

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
October 25, 2016  
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The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, October 25, 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, Cizl, Kovach, Gee, Erdei, Wtulich,  
Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves  
Absent: Stark, Supervisor Hastings (excused)  
Attending: Videographer: Tandi Fritz, Park Board: Gee, Concerned Citizens,  
Members of the Media

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

**Council** - \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**Council Worksession** - \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None./Safety: None./Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance: None./Finance & Audit:** President Rosso reviewed the minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All./**Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center: None./Council Representative to the Park Board:** Member Kovach reviewed the minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting. Councilman Erdei asked is the pipe work in at the Launch for restrooms? Mayor Bring answered yes./**Council Representative to the Planning Commission: None./Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None.**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**MAYOR/SAFETY:** Mayor Bring advised Halloween is Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 7:30 pm. He continued I don't know if anybody noticed on the way in here there were several water leaks. I talked to the Superintendent a couple of hours ago and he said in 30 years this is the first time this has happened where we had

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multiple lines break at the same exact time. Mr. Graves lives in Avon Lake and he came from there and he reported there is several lines broke there. So we are assuming that something happened with the pressure coming from Avon Lake that caused but we are going to have to find out. We know we have at least three major ones but we don't know about the rest of them so we are in the process of trying to get those fixed. Tomorrow we will have to do a little investigating and find out exactly what happened but I know that there are numerous ones in Avon Lake right now too. I just want everybody to be aware of that because I think the water pressure is down right now until they get a chance to fix all these but we have the crews out. Councilman Cizl asked we had a major break over the weekend on Walker? Mayor Bring answered that actually was not a break, there is a T in the line there and a plug that goes into there and on the backside of that plug/actually it is a concrete block that is filled solid and either the gas company or our guys accidently bumped that and it became loose and blew the plug out. So that water just shot right out of there. So, they had to make a new seal and plug and put that back in there. But that was going full bore for a number of hours but it wasn't a broken pipe, it was a plug. Councilman Cizl asked was it underground? Mayor Bring explained what they do is when they put the T in there is a solid backing that they dig down and pour concrete in there and then they wedge an 8 inch block that is solid and that prevents it from blowing out but whoever was cleaning that with the backhoe or whatever must have bumped it. There is a lot of pressure there and that line blew out of there. Our mechanic made a new clamp, fabricated it and then we put that back together. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All. /**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** President Rosso advised our Superintendent is out fixing water leaks today and he was going to have a presentation/discussion and everyone has the paperwork but obviously he will talk to this. Mayor Bring advised we were going to run that by the committee but he just wanted you guys to be aware of it as a whole so then we will continue this process but he had some charts and graphs and he will explain everything to you. President Rosso advised so this will go to Roads & Drains./**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: None.**/**LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves reviewed the legislation on agenda. He explained Council#061, this is something that most of the surrounding communities have decided to do. It is a resolution in support of Issue 35 which is a levy that will be on the ballot this November to combat the heroin epidemic that is plaguing our county in the State of Ohio. This is an issue that is kind of near and dear to my heart, I don't know of how many of you know this but I have served on the Board of Directors of LACADA for over 12 years and the former Chairman of that organization and currently Chairman Elect. Some of the facts related to this proposed measure are in the legislation, currently in 2016 alone 70 Lorain County residents have died as a result of a drug overdose. 8 people die every single day in Ohio as a result of a drug overdose. Some other facts; drug overdoses are now killing more people in

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Ohio then traffic accidents and currently only 10% of Lorain County residents that need services are actually able to get them. The epidemic that we are suffering right now is an epidemic of heroin which the heroin on the streets right now is roughly 10 times more powerful than the heroin that was on the streets in the '70's. In the '70's many times you had to inject it in order to get an effect and today you can smoke it, you can snort it and get addicted it very, very quickly with deadly effects. Currently in Lorain County we have women's residential treatment but we have no men's residential treatment whatsoever. If the levy passes, the first thing everybody wants to know is what is the money going to be used for. First off I would like to say that studies have shown that every dollar spent on substance abuse prevention results in an average of \$10.00 in long term savings. We are already paying for this, we are paying for it in the criminal justice system. The societal costs of the epidemic are astronomical and this will enable Lorain County and this is just for Lorain County to provide additional treatment and recovery support, some men's residential treatment, education and edu-vention in the schools and it is really a critical need. Most people are starting out prescription drugs and getting hooked on prescription opiates and then moving to heroin very rapidly because it is actually quicker or cheaper and easier to get. So, that is some background facts on Issue 35, it is a 1.2 mill/5 year levy that will costs the owner of \$100,000.00 home about \$42.00 per year or 12 cents a day. I would request an executive session to discuss compensation of public officials following ordinances and resolutions. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All.

