

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO**

March 14, 2017

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The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 14, 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, Law Director Graves, Fire Chief Card,
Lieutenant Davis, Lieutenant Novak, FF Kozlowski, FF Bement
Absent: Superintendent Hastings (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 Gee to accept the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 28, 2017 with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: Monthly report of court receipts for month of February 2017 - \$6,317.91.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Bring presented a Proclamation to Principal Bange of the Northern Ohio Adventist Academy for her life saving skills in CPR that saved a student's life.

Mayor Bring to submit Jerry Bontempo for appointment to the Civic Center Advisory Board.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for approval of the appointment.

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

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: Chairman Cizl reviewed the minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas All./

Safety: Chairman Wtulich reviewed the minutes of the March 1, 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 March 2, 2017 meeting. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas All./

Ordinance: Chairman Kovach reviewed the minutes of the March 2, 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 Park Board:

None./Council Representative to the Planning Commission: None./Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring reported we had a storm the other night that blew a tree over onto power lines on Lakewood Beach and Warwick but I think people were out of power for 2-1/2 days. As much as that was so bad, everybody over there was very good about it. I felt terrible for those people, we got the power company over as fast as we could and they cut the tree up and everything. I would just like to thank those people as I know that was pretty stressful for them. Nobody got upset about it and they handled it very well. The bids for the Shell Cove Park deck were awarded the other day. So, that project should be done sometime in June or before that. We are kind of anxious to get that going. Then the storm last night was kind of a non-event, we were very fortunate that we didn't get anywhere near what we thought we were going to get as we were prepared. We had Channel 8 call us and wanted to come down here for video and we said for what. Our guys got out there early and handled it, so over-all we didn't get anywhere near what they said and I am glad it went that way. Councilman Cizl stated regarding the electrical storm, I had a complaint obviously, I felt bad as they called me and said Mark is there anything that you can do and I felt bad. They had stated they weren't going to have power until Saturday and this was Wednesday. It was only the 900 block of Warwick that got effected and basically said there really isn't anything and I made recommendations about food as they were panicking. But afterwards and they are very happy that the power came back on Friday but afterwards they came to me and said do you understand that our block was also the same block that had no water last year. I know it is not the city's fault at all, obviously, we are not in charge of electricity but they raise an issue that in the future is there anything that the city might consider doing if we are in a terrible event like a snow storm or whatever else or being 3 or 4 days without electricity. Maybe opening up the Community Center so they have heat or whatever but I didn't know what other contingency plans that we have. Mayor Bring advised that is exactly why I want to put the addition on the Civic Center and that is one of the purposes for that. We have been discussing this but right now they would have to stop Meals on Wheels and some of the other stuff. If we do get a chance to do this, that is an area where we could put them into. Pat and I were also talking about some place in Shoreway but the problem with that is most of those places not only don't have all the heat turned on but they don't have some of the bathroom facilities. So, yes I agree 100% and that is something that we have been talking about for a couple of years not to you guys but just in general to find out what we could do. But that was one of the purposes for adding onto the building. Law Director Graves added I think also that if I am not mistaken that we are required under FEMA to designate areas for emergency shelter in the event of an emergency and I think that is the

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Community Center, I can double check that with the Fire Department and the Police Chief for those disasters. Mayor Bring stated with the weather that was going to get very cold, I was considering even opening up this place too. Nobody really called me but we did have a gentleman that stopped down and just asked Tammy and I had gotten a report from Tom Kelley and I forwarded it on to you guys but they did call back sooner and said that they were going to get to that as soon as possible. But I think it was a little bit harder to fix then what they anticipated because it did take them quite a long time. I kept driving down there and checking and it was pretty bad. Councilman Cizl stated I just felt bad when I was thinking about the situation. Mayor Bring concurred they have no place to take a shower, no place to eat, they don't have anything. Councilman Cizl stated exactly and I am a block away and I have electricity but when they told me they had to move out because they have a newborn but if they don't call us. I feel bad I should have went door to door and asked. Mayor Bring advised I think if they call their insurance company they put them up I think but I don't know what happened on that to be honest with you but that is an option too. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas All./**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: None.** /**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Finance Director Smith stated I am unable to make the Finance & Audit meeting next week so I brought just a few changes. I thought because I was planning on doing the line item for the backhoe lease anyway so I added on a couple of other things that need done. She explained the first one is the PERS requirement for the minimum wage for Council and Council President, that is just absorbing that since I didn't find out about that until January and we had already passed the budget. The next two is we no longer have a repeater and I wasn't aware of that so I would like to take that money and allocate it back to equipment and repair for the Police Department. It is all in their budget, it is just moving it to a different line. They do plan on putting some first-aid kits; fire extinguishers; flashlights in the vehicles, just small emergency kits and that would cover that as well. I just got notice on the firm costs of the HAZMAT contract for this year and actually for the next few years. It is a little higher than I anticipated - \$183.00. So, that is a non-event. She continued the first payment on the backhoe lease which that whole amount has actually been covered by all of the equipment that we sold plus some and that will cover part of the payment next year actually. The last one is again part of that PERS requirement increase, that line needed a little extra money. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves reviewed the legislation one of which was already outlined by the Finance Director. Also, you have your annual recodification ordinance and just to update everybody on what that is. Of course, we pass two kinds of legislation; we pass special legislation and we pass codified ordinances. He explained codified ordinances are of a lasting, more permanent nature that go into the bound code of the city to reference periodically. He continued special ordinances are more transient, you

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approving a contract or a pay ordinance or authorizing the Mayor to take certain action. So every year our publishing company puts out a recodification that incorporates all of the new legislation that we have passed and also updates all of the traffic and criminal code so that it corresponds with state code. So as the general assembly makes changes to the state traffic code or state criminal code, they automatically update our local code. So, we do this each year and that is what that is all about. I will also be requesting an executive session following ordinances and resolutions to discuss the purchase and sale of public property as well as pending litigation. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None./UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None./NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Bring advised the boat launch is now on a camera so there is a webcam. Finance Director Smith added we are still fine tuning it but we should shortly have access to a live camera, a live feed right on our website so that you can see how the conditions at the boat launch; how many are there and the conditions of the water. Mayor Bring added for boaters or whomever, just something that we added on there. We thought it would be a good idea, like with the storm coming up you can see the waves coming in. They are pretty formidable right now.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#012 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance approving the recodification, editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake, Ohio and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#13-17

Council#013 – 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 Cizl for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich for ADOPTION:

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

Resolution Passes#14-17

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*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to go into executive session for the discussion of sale/purchase of public property and pending litigation.

ROLL CALL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR SO-NOTED REASONS: Yeas All – Stark, Wtulich, Smith, Kovach, Gee, Erdei, Cizl.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to return to regular session.

ROLL CALL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Yeas All – Cizl, Erdei, Gee, Stark, Wtulich, Smith, Kovach.

Law Director Graves advised let the record reflect that the Sheffield Lake City Council did adjourn into executive session for the discussion of the purchase or sale of public property as well as pending litigation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 8:14 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.

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 March 14, 2017.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring