

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
May 17, 2016**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, May 17, 2016. President Pro Tem Alan Smith called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: President Pro Tem Smith, Mayor Bring, Stark, Kovach, Erdei, Gee, Cizl, Wtulich

Absent: President Rosso, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves (excused)

Attending: Members of the Media

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

\*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEES\*\*\*\*\*

**ROADS & DRAINS: None./SAFETY: None./BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: None./ORDINANCE: None./FINANCE: None.**

**/PARK BOARD:** Councilperson Gee advised the Veterans Park received from Dennis Laska who was the man that donated the flag poles for Veterans Park and today he donated a 3 X 5 Ohio flag, a 3 X 5 POW flag and a 4 X 6 USA flag and they plan on doing this every year in May for us. So every Memorial Day we can have new flags at the park. That was a really nice donation from them.

\*\*\*\*\*ADMINISTRATIVE\*\*\*\*\*

**MAYOR:** Mayor Bring advised the new machine that we got for the hot box, we have not put that in service yet. That had a couple of batteries on there and the batteries were not operable. We have to buy new ones as they wouldn't charge up as it has been sitting I think for a couple of years. We have been patching with that old one so as soon as we get this other one up and running we are going to put that other one for sale. So we did have that parked over there. The crack sealer which we told you we rented that piece of equipment and we are buying the sealer, that will start probably next week. We were going to do it this week but the weather has not been too nice. So you will start seeing the guys out there doing that. The one that we ordered probably 7 weeks ago that we traded in those other 2 for, that new tractor is in so if anybody wants to see it you can stop by. We will be hooking up the flail mower to that which that big one that we already had and the unfortunate thing is that in the front of that tractor all the computer stuff is right in the very front of it. So we ordered a brush guard for it to protect it just to be safe and I think that was about \$500.00. In retrospect, if we don't do that we know something is

going to happen and that will shut the whole thing down. They came the other day to put that on and they ordered the wrong one so they went back, it wasn't our fault it was the company's fault. That is what is going on with those. At Ferndale Park over there, you have seen some digging and there has been some comments on there that we dug this up and now there is mosquito's and whatever, zika virus and everything else over there. We are digging that out for that concrete pad and then we are going to put the pump truck on there. We also dug out and put some heavier stone in to extend the bike path to go over to there. In turn, we are also going to put some other equipment over there so that is moving right along and then we also had the one worker redo the baseball diamond. He dug out all the old dirt out of there, put some new clay in there and then we mowed that and put a little drainage and stuff over there. So Ferndale Park is looking pretty decent and the Boat Launch is done, the docks are back in and the sand that was there, we pushed over to behind the Library and that looks pretty good right now. I would imagine that a big storm will come along. The lake water right now is much higher than it has been in the last few years so I don't anticipate that sand staying too long over there so we will see. We can't do anything about it, it is what it is. Shell Cove Park over there, that gentleman finished what he was going to do and I know Alan had a few people asking about that but he did finish all that off and is planting all that. So that was all taken care of and then we are going to end up putting the walkway in, we put the power in for that memorial there at the park and then they are going to start landscaping and doing some other things over there very quickly. We are still waiting on some of the grants for Shell Cove Park and numerous other things over there. The other thing is behind the Civic Center this Saturday there is a group of Japanese Ninja coming into town and they rented out one of the schools. They are going to do a presentation Sunday at the school which I think starts at 4 o'clock and they are also going to take some photographs and some other things behind the Civic Center. They are not sure of how many people there are going to be, it could be a small amount or it could be a very large amount, so we are getting conflicting stories on how many people are going to show up but it could be quite substantial. I know that I am going to the school at 3:30 to do a little interview with them. So I will be meeting with them and it should be pretty neat. These are real Ninja Warrior people from Japan being trained, so if anyone wants to come I think it would be a good idea to go see and great for the kids. I know Rosa and Joe Gee did some volunteer work over at the parks and I think we are going to do more mulch over there for Pride Day. Councilperson Gee stated we are bringing in white rock for around the rose bed which will be done before Pride Day. I don't know on the rest because the company that we were counting on backed out and they want to wait until fall. Mayor Bring continued we have had a lot of very good comments on the park and I just want to let everybody know that. The Property Maintenance

