

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
January 10, 2017
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The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 10, 2017. 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, Cizl, Kovach, Smith, Gee, Erdei, Wtulich, Stark, Finance Director Smith, Superintendent Hastings, Law Director Graves
Attending: Videographer: Eric McElheny, Park Board Joe Gee, Concerned Citizens, Members of the Media

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the Council meeting of December 20, 2016 with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: Monthly report of court receipts for month of December 2016 - \$3806.50.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: Chairman Cizl reviewed the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./**Safety:** Chairman Wtulich reviewed the minutes of the January 4, 2017 meeting. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** Chairman Erdei reviewed the minutes of the January 5, 2017 meeting. Law Director Graves advised the wind turbine at Shoreway has been repaired. Councilman Cizl asked is there an update on the old Bowling Alley as to what we are using it for? Mayor Bring advised we are using it as storage and then the Fire Department is using it for training right now. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**Ordinance:** Chairman Kovach reviewed the minutes of the January 5, 2017 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 Planning Commission:** Representative Erdei reviewed the minutes of the December 21, 2016

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring reported just one quick thing, we recently had a resident pass away, Mrs. Hickey and her husband was a doctor and she has been a longtime resident. Mr. Kolleda stopped in and wanted to give us \$1000.00 for the Police Department and \$1000.00 for the Fire Department in Mrs. Hickey's name and that is on the agenda for tonight. I thanked him and he just wanted to have her name memorized. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas

All./**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent Hastings advised three things this evening, first of all at the Roads & Drains Committee last night they allowed citizen's commentary. In reference to a CDBG grant that the city received for Roberts Street. If you recall that was written in February of 2015 and the city was awarded that and is administered by the Lorain County Community Development. So, the county takes applications and once they have their selection process they send it to the State of Ohio for approval so it has been off the radar because it does take a significant amount of time. However, we went through the county and were approved there and then it is at the state level and has been approved there. Again, that is for \$105,000.00 for Roberts Street repaving, replacement of the driveway tiles underneath it and linear grading of the ditches for drainage. Just for your reference the CDBG grant is very specific, the city can't arbitrarily pick any street in the city and try to fund it that way. It is designed around LMI (low to moderate income) as well as other criteria. So, that is one of the few streets that met the criteria and had a need and that is why the city applied some time ago and got it. So, I just wanted to refresh your memory on all of that. The resident asked about here in the fourth quarter can we get all the residents together and maybe get an assessment and add curbs. I did contact the county today and that is not possible because they are waiting for a release of funds at this point and will be putting the project out to bid in the near future. They would have to go through an amendment, stop the project and essentially if it takes too long we would lose the funding so it is really not worth the effort. So, I wanted to advise everybody of that. The other thing that I had was on the equipment, there is legislation in front of you this evening somewhat inspired by the backhoe that is failing and old. We had some lengthy discussions with the crew and the Mayor, the city is in possession of some old equipment; heavy equipment if you will, purchased in the 90's primarily of the purpose of heavy excavation/deep excavation for sewers where we did that kind of work. We haven't done that for the better part of a decade and quite frankly don't recommend it to a function of in-house operations anyway. This equipment is depreciating rapidly, so while there is still some value before you this evening is consideration for the city to put it out for bid and sale it. The underline goal is to use some of those funds to help in the effort of replacing the current backhoe. So the equipment is rarely used, one of our

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13 ton dumps and I have checked the mileage and it is probably 25 miles for the year. It just does not get used, the big heavy excavator rarely used and we have been replacing that stuff in the meantime. So, it is going to depreciate and be of no value, so the concept was to try to get some value out of that. The final thing was on NOPEC which the Mayor eluded to I believe in some committee meetings. I think everybody is aware at least personally that NOPEC ended their agreement with First Energy, a 10-year agreement and they had 3 left and because of that they provided all the customers in Sheffield Lake as well as their district to opt-out and the city in the accounts that we have as well in the neighborhood of about 30 or 40 have had the opportunity to opt-out as well. So, that is what we have been researching, we have done market research on the historic expenses to the city, the total kilowatt hours that we use between city hall, service, fire, police, Civic Center and Shoreway; all of those combined. Effectively are looking to choose one single supplier and get out of this variable rate situation that we are in currently. Initially it will be a 28 percent savings and then over 3 years it would reflect savings potentially that the Mayor identified earlier. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: Finance Director Smith advised Council#004 this evening is some appropriation changes. At the beginning of the year I do this regularly that I appropriate any unencumbered fund balances for certain accounts that just hold just that amount and those are listed in here as well. I have increased/decreased and I have also added a couple things that I became aware of after the public hearing and felt that it would easier just to deal with it today instead of trying to get it in the end of 2016 before we did the end of the year budget. I am trying to look and there is nothing earth shaking here, just some subtle changes with some contracts I revised some amounts and increased a few and decreased like the Windsor estate where at the end of the year we had appropriated \$90,000.00 but we don't have quite that much left. So, I adjusted that to give us an accurate number that we can use that we have been using towards grants and other things for the parks. Also, one line that somehow disappeared between November and December in the budget and I have to re-appropriate because it is a salary account and I am sure those employees would appreciate it. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./

LAW DIRECTORS REPORT: Law Director Graves reviewed the legislation on the agenda. **CITIZENS COMMENTARY:**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None./NEW BUSINESS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#079 – SECOND READING – an ordinance providing for the percentage increases to the water rate schedule in years 2017, 2018 and 2019 and the declaring of an ordinance.

Council#001 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the City of Sheffield Lake and the Sheffield Lake Police and Fire Departments to accept and approve

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the donation of two thousand dollars from James Kolleda in memory of Jim and Elizabeth Hickey and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for ADOPTION:

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

Resolution Passes#1-17

Council#002 – EMERGENCY - an ordinance authorizing the Mayor or his designee to advertise for bids and to enter into an agreement to sell vehicles and equipment owned by the City of Sheffield Lake which are obsolete, not needed or unfit for public use and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinances Passes#2-17

Council#003 – FIRST READING – a resolution of the City Council of the City of Sheffield Lake authorizing the Mayor to present an application for an Ohio Water Development Authority Loan for the installation of a new water main on Lake Breeze Road and supporting the submission of such application.

Council#004 – 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 – Smith, Stark, Cizl, Kovach, Wtulich, Gee, Erdei.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#3-17

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:30 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

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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 10, 2017.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring