

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
January 24, 2017  
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The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 24, 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 Cizl to accept the minutes of the City Council meeting of January 10, 2017 with any corrections. Yeas All.

**Council Worksession** - \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the City Council Worksession meeting of January 17, 2017 with any corrections.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS:** *Mayor Bring submitted Cody Shinsky for the position of full-time Dispatcher for the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio.* After a brief question and answer period, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Cody Shinsky as full-time Dispatcher in the Sheffield Lake Police Department. **ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL:** Yeas – Smith, Gee, Kovach, Stark, Cizl, Erdei/Abstain: Wtulich.

*Mayor Bring swore in Cody Shinsky for the position of full-time Dispatcher for the Sheffield Lake Police Department.*

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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:**

**None./Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:**

**None./Council Representative to the Park Board: None./Council Representative to the Planning Commission:** Councilperson Gee reviewed the minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting./**Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None.**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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**MAYOR/SAFETY: None./SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent Hastings reported I have three brief topics tonight. We had met late last week with the city engineer and reviewed the design drawings in anticipation of advertising for public bid for the Coastal Management Grant at Shell Cove Park for the deck project. The prints are finished and we set a timetable for advertising for bids as well as a construction timetable, so that is all on track. We also confirmed with the engineer our expectations for the Roberts Street project that is also a grant from CDBG. Effectively they will send the proposal directly to the Lorain County Community Development as they will be spearheading the engineering and total cost of the project. So, I just wanted to keep everybody abreast of that. Finally, I believe there is legislation in front of you this evening for the Mayor's ability to move forward with some arrangements regarding energy and NOPEC. As you are probably aware, they canceled a contract with First Energy three-years early and that was a ten-year contract. That allowed the city to opt-out of the energy contracts that we were in with them and allowed the city to explore better rates for both electricity and gas. We determined that the usage in the city is about 600,000 kilowatts and then we are able to shop at that market rate. Historically, over about eighteen months the current rates that the Mayor has chosen to pursue would save the city about 30% in energy. At the same time, the gas would consolidate three different suppliers into one single unit over a three-year period and again at a lower rate. I didn't know if there might be questions for that because we have only discussed that in committee, but I wanted to fill you in with what I knew about it. Councilman Erdei stated you said the last time that we had a lot of storm water sewer going in with our sewage line going to Lorain and we are getting billed for that too aren't we? Superintendent Hastings answered yes. Councilman Erdei asked is there any plan in the future trying to correct this and the next question is, the way Avon and Avon Lake are working together to take care of their storm water have we done anything with Sheffield Village to try and negotiate something to where we can control their flow of water or get a grant or something to help us out so we can get it going towards the lake and emptying into the lake and correcting some of our overflow? Superintendent Hastings answered two-part; yes, we are working on a project and I don't want to divulge too much because it does involve the Village and the Metro Parks and some strategies that we have but it would be far too preliminary to expose it in a public meeting because I don't know they're firm position. We have met with the Mayor and Senator Manning on funding behind this so it is in process. As far as the correction of I&I, we most certainly are going to continue to address that. That was another topic of the engineer's meeting as far as smoking sewers and lateral and main line inspections, lining the sewer lines. There is a multitude of things that we can do that, we will document and make available to the Council. In addition to the pump station work that is also necessary where it is all heading anyway. So, yes, we are working diligently towards that. Councilman Erdei asked I know a while back we had that

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guy with the meter detecting water leaks throughout our city and I said why didn't we just purchase it or is it cheaper for him to just do our whole city. What is going on with that, are we going to have it done again this year? Superintendent Hastings answered yes, I have already received two quotes from the company that did it last year as well as another individual that branched off from there. The quotes come in the range of \$5000 to \$7000.00 and the equipment is in excess of \$45,000.00 with specialized training and necessary time. So, it almost behooves the city to pay the pro's to do it and do it annually. I think we have realized real great results for the first time around and we anticipate doing that in the spring. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: None./LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves reviewed the legislation on the agenda. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:**

**Joe Gee Sr., 272 Gayle Drive, stated** I would like to ask a question about the green city hall sign on the corner of Harris and Lake roads, it is burnt out and I would like to know if there are any plans to relight that as it is like a landmark, just east of the Dollar store sign. Mayor Bring advised we did it once and it actually went out already, so we are going to have to redo that. Superintendent Hastings advised it was brought up at Worksession as well and it has rained a lot and electricity and rain don't go together but it is on the schedule board.

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

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#079 – THIRD 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 emergency.

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

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

**Ordinances Passes#4-17**

Council#003 – SECOND 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#005 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the Coastal Management Observation Deck at Shell Cove Park, 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:

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

**Ordinance Passes#5-17**

Council#006 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between Dynegy Energy Services (EAST) LLC D/B/A Dynegy Energy Services, LLC and the City of Sheffield Lake for electricity services at various locations throughout the city and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

**Resolution Passes#6-17**

Council#007 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between Algeria Energy, LLC and the City of Sheffield Lake for gas services at various locations throughout the city and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

**Resolution Passes#7-17**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:21 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 January 24, 2017.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Rick Rosso*

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*