

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
November 15, 2016  
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The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, November 15, 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, Stark, Cizl, Kovach, Gee, Erdei, Wtulich, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves, Superintendent Hastings

Absent: Smith (excused)

Attending: Videographer: Tandi Fritz and Redrick Gines, Park Board: Gee, Members of the Media

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

**Council** - \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the October 25, 2016 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Monthly Mayor's Court receipts for month of October 2016 - \$4989.64.

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse:** Chairman Cizl reviewed the minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./**Safety:** Chairman Wtulich reviewed the minutes of the November 2, 2016 meeting. \*Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** Chairman Erdei reviewed the minutes of the November 3, 2016 meeting. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**Ordinance:** Chairman Kovach reviewed the minutes of the November 3, 2016 meeting. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Gee 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 reported I had copy the article from the Morning Journal which was actually in the Chronicle and the Journal regarding Lorain raising their water rates for the same purpose that we are looking into as far as infrastructure. They are going ahead and raising theirs quite substantially and we are asking obviously for a very minimal amount of money. But if take the time and read that it tells you that all the cities are going to be in this situation and what it is going to take but they are looking at raising their rates like I said quite substantially. I will tell you that when we were looking at our roads and stuff for next year it takes quite a bit of planning so the faster that we do act on our small increase the better it would be for our city. There have been some questions on leaf pickup, the guys are doing a really good job. We purposely didn't put out a schedule out there because we are kind of jumping around and we are going up and down the streets methodically and going through that but none of the other cities actually put out a schedule when they are doing this either. So, people are going to call and ask about that and I think Mr. Hastings probably can explain that a little bit better on why we didn't do that. We have been getting pretty good feedback, the leaves are falling a little faster now, so there are bigger piles but watching the guys do it the machine is working pretty well. Of course, I will say that now and something will happen but knock on wood it is working quite well and going much better than I thought being the first year. So, we will see how this all goes and keep up with the hours and see what at the end of the year and add all this up. I think that the way it is working right now that we will probably do that program again next year too. Obviously, they poured the concrete over there today; the floor in the Fire Station and they are going to be pouring the steps probably tomorrow and that is going to take two different pours because of the way the steps actually are. He explained the steps are formed with wood, so they have to let that set and then they have to let other parts set and they will take part of it apart and then they re-pour the rest of that. Then they have to put the door in over there, hopefully all this will be done here shortly. On the plow trucks, I think the one that is being built is not going to be here until mid-December. Superintendent Hastings advised it will be at Judco in mid-December and we will have it probably January. Mayor Bring continued you know the weather has been favorable for us and obviously, we have a little snow coming and I don't think that that is going to affect us because the lake is still warm and I think it is going to be 70 degrees on Friday. So, the streets should still be warm if nothing else we might have to put some salt down. I can't foresee us doing any plowing anymore or at least right away. We will keep our fingers crossed for that but they get the 1-ton, the smaller truck they are getting that fixed too. We do have one plow coming right? Superintendent Hastings answered yes. Mayor Bring stated but we should be in good shape, we will play it by ear. We have plenty of salt left over from last year, we actually have some in storage so we should be in pretty good shape with that. We probably will have a savings of that this year hopefully if we don't go crazy with this and the weather

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holds out. Councilman Erdei asked the leaf pickup, is there a set deadline on that or is it when the trees are pretty well done? Superintendent Hastings advised it was advertised to run from mid-October through mid-December consistent with what all the other neighboring communities do. Councilman Erdei stated well that should help out a lot from our sewers too for drainage and that, as long as everybody abides and don't rake them in the street. Mayor Bring advised actually everybody has been pretty good about it, they have been calling and I have been driving around and it to be working too. Also, the kids over there in the park and stuff, they are actually doing very well over there, the Police and stopped and talked to them the other day. They are actually policing themselves, we have actually had hardly any problems over there lately and we have had a tremendous outpouring of families and kids going over there and enjoying themselves. I think the more that goes over there the better off it is because like I said the kids are just having some fun. That is working out good and we are going to try to do some more equipment next year too. Councilman Erdei asked are you still throwing around the fact that you might move that stuff into our bowling alley for the winter and have it on the weekends for the kids. Mayor Bring answered we have the Fire Department in there right now doing some training and they are using part of that and they got other departments coming in there. That is actually working out very well, so if you see the trucks and lights over there don't be concerned because they are actually just in there training. Our guys are building fake walls and they are constructing situations such as if a ceiling tile came down with wires and they have to crawl through things such as a tunnel so to speak or a hallway where the ceiling fell in so it is those types of scenario's they have setup. They have another situation where they put a wall up and they actually have to break through the wall and then get through that and put their equipment through it and then crawl through that. So, that is working and we probably will store that piece of equipment in there, we will have to look into that. There were some other questions the Fire Department had about that if we did that as far as lighting, the fire doors and some other stuff too. There is always more then what you think. Councilman Erdei stated well legally too you have to protect yourself too. Mayor Bring concurred yes you have to protect the city and like I said when Fire Chief Card and I talked about that and he brought a few points up to me. I am not saying that we won't do it but we won't have to look into it a little more. We are going to put the ice skating rink up though. President Rosso clarified at Ferndale? Mayor Bring answered yes. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas All./**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent Hastings advised I just have a couple of brief things to carry on with the leaf collection, the idea as the Mayor mentioned of not providing a schedule is modeled after many cities. I have researched a lot of websites and procedures, the simple point being if we said we were going to focus on these 4 to 6 blocks on a Monday and nobody participated and then we move forward without notifying them it would quickly become a

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mess. So the procedure is simply to move from one side of the city street by street and we have now completed two cycles and we are on our third. We started at Erieview again on Monday and I am not quite sure where they ended today but I would suspect they are at Buckeye/Maple area. That is the criticism so far, the scheduling but it is designed to get input from the residents and build on it as it hasn't been in place for some time. The other thing I was happy to report is all of the mechanical connections of the force main sewer are done and the system is now up and ready for operation. This is a big accomplishment for the Administration and Council and proud to that through. They are in restoration which will be some sidewalks and asphalt, this project had very minimal invasion on the properties with all of the underground boring. So it has been successful all around and the city will be at full capacity now on sewers which has been a nerve racking situation where it failed so quickly. Councilperson Gee asked how long has it been that we have actually been up in full production like we are now?

Superintendent Hastings answered April of 2014. Councilman Erdei asked did you hear anything from the wind turbine people in Colorado whether they are going to try and get that thing going again? Superintendent Hastings answered I haven't, I have been copied emails between Apples store and the company because that as you know is the city's responsibility for maintenance. So, I am kind of viewing it from the outside to see their progress and it is stalemated. If the Mayor wants me to intervene I will be happy to intervene in email since I have copied and see the status of it because we certainly are getting questioned a lot. \*Motion by

Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Finance Director Smith advised attached you will find our October balancing report as well as Council#67 appropriation changes for some end of the year housekeeping. We have a lot of increases and decreases, general fund is at net 0 meaning we have got decreases that make up for all the other increases. If anybody has any specific questions I would be happy to answer them. \*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: None.**

**/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None./NEW BUSINESS:** Councilperson Gee reported Veterans Day this year, once again the park did the retiring of the flags ceremony at Veterans Park. The day before we had a veteran that had donated blocks to make a burning pit and donated the sand. So along with Mr. Hastings help of Jerry Gillespie, Joe and Jerry built the pit and it worked perfect Veterans night. We had a little more than 50 people in attendance and we chose not to burn any nylon flags because the fumes were really bad. The pit worked very well and the fire was put out with water at the end and all the girls had hot chocolate and cookies. We also had some little boys helping and along with burning flags that were from the flag poles at the park the year before and from different businesses

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and a few residents, we also used the flags that we used to line the park during Memorial Day. So the kids each one got to stand holding the one with the stick and the veterans agreed and left each girl put that one in the fire. All flags were burned in memory of someone that was deceased that was a veteran and each one of the children read off the name and what war and when they passed on. We tried to get them to agree to move this to spring time but really the kids liked the hot chocolate and cold weather. So, we might just be doing it twice a year from now on.

Councilman Erdei asked Mayor and Mr. Graves have you discussed any about having like a forum or something for our city on the heroin overdoses, maybe have it at the Community Center and see if the public from our town will show up and be interested in seeing how we can combat this problem. Mayor Bring answered we haven't done anything obviously, we have Mr. Graves who is part of LCADA and stuff. I would probably have to have Mr. Graves ask Mr. Stuber and see if he would want to do something like that. If it is available we could probably have it at the Civic Center, we would have to get some dates and I would have no problem doing that and it probably wouldn't be a bad idea. It would be nice to have some of the kids involved. I just went to a funeral the other day of a young girl, 21 years old who was a friend of my wife's. You could see that the kids, 17, 18 or 20 years old but they are all very distraught over this. But for some reason these kids still get into this and I don't understand it, it is a terrible thing and I don't think they realize when they do this the repercussions are not only for themselves and their life's but how it affects the family because the mother was adamant and was talking to me about getting involved and what she can do to address this with the rest of the kids and stuff. It is very sad and I have known quite a few people myself that have passed away and I am sure David could tell you many stories too. If you guys would want us to do that, I would be more than glad to move forward with it. Law Director Graves advised I am sure the organization would be more than willing to participate in any kind of event that the city wanted to put out there. Councilperson Gee advised at VFW Post 8686 Auxiliary meeting last week, they voted to donate \$1000.00 to the basketball goals at Gary Green Park. So, we will have to draw up the legislation to approve that donation and they would like to give us the check no later than the second Wednesday in December. President Rosso advised we can have something written up for next Tuesday, it is not that hard. Mayor Bring advised tell them we appreciate that very much. President Rosso asked is Dennis still the Commander? Councilperson Gee answered but it was the Auxiliary that did this. In fact, it was Pauline was the one that pushed for this to be done, her and Sue.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#062 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019, and the declaring of an emergency.

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



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

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

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

**Ordinance Passes#60-16**

Council#063 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Above All Others Landscaping and Property Preservation, LLC and William Joseph for the premises located at 4210 Ivanhoe Ave., Sheffield Lake, Ohio and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

**Resolution Passes#61-16**

Council#064 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance amending section 181.03 of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake regarding Clerk of Court effective January 1, 2017 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, Erdei, Cizl, Gee, Wtulich, Kovach.

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

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

**Ordinance Passes#62-16**

Council#065 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance repealing ordinance number 80-15 regarding the rate of pay for the position of Clerk of Courts effective January 1, 2017 and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

**Ordinance Passes#63-16**

Council#066 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a recognition agreement with Local 277 and Ohio Council 8 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) establishing the job duties, qualification and rate of pay for a new classification to be known as

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Clerk of Courts/Administrative Assistant effective January 1, 2017 and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

**Ordinance Passes#64-16**

Council#067 – 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 Gee for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

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

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

**Ordinance Passes#65-16**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:45 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 November 15, 2016.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Rick Rosso*

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*