***CITIZENS COMMENTARY:***

***Keith Wyant, 612 West Shore*** stated I am just here just to find out some information and express concern over the letter that we received for trailers and stuff needing to be removed I think the letter said within 5 days. Mine is on gravel which evidently they couldn't see from the street when they first sent me the letter or whatever so I guess I am grandfathered in on that. My concern will be further down the line because they indicate concrete or whatever hard surface, is this something that is going to change or those of us that are grandfathered in are golden for long term. President Rosso asked you said a trailer? Mr. Wyant answered it is a camper. President Rosso asked where is a located, in the backyard? Mr. Wyant answered it is at the side and it is on gravel. President Rosso advised currently you are not allowed to have gravel extensions on a driveway in the city, it is being reviewed by Council now and is probably going to be reviewed over the next several months. So, there is no grandfathering in, it has been that way since the '70's that you weren't allowed to put gravel down and it had to be a hard surface; concrete. So, that said they are not really fining anyone right now as it is a topic under discussion for the last month and a half and will continue to be discussed over the next several months before any decision is made. I just want to clear up the fact that. Mr. Wyant stated you are saying it does have to be the

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concrete then. President Rosso stated the current ordinance does read that way and was passed in the '70's. However, the Mayor has said he is not going to cite anyone or fine anyone until Council revisits what we want to do with that ordinance. Mr. Wyant stated because when I first got the camper and I have had several and when I got it and had to put it some place besides in the driveway I contacted the city and everything and I was told that all I had to do was gravel or concrete. President Rosso advised there has been confusion in the past, right not gravel is the way it is interpreted and anyway there is a lot of questions and you are not the only one that had that belief that gravel was okay. I just want to be clear so if it turns out 2 or 3 months from now that Council decides that hey we are going to leave it the way it is, you can't have a gravel and you are technically not grandfathered in. Mr. Wyant stated so until the Council makes a decision. President Rosso stated you are not going to get a fine. Mr. Wyant stated then once that decision is made, is that something that will have a time frame to it? You know to have to put in concrete or whatever is nothing that you are going to do? President Rosso answered that is one of the discussion points.

***/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None./NEW BUSINESS: None.***

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#057 – 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 Cizl for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

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

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

**Ordinance Passes#55-16**

Council#058 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,900,000 of notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of paying the costs of purchasing the Shoreway Shopping Center (THE “SITE”), cleaning up and the remediation of the site, and providing for and enabling the environmentally safe and productive redevelopment and reuse of the site, 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 – Erdei, Kovach, Cizl, Smith, Gee, Wtulich.

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

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

**Ordinance Passes#56-16**

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Council#059 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the City of Sheffield Lake to accept and approve the donation of six parcels of land to the City of Sheffield Lake by Kevin J. Cozart and Cynthia C. Daddario and the declaring of an emergency.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

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

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

**Resolution Passes#57-16**

Council#060 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the City of Sheffield Lake to accept and approve the donation of a parcel of land to the City of Sheffield Lake by Mary Murawski and the declaring of an emergency.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

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

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

**Resolution Passes#58-16**

Council#061 – EMERGENCY – a resolution in support of Issue 35 and the declaring of an emergency.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

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

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

**Resolution Passes#59-16**

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to go into a brief executive session for the discussion of employee compensation.

ROLL CALL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION: Yeas All – Wtulich, Smith, Kovach, Gee, Erdei, Cizl.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to return to regular session.

ROLL CALL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Yeas All – Wtulich, Smith, Kovach, Gee, Erdei, Cizl.

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Law Director Graves advised let the record reflect that the City Council of Sheffield Lake did adjourn to executive session to consider the compensation of public employees pursuant to the Ohio Open Meeting Laws.

**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.

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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 October 25, 2016.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Rick Rosso*

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*