Officer that we hired is doing a very good job, Tom Melbar and you will see numerous things getting cleaned up and he sent out letters for the property and he sent out letters for the grass. The grass obviously, you all know that we have to send out at least 2 letters of notification. We can't go on the property until we do that. It is taking a little time and people are calling me and saying there is high grass here and high grass there but there is a process that we have to follow. We cannot go on the property without having documentation that we sent out a couple of letters. So that is being taken care of and like I said we have had some very good response on that. We had a lady stop in the Water Department the other day saying that a cable company nicked one her wires and her power went out and her husband has just recently passed away, it was just a really bad situation. Mr. Hastings and I were at the Water Department when she came in and asked us for a little bit of help and said that the Electrical Company was coming out to charge her \$6000.00 for all this stuff and we were standing there looking at her and said oh, wait a minute. So anyway, after talking to her for about a half an hour, Pat met her at her house with the electrical company and we also called the real Electrical Company because the company she called was just somebody that was personally doing like a Mr. Rooter and this is a Mr. Electric. He had actually shut her power off and it was an illegal shut off, so the electrical company was very upset about that and read that guy the riot act. We got a hold of the cable company that did nick the wires and his insurance is going to cover that part of it. Meanwhile, the inside of her house was wired incorrectly and our Building Inspector Jeff Fillar went over there and got a hold of her insurance company. With him staying over there and talking actually to her insurance company they are going to pay for the inside of the house for her too. It was a very bad situation but it worked out real well and we spent a few hours over there but it worked real well for that resident. She was very grateful and very upset about what happened, like I said it just worked out good. The water meters, I think we are going to order those or we did order the remaining couple hundred of those. I think it is actually going to be Thursday that the salesman is coming in and we will reorder the final amount for those. They did end up putting the other receiver on the water tower so everything should be good to go with that. We are able to now pull up residents and show a graph of usage and it actually documents every minute of the day of what has transpired as far as water usage. We had a gentleman say that his water bill was high and said he wasn't even home for this day. When Lisa pulled it up, it showed usage and it showed no usage for the day he was gone but the day prior to him leaving showed a lot of usage. She asked did you do your laundry and do some other stuff and he answered yes, I did my laundry and used my dishwasher and some other stuff and took a shower and it showed the usage for that. So everything on his bill was correct so it was just nice to pull up that graph and show him that. That is something that we will be able to

do for everybody now. We still have a few minor problems with that water software but everything is finally getting corrected. So we should be in pretty good shape. We have a couple of new part-time employees, one that we had last year that worked in the Road Department and we have a part-time person working over there in the Water Department. She is going to be here for the summer and she will work until August. We still have not got our other employee back but this girl had straight A's through college and picked up everything in 3 days. It is amazing what those young people can do. They come in and start getting on the computer and I just sit there and am in awe, even Lisa was just very surprised and it has just been a huge help. We have had numerous complaints about dead trees and Tom has been sending out letters about that and people are complaining that they don't have the money for that. We did notify some people that if you own property you are still responsible to maintain that and keep that up to a safe standard. We also said that we have CHIPS grants for some of this stuff for repairs on homes and other things. We also notify residents that the electric company will come out and I think they put it on your bill and charge you X amount. So, you can put that on your electric bill if it is near the wires and get the trees cut down. We are trying to help everybody out but again we are trying to get these problems solved. Councilman Wtulich asked is there any plans for what we are going to do at Lakewood Beach, are you guys doing anything with the drop-off over there? Mayor Bring answered we will probably be addressing that again this year. Again, with the water being up high we will go over there with one of the pieces of equipment and grade that but I think that every time a storm comes in, we are going to end up with the same problem. These storms right now if you look at some of the waves coming in, they are hitting about 2/3 of the beach when last year they were barely touching the beach. So the water is up at least over a foot, I have a pier next to me that I gage it by and one of the gentleman that is part of the Park Board said it is up 3 feet but I don't think it is up that high. It has been noticeably higher and keeps washing all the sand out. We do that every year, we go over and clean the beach up, I think this is going to be an on-going process this year. Councilperson Gee stated the gentleman over off of Ferndale on the corner is sending emails again about the stench coming out of the storm water. Mayor Bring stated I don't know if we have actually addressed that but we will. Councilperson Gee stated he is hoping that somebody could check on it, he said it was really bad this last week. Mayor Bring advised I agree because I walked down the bike path and there was the one pipe that was pretty bad. Councilperson Gee stated also there is a home over on Pasadena that some of the women that are working with the "Crafts in the Park" said that the grass is about waist high and buildings abandoned. They were wondering if anything was going on with that. Mayor Bring asked Pasadena down at the one end? Councilperson Gee answered yes. Mayor Bring advised yes, we are

