

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
February 28, 2017  
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The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Council President Rick Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Gee, Erdei, Wtulich, Smith, Stark  
Finance Director Smith, Superintendent Hastings

Absent: Law Director Graves (excused)

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 February 14, 2017 with any corrections. Yeas All.

**Council Worksession** - \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the Council Worksession of February 21, 2017 with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Bring submitted Erin Leach for the position of full-time Dispatcher for the Sheffield Lake Police Department.** \*Motion by

Kovach/Second by Cizl to approve Erin Leach for full-time Dispatcher for Sheffield Lake Police Department. After a brief Q&A: ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL: Yeas All – Smith, Wtulich, Stark, Erdei, Cizl, Kovach, Gee.

**Mayor Bring swore in Erin Leach for the position of full-time Dispatcher for the City of 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:** Council Representative Gee reviewed the minutes of the February 20, 2017 meeting./

**Council Representative to the Park Board:** Member Kovach reviewed the minutes of the February 20, 2017 meeting./

**Council Representative to the Planning Commission:** Council Representative Erdei reviewed the minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting. \*Motion by Erdei/Second Gee to extend the review of

referred subjects from the Ordinance Committee for another 60 days. Yeas All.

**/Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** Council Representative

Kovach reviewed the minutes of the February 16, 2017 meeting.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**MAYOR/SAFETY:** Mayor Bring advised the Civic Center drawing, I hope you take a look at that and have some thoughts on it as it is something that we talked about a long time ago. It is something that I have always thought which is the Civic Center is for our city and we don't get to use it as much as we would like to. I think if we would put that addition, if somebody else comes into the city we would have a conference room. Also, I think that the elderly and some of the other people can use that on a daily basis which I think would be a good idea to take advantage of the lake as it is one of our biggest assets. If you get a chance kind of read over the thoughts that Pat put into this and the ideas of what we are trying to work on. I think it would be a pretty good asset for our community. He continued I got a phone call the other day for sign-ups for baseball for youth baseball. Apparently, they only have 160 sign-ups' so they are 300 and some short from last year. So, I would hope that you guys get the word out there that they need sign-ups. I don't know why it is lagging behind or the information is not out there. But if they don't get enough kids they are not going to have any baseball this year. I was just asked if I could pass that along. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent Hastings advised the Mayor had asked myself and the Administrative Assistant to put on the city's website information on seeking volunteers and members for Economic Development and the Community Reinvestment which Council passed in 2015. So, that does require committee as the Mayor entertains different proposals in and throughout the city. We also made note of a Park Board vacancy and I believe 2 on the Community Center. We also are distributing that on the monthly utility bill. I know Mr. Graves can give further detail, I believe the CRA does have a couple members appointed by the City Council and the Mayor provides for some as well. The other thing, I didn't want to lose sight of a citizen's commentary on the green light at Harris/Lake. We have not forgot, the interior of that was all but rotted. So, we have ordered all new parts which we do have them in stock now but we have just been busy with some of the hydrant work which is the same crew. So, we still have that on the agenda. President Rosso asked for what? Mayor Bring answered for the sign. Superintendent Hastings advised so I just wanted to go on record that we do have that on the schedule. Councilman Erdei asked have you heard anything on our new plow truck, are we going to get it before spring? Superintendent Hastings answered I did go look at the truck, it is a process. You know the reality is when you buy them it is generally a 6-month process and they said they would expedite it based on the weather. We have had a mild winter so I backed off on pushing it but it is being worked, it is just not done. He had a couple of them in there and I would rather at this point let him take his time as opposed to rushing it. Councilman Erdei asked I know I should have brought this up in Buildings &

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Lands but did we ever get that front door entrance way to the Police Department corrected? Superintendent Hastings answered yes. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:**

