going on in Cleveland when they had the shooting. They started these commissions over there that oversee the Police Department so when something

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happens over there they have to go before the Board of Commissions and have discussions and find out why this happened and this and that and everything. I am just kind of ramping this in but the unfortunate thing is that they are talking about doing this for all the municipalities everywhere; small, large, whatever. This could cost everybody a lot of money and we don't know if this is going to happen but they are talking about making this as a mandatory. So it is in discussion, Mr. Campo did get the email. So we are assuming that because he got the email that they are in discussions of how they are going to proceed with this but if we have to have a Board of Commissions for anything that happens around here all it is going to do is deplete more money out of our revenue and I will tell that every Police Department has complaints about things that have happened but I think overall we have very few major complaints about anything. I think we go out of our way to treat whoever gets either arrested or picked up or fined or whatever to treat them very fairly and we will continue to do that no matter who it is. I will tell you that a lot of times when people are intoxicated or on drugs, they are not very cordial but our Police Department does a very good job of maintaining themselves and I know that even the Dispatchers with the phones. I sit in there a lot and listen to what comes over there and it is pretty amazing how calm they are. I don't think I would be able to handle that. I get a little frustrated when they start making mandates and telling departments that we have to do this and do that. I think we should be able to manage our own, unless there is a major episode which I don't think most of these departments around here have. It is just another thing that is going to cost the city more money. It is not all of what came down so I just am trying to cut it off there. Councilman Erdei asked how is our water breaks going, any breaks lately with this cold weather in now or has it been pretty steady. Mayor Bring answered we have had a few minor ones but overall so far, we have been to them pretty good and that could change with this cold weather. Especially being cold and then warming up but right now the ground is still relatively warm and it takes quite a bit to freeze before it starts reacting. Again if you saw Cleveland they had 2 major water breaks and again that can happen here but that is part of what I am going to address on the State of the City. So some of the concerns and some of the money that other cities have borrowed and what possibly it would cost us in our city and that will be addressed. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All. ***/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: None./FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:*** Finance Director Smith advised you will find in your packet today the balance report for the month of December 2015, as well as an appropriation ordinance which is at the beginning of the year I certify to the county all our unencumbered balances in all of our funds and then I like to appropriate those funds so we can use them throughout the year. I do it very specifically because these funds are very specific to their project or cause and it is an easy way for me to track every penny of it. I do this at the beginning of every year. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All. ***/LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:*** Law Director

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Graves reviewed the legislation on the agenda. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:**

**Romolo Debottis, 868 Lake Breeze Road** stated we are still down obviously one sewer line? Mayor Bring answered yes and that part just came in. Pat is meeting the engineer tomorrow I believe over there. There is more to it but the pump that we have on there or that we are going to try to replace, that line has to be replaced as it has lateral cracks on it. Mr. Debottis stated since that happened we are getting sewer gas smell periodically. We were at a get together and other residents in the city stated that they are getting the same thing. It is not constant so I don't think there is anything wrong with our lines but when it is there the odor is very, very strong.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilman Erdei stated I know we talked about this and it kind of got shoved under the table but we were talking about that crosswalk in front of the shopping center. Just wondering if anybody gave it any thought about putting actual crosswalk there so people can cross especially during the summer with the boats and with our Community Days and everything. President Rosso stated there is crosswalk there. Councilman Erdei stated putting a sign there and about possibly putting sidewalks across from the corner through to Speedway because Speedway got them and I think it would be nice instead of having that spot all through there just grass and mud all the time. We could dress it up and people could walk straight through to the Speedway and then keep on going. It is just a thought and I know it costs money but it would make our area a lot nicer. President Rosso stated that is a great topic for your Buildings & Lands meeting next month. That is going to have to come from Administration and there already is a crosswalk there. Again the Mayor has reported in the past looking into those and the costs. Law Director Graves advised as I recall Council chose not to go forward with that proposal to use the street lighting fund for illuminated safety signs. That was something that the Superintendent was going to use for that purpose but Council didn't want to free up that money for that purpose.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#01 – 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 Erdei for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

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

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Yeas All – Gee, Erdei, Cizl, Stark, Wtulich.

**Ordinance Passes#1-16**

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Council#02 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract with highest and best bidder for the sale of used water meters which are not needed for municipal purposes and the declaring of an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: Gee, Wtulich, Erdei, Cizl, Stark.

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

Councilman Wtulich asked what are these for again? President Rosso explained the water meters that we are replacing, these are the old ones that we are taking out.

Councilman Wtulich stated this is for all of them? President Rosso answered yes.

Mayor Bring advised we had the contract for that setup and they were going to give us a dollar a meter and they said if we want to go ahead and see if we wanted to get rid of them on our own. So we contacted somebody and there is interest in it so we would like to move forward and put it out for bid and see if we can't get a little bit more money. These are already in boxes that have been taken out the residences. Law Director Graves advised if you notice, these are the number of meters; 3142 - 5/8 X 3/4 meters, 30 - 1 inch meters, 32 – 1-1/2 inch meters, 12 – 2 inch meters and 1 – 6 inch meters.

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Yeas All – Cizl, Erdei, Wtulich, Gee, Stark.

**Ordinance Passes#2-16**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 7:47 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*

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 January 12, 2016.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Rick Rosso*

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*