working on that too. The problem with some of these grasses is trying to find the actual owners of them, we are going through multiple banks and sites so it is not an easy process. Councilperson Gee advised she said the garage is leaning ready to fall down. Mayor Bring advised there is several properties that are not in terrific shape. Councilman Erdei stated I forgot to mention this at Buildings, Lands & Vehicles but did we ever get anything for those old vehicles that were out here? Mayor Bring answered yes we did, the blue van that continues to set out there, that van was actually via a drug bust through the county and that is how we acquired that van. That does not have a title so we are working on getting a title for that and then we will sell it. We did get rid of the other ones but we hardly got anything for them. The old parks truck we had to send that back a couple of times and basically I think we got \$150.00 for it, it was just scrap value. Councilman Erdei asked did you ever take the plow truck and get an actual estimate on it? Mayor Bring advised it is at Avon Truck right now and supposed to come back tomorrow I think. Councilman Erdei asked is Pat trying to work on maybe getting a grant or something for a new plow truck eventually. Mayor Bring answered there is none for that. Councilman Erdei stated so we might be barely surviving this winter and hopefully we will have a mild winter like last year. Mayor Bring answered we will have 2 plow trucks and like I said, I will give you the estimate for that one from Avon Truck. Councilman Kovach asked are we going to be pulling down the Bicentennial signs? Mayor Bring answered yes we can, I forgot they were even up. Councilman Kovach advised there is one over by me and I see it all the time and it is still in good condition. Mayor Bring advised I will make sure that they take care of it. President Pro Tem Alan Smith asked did we get any meters in in the last month? Mayor Bring answered no we haven't, we wanted to get everything corrected before we did that. President Pro Tem Alan Smith advised I still don't have a meter. Every meeting, I am just letting everybody know I don't have mine yet. Mayor Bring advised I don't either but we wanted to make sure, so we were holding back funds and we didn't want to order more of them and create more of a problem. So we waited until everything was pretty much solved on their end and that is done. So yes, I think it is Thursday that we are going to order those meters. President Pro Tem Smith stated every time I look at it, I keep trying to figure out how everybody else on the street got a meter but just a couple on the street didn't and my meter is probably newer. Mayor Bring answered we asked about that and those guys were going around in the dark and they skipped over some which they were supposed to go back and do that. They had a manifest list and everything that they were supposed to check off, they just never did a couple of them. There was no rhyme or reason because there were streets where they did 20 in a row and all of a sudden they skipped 2 or 3. It was like that throughout the process of installation. So I don't know if it was at the end of the day, the beginning of the day or what

happened some places got skipped. President Pro Tem Alan Smith asked have we been reading any of them or we just started? Mayor Bring answered oh no, we have been reading them./**FINANCE DIRECTOR**: Mayor Bring advised we will be working on a new budget very shortly. Also, the Police car that was damaged we did get that repaired./**LAW DIRECTOR**: **None.**/**COMMUNICATIONS**: **None.**/**OLD BUSINESS**: **None.**  
**NEW BUSINESS**: **None.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –**

Council#026 – SECOND 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.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:26 pm.

**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 WORKSESSION of May 17, 2016.

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Richard Rosso*