**None./LAW DIRECTORS REPORT: None.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:**

**James Dongarra, 4157 Knickerbocker** advised I am here representing the rooms of Alcoholic's Anonymous and aiding recovery and any dying addict or alcoholic that will die tonight that has not found treatment or a treatment center. I am here to talk about detoxification centers and rehabilitations and I don't know what you guys know about Ohio. I was recently just informed a couple of minutes ago that Ohio is #1 nationally ranked for heroin and meth overdoses. I shot heroin at 13 and overdosed 22 times and did not get sober until I was 17. Now, I had railroad insurance, I had to go all the way to California to find a multi-million dollar property where I could get sober. I was put in psych wards many times. I was put in hospitals and institutions that Ohio has for me and also LCADA and that did not help and the only reason that did not help is because they did not mention one thing about rules of Alcoholic Anonymous nor the 12 steps. I have been all over the United States since I got sober and I am 20 years old right now. I have setup and co-founded multi-million dollar facility. One of my favorite is called the Last House in Los Angeles, California. People usually don't want to go there because if you leave a cup out in that house there is about 8000 words that you have to sit down and write and you cannot move until it is done. These people are really hard core sobriety and we don't have that in Ohio. We have kids, I have a 13 year old client that I was just sending to LA shooting Flakka and that drug is in Florida. That drug shouldn't be here and this little girl from Lorain, Ohio and her Mom bought her insurance and I had her on a flight the next day and she overdosed and died. Right now, I am speaking on behalf of a lot of people that are dead. I am here trying to open-up detoxification centers and rehabilitation centers and IOP's. Things that we do not have here, things that California does and money is available. I have it, I have my investors, I work with a team of multi-million dollar marketers that specialize in treating and specializing in placement of homes for people that don't have insurance. I put them in multi-million dollar detox's in Malibu on first class flights. When I came back to Ohio and seen the statistics, seen the people that I knew and half of them are dead. I am 20 years old and I am sober, this doesn't happen. You know what I mean, not here and I want to change that. I have a dream for Sheffield Lake and northeast Ohio, I feel like we could become one of the sober capitals in the United States. AA started here guys, Bill Wilson found this program in 1943 with another doctor who said we must have a spiritual experience to get sober, not a psychiatrist, not a clinic, not a psych ward, not being locked up in jail. It is more or less the rules of alcohol anonymous. I just wanted to let everybody know that I am here and this is what I am doing and I am not going to stop until I get it done. I have a bunch of properties that I am looking at, I have a

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lot of zoning issues but I promise you with God on back that will not be a problem. I prayed before I came in here that truth was spoken through my words and God is speaking through them, God works in mysterious ways and whether or not you believe in him or not. He is speaking and we are here. I just wanted to make my presence known and if I have any questions I would like to be able to come to you guys. Or if you have any questions I would love to talk to you guys. I currently have 3 years sober as of October 24, 2014. I just wanted to let my presence be known and let you guys know that I am here.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Councilman Erdei stated I know this has been brought up a few times and I remember sitting in that audience when this wind turbine was supposed to be put up and then it finally got put up and there were supposed to be barriers around that thing. I remember hearing they were going to have some kind of barrier fence around it so no one could try to climb up that thing. I brought it up another time and it kind of got washed under the rug, so I just want to know is there anything going to happen with that or are we just going to leave it like it is or are we going to out some fencing around it? Mayor Bring answered as of the next Council meeting, we will be bringing something to you. Councilman Erdei stated ok, I didn't want to hear another wash under the rug.

Mayor Bring stated we will have a session on that and Mr. Rosso knows what I am talking about. I will be bringing something to you./**NEW BUSINESS:** President Rosso reported some of you may or may not know I believe it was last year the Sheffield/Sheffield Lake School District started their Robotics program and this is year two and this past Saturday a Robotics Team from Brookside Intermediate School comprised of 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> grader and 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> graders won the State Tournament down in Columbus and are now on their way to the World Tournament in Louisville in about a month. Their Team is Team 6403B and it is comprised of Liam Trowbridge, Ben Montgomery, EJ Torres and Joe DeLuca. They have also this year started for the first time a program called STEM which stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics where students had to do research of how robotics improves their community and give a presentation. At a very condensed schedule they decided to participate this year and actually winning was Alex Ryan, Haley Trowbridge, Ryley DeLuca and Dominic Kaczmarczyk. As I have asked the Teacher to always keep me informed of Brookside, Sheffield/Sheffield Lake students that do well and I would bring that over Council Chambers. So, I wanted to mention that these very young men and women have done the District proud and are off to Louisville in about 7 or 8 weeks.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#010 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the City of Sheffield Lake to accept and approve the donation of twenty-five hundred dollars to be used for the purchase of new chairs & tables and also accept and approve the donation of one-thousand dollars to be used for the waxing and sealing of VCT floors from CCC; Community Civic Counsel for the Community Civic Center to be used for

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the so-noted uses and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

**Resolution Passes#11-17**

Council#011 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the Lorain County Commissioners and the City of Sheffield Lake for specialized rescue response 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, Cizl, Gee, Wtulich, Smith, Kovach, Gee.

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

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

**Resolution Passes#12-17**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:36 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 February 28, 2017.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Rick Rosso*

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*