

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
June 14, 2016
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The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Council President Rick 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, Mayor Bring, Smith, Stark, Kovach, Gee, Erdei, Cizl, Wtulich, Finance Director Smith, Superintendent Hastings, Law Director Graves
Attending: Videographer Eric McElheny, Concerned Citizens, Sheffield Lake Fire Department; Chief Tim Car, Lt. David Novak, Lt. Brian Davis and FF; Dan Forror and Thad Campbell, Columbia Station Chief Ray Anthony, North Ridgeville Assistant Chief Scott Bement, Park Board Gee

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2016 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Monthly report of court receipts for month of May 2016 - \$5029.00.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Bring submitted Brandon Bement for full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic for the Sheffield Lake Fire Department.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for approval of Brandon Bement for full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic for the Sheffield Lake Fire Department. ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL: Yeas All – Smith, Wtulich, Stark, Erdei, Cizl, Kovach, Gee.

Mayor Bring swore in Mr. Brandon Bement as Fire Fighter/Paramedic for the City of Sheffield Fire Department.

Mayor Bring submitted Linda Squires for full-time Dispatcher for the Sheffield Lake Police Department.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for approval of Linda Squires for full-time Police Dispatcher for the Sheffield Lake Police Department. ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL: Yeas All – Gee, Kovach, Cizl, Erdei, Stark, Wtulich, Smith.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: Chairman Cizl reviewed the minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the

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report. Yeas All./**Safety**: Chairman Wtulich reviewed the minutes of the June 1, 2016 meeting. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment**: Chairman Erdei reviewed the minutes of the June 2, 2016 meeting. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas All./**Ordinance**: Chairman Kovach reviewed the minutes of the June 2, 2016 meeting. *Motion by Erdei/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**.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring reported I had the Clerk of Council send all of Council an email about the one plow truck but did not get a response back from you guys. Just to let you know, I have a few more details on that. It is a 2000 International plow truck, we originally purchased that for around \$23,000.00. So far to date, we have spent \$19,640.25 and with the new repair sheet which is going to be over that \$10,000.00, it is about \$31,000.00 in repairs and the plow is also failing which is between \$4000 and \$6000.00. Without that truck that leaves us with 2. I talked to Mr. Rosso about that but all I am going to tell you guys is that the mechanic said that the newest plow we have is running on 6 cylinders' and it does have 8 cylinders and the whole engine has to be torn out on that but he said it will work. So this is what we are up against for this winter but I will not take any heat over this. I will refer everybody to Council when the snow comes. The mini excavator is down also. When they called a mini excavator dealer for details, I will tell you this about a mini excavator everything is in one big heap. They got all the hoses and all the pumps in a section about this big and we had to tear the cab off of it and take the floor out of it. He has been working on that for about 2 weeks just to repair a hydraulic hose and we have probably got another week worth of work on that. It is extremely difficult and when the mechanic called the mechanic for the John Deere, the guy started laughing at him and told him good luck. So that makes it down 2. Councilman Smith stated on the truck and I did get your email and I did do some investigating which I talked to the mechanic and also to the guy who is actually going to or wants to fix the truck and asked their honest opinion about that truck. Both of them had the same opinion, that there is nothing really wrong with that truck so to put that kind of money in it that they would put the money in it. They said it is a pretty decent truck but they said for that kind of money they would definitely put the money in that truck and both of them said that. Just so you know that was my opinion. Mayor Bring stated our mechanic Rob is panicking because he knows that the other 2 are not going to make it through the winter. Councilman Smith stated you asked about putting that money into it and I just asked the people who are working on it and they both said yea. They actually said you would kind

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of be stupid not to. That was my opinion and I did check with them, I don't know if anybody else did. Mayor Bring advised the only one that called me on it was Rosa. Councilman Smith stated I don't know if that is the same thing you got or not but that is what I got. Councilperson Gee answered I asked Rob, I went over and talked to Rob and asked him his opinion on it and he said it was worth repairing and I asked him why he thought that and he answered because of how much and he proceeded to say how much money that we have spent on it since we bought it. We paid \$23,000.00 for the truck in 2010 and in 2010 we also had to put \$1500.00 plus in it/in 2011 we put \$1100.00 plus in it/in 2012 we put over \$6800.00 in it/in 2013 we put \$1600.00 in it/in 2014 we put \$4700.00 in it/in 2015 we put \$4300.00 in it and in 2016 we have already put \$448.00 not counting this repair of roughly \$11,000.00. When I asked him why are we sinking so much money into this truck and he answered because Council didn't approve for us to get another one and it is the only one we have got that we can count on. I understood why he wants it repaired but I also asked him why he wanted it repaired and that was the answer that I got. We need the truck, we have no choice because we never did discuss buying a new one as it was turned down the last time. *Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas

All./SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Hastings reported this evening I have kind of a lengthy report which everybody has attached which was sent out to you several days in advance. So I don't necessarily need to go through it word for word. I wanted to give Council the heads up on some of the strategies we would be pursuing, the Mayor emailed me to pursue this grant from the local government safety capital grant program which we did so. We scored better and certainly would benefit throughout the region much better by partnering with our neighboring cities which we did and we were successful in receiving amenities and improvements for both the Police and Fire Departments. The combined projects consisting of the local match between all of the cities and the grants are a total of \$514,330.00 and I included a couple maps throughout the State of Ohio that these grants were awarded to. Lorain County only had three; we got two and then another city in Lorain County got one. The next step is in reference to the Police only; that is between Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake and Avon and it is a F25 Communication Platform. You certainly can read the information, essentially it is a communication platform that allows all the emergency forces to be in communication with one another if you had to respond to mass tragedies or crisis of any kind. They will all be connected through this system and currently we don't hear the traffic of the other cities. That involves one large purchase that each of the three cities got a grant for and then the individual cities got a grant as well for particular equipment to benefit the individual department. In our case, if we move through the report I have a categorical financing and in the case of Sheffield Lake our matching dollars were \$18,274 which has actually been already invested for the tower and then we had a grand amount of \$14,643 for a total investment of

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\$32,900.00. But all of this combined a total of about \$314,030.00 and that is for the communication side of it. Moving onto Fire, we partnered up with Sheffield Village, Avon and Avon Lake again and this time to increase the capacity of our equipment and apparatus. As you know, the new equipment we are buying is sitting outside and we are also limited in acquiring new equipment. All of which is used collectively in response as Sheffield Village and the Lake and Avon, Avon Lake and the townships all respond together. So we joined with them and we are the lead applicant as well and received another \$85,000.00. So the grant prohibited any single city from receiving more than \$100,000.00 so we hit the cap and all of the grant has a reimbursement grant so we essentially need the capital to both purchase and match. The point of that being is in the coming weeks, the Finance Director and the Mayor will put together a formal strategy for your consideration. Since we are working on the Fire Station, the Mayor informed me to look at the cost of the Police Department entrance as that would all be potentially replaced brand new, so we are faced with deteriorated entrance to the Police Department which is inspected by the State of Ohio and often cited for needing serious repair as you can see by the pictures. Mayor Bring advised we have actually failed in the last three years. Superintendent Hastings continued essentially the foundation is failing and the decking is failing, the door where the snow blows through it as it is rotted on the bottom. So, we incorporated that into this total program which would be borrowed money but part of a total capital improvement plan which the timing makes sense. We could incorporate some of the architectural tributes of the new addition into the Police as far as brick work and it would all tie together. So at the end of the report is the total improvement, capital investment request where I identified the total grand of \$100,000.00. The matching dollars that we did which is with an asterisk would be funds that we have already encumbered or spent and then if you move all the way to the right, the total note or bond that the Finance Director recommends that we do that. Again we need cash upfront because it is reimbursable and all cities are working together to bring all these collective improvements. So for your consideration, while this is being prepared it summaries that we would take a note out for \$250,000.00 and we would recover \$100,000.00 and have a net debt of \$150,000.00 all to the benefit of a \$514,030.00 project. Councilman Wtulich asked do we get fined when we get cited for that entrance? Mayor Bring answered we have not but they are being very adamant about it to get it fixed. Regardless, we have to fix it. So the only reason I did this is because when you do take a note out you do have to incur cost to do that. So if we are going to incur cost on getting something for the Fire Station, we figure we just get the Police Department fixed which is going to get fixed anyway. So either way we would have to borrow money for that. I roughly guessed around \$40,000 or \$50,000 for that. Regardless that has to be done. Superintendent Hastings advised the Architect confirmed that number and it is only 16% of the total. That deteriorated entrance also plays into the inspections of the jail which has a very

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strict compliance of which we are on the border line and grandfathered. You wouldn't have a jail like this in a new operation. Mayor Bring advised the only reason we have our jail with the way it is right now because we have not altered it in any way and we have to keep it painted. We get a little ding for that every year too but they can't do anything about it. They can though for that handicap accessible entry way. The jail is going to remain just the way it is. Councilman Erdei stated I know I should have brought this up probably with the safety but it pertains to you too, anything on the crosswalk across from the boat ramp/any kind of signage that you checked into? Mayor Bring answered Mark we have got a ton of things going on and that is not even on the radar right now. Superintendent Hastings stated I do have pricing but for many choices. That is by the way in the grant that I wrote for ODNR too, it would be pretty extravagant lighting \$18,000.00 and crosswalk and signage. That is still processing. Councilperson Gee asked as far as snow plows this coming winter, if we get this one repaired is that going to really guarantee our protection? Superintendent Hastings answered nothing is guaranteed but the reality is I appreciate everybody's point on this but essentially when you dump the money in this truck and I agree that it is worth dumping the money in, it is still the frontline truck. In my philosophy you should invest in these trucks and maintain them but if they are the front runners then the likelihood of them failing again is high in my opinion. These are mechanical failures not due to negligence or anything like that. We buy them used when people get rid of them at 10 years which is the industry standard. When we buy them and it is what we have had my whole career, it is a strategy but I don't necessarily think it is the right one but the reality is when you fixed it it is still the front runner. The idea of a new truck is that it becomes the front runner and lessens the burden considerably on the other ones. Councilperson Gee asked this truck is a 2001 or 2002? Superintendent Hastings answered 2002. Councilman Wtulich asked on that truck, if we were to get a new truck we would be fixing that truck regardless? Superintendent Hastings answered yes. Mayor Bring stated for this winter we have no choice unless you guys tell me not to and that is why I gave it up to you guys to find out what you wanted to do. Superintendent Hastings reiterated yes it just wouldn't carry the burden of the main vehicle. Mayor Bring stated we would be about 6 months away? Superintendent Hastings answered yes, I mean some companies have these trucks already built and ready to go which are pretty much the state bid. The truck and chassis itself is almost equivalent to the total that Councilperson Gee totaled over a five-year expenditure. So if you really dissect the numbers, one way or the other you are paying for it. It is the reliability, the safety and how quickly we respond. President Rosso stated I have a request this is really probably to the Mayor. I think it would be worthwhile because I am hearing conflicting statements here if Mr. DeChant could join us at Worksession. I don't know if you have an issue with that and I don't know if the union has an issue with that but I sure would like to hear it directly and have him answer

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Council's questions about whether the worth or not. Mayor Bring answered the reason I smiled because Mr. DeChant coming here on extra hours would mean I would have to drag him. President Rosso asked extra hours because? Mayor Bring answered when he walks out of here he likes to be home. President Rosso stated I would appreciate you trying to get him here for Worksession. Councilman Smith stated I was just going to say he sent it out, nobody has time to call or go over there? I did and she did (Rosa), I mean it is going to cost money for him to be here. President Rosso stated okay it is not going to cost that much and I would like him here so see if you can make it happen. Mayor Bring stated I would have to agree with Alan, if you call Avon Truck and that is where it would be repaired at. Councilman Smith advised I talked to Brian at Avon Truck and I talked to Rob the Mechanic. President Rosso stated okay Rob told you it was worth fixing and Rob told Rosa it wasn't worth fixing. Councilperson Gee advised no he said it was. President Rosso stated the only reason why he wanted to fix it was because we didn't buy a new one. So as I learned a long time ago when you start looking for a tall/short, skinny/fat bald headed man with curly hair you start getting the people in here giving you answers. So I would like him to come and get it straight what he thinks we should do and if he doesn't want to show up, you can't make him show up then Mr. Hastings I would expect you to give answers for him then. I am looking for recommendations from the city, it is worth or it is not worth it because right now I don't know. Superintendent Hastings stated I am pretty capable of answering I drive as well but I mean Rob fixes them so I understand your perspective for sure. Mayor Bring advised in this case he is not going to fix it because this is way beyond what we have. President Rosso stated I am just trying to find out what the right answer is and Alan I know you called and you formulated your opinion and Rosa formulated hers and I would like to get some information to formulate my own. Councilman Smith stated my only point was it is still going to cost overtime for him to come in here and it is just a matter of picking up the phone and calling Rob and asking his opinion. President Rosso stated I would like to have him here talked to all of Council at one time. What is Rob's hourly rate, \$17 bucks, \$20 bucks, \$40 bucks so for \$50 bucks we can get him in here and get this thing answered. I would be more than happy to take it out of Council's budget to pay him. Let's get everybody on the same page. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas All./**FINANCE DIRECTOS REPORT:** Finance Director Smith reported I am going to go over the easiest one first which is three appropriation changes. I didn't appropriate enough to have our ordinances codified I should say. I under estimated that by a tad as well as some bank services charges that I see are headed our way that I would like to take care of. The \$40,000.00 we received last year in the BWC grant for Water Capital Improvement, we appropriated \$20,000.00 at the beginning of the year and I would like to appropriate the other \$20,000.00 that is in that fund for Water Capital Improvement. That is the appropriation ordinance. Now the other two ordinances

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here; Council#031 and #032 and probably thinking déjà vu here because this was just before you at the end of May. After we approved them at the end of May, First Merit came to me well you think you could move the payoff date to August of the year because and actually they specified August 15th because by then we our current financial statement back from the State of Ohio by that time. We do it every year but in June they are right now looking at our 2014 financial statement and they would like to look at something more current. But unfortunately because of the timing of this ordinance and this note they just asked us to move it forward. I talked to our bond counsel and I talked to our Law Director and I talked to the state auditors and nobody has a problem with it. I certainly don't have a problem with it and I totally understand. It just never even crossed my mind so we would like these passed again in full so they can be correct and then all we are essentially doing is going out 14 months one time. So we can get the annual back on a yearly basis after that. Also April 2016 balancing report is attached. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./**LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves reviewed the legislation on the agenda. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

Ann Marie Woltman, 649 Sheffield stated the repair work that is being done by the piping through Avon Lake, is that going to affect our water? Are we going to have more water coming our way? Mayor Bring answered that has nothing to do with us, that is actually going to benefit us because that was due to the frazzle and everything else. They are just proactive over there so that in case something does happen again we will still be able to get water. Mrs. Woltman continued the other thing involves my cell phone, I wondered if there was anything that you are aware of in the city that would only affect my area where I live? I get no reception, I have one bar that comes on and off. As soon as I leave my house and my yard I have two and three bars. Is there anything that we have changed cell wise or tower wise? Mayor Bring answered no.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None./NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Bring advised the packet that Mr. Hastings has given to you this evening, make sure you kind of read this and let us know as soon as possible because this also effects the City of Avon Lake and the City of Avon too for this grant. I am not trying to drive everybody nuts here or put pressure on you but we do need to move rather quickly on this. I just want to make sure everybody realizes that.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#026 (revised) – THIRD READING – an ordinance amending section 1351.04(a) of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake regarding Demolition Board of Appeal and the declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for ADOPTION:

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Yeas – Kovach, Wtulich, Stark, Gee, Cizl, Erdei/Nays - Smith.

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Ordinance Passes#29-16

Council#030 – FIRST READING – an ordinance vacating a portion of Madison Avenue.

Council#031 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance authorizing the issuance of one hundred ninety-six thousand dollars (\$196,000) of notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of making permanent public improvements to various city facilities consisting of repairing and replacing roofs, resurfacing parking lots and repairing, and remodeling various city buildings, retiring notes previously issued for such purposes, and declaring an emergency.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#30-16

Council#032 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance authorizing the issuance of two hundred forty-four thousand dollars (\$244,000) of notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of purchasing, acquiring, replacing or updating vehicles and equipment for various city departments, retiring notes previously issued for such purposes; and declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for ADOPTION:

ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL: Yeas All – Erdei, Kovach, Cizl, Wtulich, Gee, Stark, Smith.

Ordinance Passes#31-16

Council#033 – EMERGENCY – a resolution approving the settlement of an outstanding water account for 4033 Lake Road and the declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for ADOPTION:

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

Resolution Passes#32-16

Council#034 – 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 Kovach/Second by Wtulich for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#33-16

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 8 pm. Yeas All.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES

Kay Fantauzzi

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 June 14, 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring