

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
April 25, 2017
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The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 28, 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: President Rosso, Mayor Bring, Smith, Cizl, Kovach, Gee, Erdei, Stark, Wtulich, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves, Superintendent Hastings

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Park Board; Gee, Members of the Media

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the City Council of April 11, 2017 with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: Chairman Cizl advised we will cancel the May meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7 pm./**Safety:** Chairman Wtulich advised the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 7 pm./**Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** Chairman Erdei advised we are changing Buildings & Lands meeting to Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:20 pm to be able to attend the TLCI meeting./**Ordinance:** Chairman Kovach advised same as Buildings & Lands, we are changing to Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:25 pm to also attend the TLCI meeting./**Finance & Audit:** Chairperson Stark advised our next meeting is Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7 pm./**Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Representative Gee advised our next meeting is Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6:30 pm./**Council Representative to the Park Board:** Member Kovach reviewed the minutes of the April 17, 2017 minutes. /**Council Representative to the Planning Commission:** Representative Erdei reviewed the minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting./**Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** Representative Kovach reviewed the minutes of the April 20, 2017 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring reported obviously, you have all seen the white plow truck out there. I do appreciate Council voting for that and approving that as that is the first one, the first large plow truck that we have had in 38 years as far as 3085

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brand new and again I would thank all of you for doing that and I hope that you all stop and take the time to take a look at it. There was a lady that came in today, just to let you know what is going on the building part of the city that are doing much better than they were. The lady has several lots over on Parkview and Elm where she is going to build three houses over there so we will have three additional houses and they have to go to the Zoning Board but those are going to start pretty quick here too. She is very pleased about the City of Sheffield Lake and she thanked us and I was very happy to speak with her. The Boat Launch, in getting back to that just to clarify everything. Obviously, the piece of equipment got stuck, it stalled in there and was under water. During that time, there were several people who took it upon themselves to take pictures and send those to the ODNR, the Army Corp of Engineers stating that we were in violation of permits and everything else. That is just part of the ballgame around here, I think that probably Rick and Alan and Steve if you remember our previous Mayor John Piskura, when we got the grant for that part of the deal was that we had to remove the sand out of that launch which was our requirement for getting that grant. In doing so, that permit that was granted to us was for perpetuity which means as long as that Boat Launch is in there we have a permit to do that. So, there were no violations and now because of the delay of them sending those letters we are now into the spawning season of some of the fish. Superintendent Hastings had contacted the ODNR and the Army Corp of Engineers and there is an access permit and basically you apply for that which is a waiver to go in and complete the project. So, in conversations with the Army Corp of Engineers who were very nice to us and I don't think there is going to be a problem with the understanding of that thing. The Boat Launch is probably going to get finished again, probably the end of next week or a couple of weeks from now. I just want to clarify that, there was no violations, there was no nothing but again everybody jumps to conclusions and try to steer up trouble. There was a comment also by one of the former contractors that he had done the dredging for far less money then what we had contracted for this time. The amount was about \$6000.00 and the reason it was amount is because we had to use our own trucks and other equipment to remove it, he was only digging out to put it in place. So, that was not part of what it is. Now, this gentleman is going to use his own trucks and equipment and that is what the \$1800.00 difference is. So, it wasn't like it was a huge amount of money and this whole time that we have been doing this, sometimes we have done it ourselves but most of the times it has been around \$7000.00 or \$8000.00, it has always been very reasonable. If you look at what Avon Lake gets charged, it is far greater than that. If you have any questions on that later I will answer them. A few other things that are going on, one is Abbe Road Lumber, we have been in discussions with him for about 2 years now. He has intentions of tearing that down and they are going to build a training center there. He is now moving forward with that and he wanted me to kind of keep this vague thing right now because there is still a lot of things that we need to accomplish. So that everybody knows that is still moving forward and we do

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appreciate what he is doing. He had an opportunity to go other places but he chose to stay in this community. We have been working on this for two years. Also, for 2 years we have been talking to Goodwill, after Dollar General moved out they came and looked at our place but the year before that they had contacted Pat through emails and Pat had actually sent it out that if you are looking for a spot we may have something for you. So, when they first approached us they had looked at the Bowling Alley which they advised would not meet their needs. Then they asked when Dollar General was moving out and Pat gave them a general idea, so they moved they contacted us again via email and Pat responded. So, we had some discussions with that gentleman who actually spearheads the Goodwill's which lead us to meeting with the CEO of Goodwill who signed a letter of intent the other day. So, we are moving forward with that and we are very pleased with that. That space will be the empty space where the Dollar General was to include a small portion of where the Dollar General was. So, we will have most of that space still available for rent. Pat put a lot of effort into that and these have been on-going for at least 2 years. Councilman Smith asked when they dredge that out where are they going to put that sand at? Mayor Bring answered right there, there are four spots where can put it but we are just going to put it right there and use it. As you recall last year we had some northeast storms which basically washed out the sand, so the sand is not going to stay there. It is going to move, it always does. *Motion by Smith, Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:*** Superintendent Hastings reported update on the water line that the city put out for public bid, we opened up bids on Friday and the engineer put together the final apparent low bidder at about \$516,000.00 in construction fees which is now being forwarded to close the final details for the OWDA loan. So, we are hopeful to award that bid once the paperwork is finalized. The OWDA requires a firm number so that is why we put it out to bid kind of rapidly here, trying to get into their deadlines here of how they distribute those loans. So, will be phase I which is hopeful to be done by July. Phase II would be the OPWC funding of the asphalt portion so that road, hopefully by the end of the construction season in September will be complete with about a million-dollar investment of the city and that is through grants and loans. He continued several of our parks projects are underway, new playgrounds will start next week at Guenther Park, Freedom Park and the contractors are assembling at Shell Cove Park for the boardwalk. We have our road list together and our asphalt investment will be about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million dollar's this year with loans and grants and some of our internal funds. I am still working with the county on finalizing Roberts Street, it is definitely earmarked and we have to have it done this year. We continue to have some delays on how the engineering is done. However, we are going to reach out to them again by the end of this week. So, we have quite a few projects under way. Once we have everything is motion, we will be coming back to Council to move on the sewer work that I have been explaining which is \$600,000 in the pump station renovations. That is preapproved through nomination letters to the Ohio EPA and it

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will take some discussions through Council and authorizations to proceed. So, it should be an eventful year. Councilperson Gee asked how is our sewer vac holding up? I have seen it being used quite a bit lately. Superintendent Hastings answered it is running fine. When I brought that up it was really to be proactive as part of a capital improvement plan to identify some of the large equipment needs and the 2 to 3 years necessary to fund, research and replace. Councilman Erdei stated that new sewer line that we had put in on Devonshire, have you noticed any kind of a difference on the way the flow is going and how it is reacting? The pump isn't laboring as hard? Superintendent Hastings answered the city actually has all four pumps in operation which has been a long time coming because of various obstacles along the way. Actually, when we activated that line the City of Lorain called me that night and noticed a difference in how the water is pumping to it. There are no obstructions, we removed the fittings and bends that otherwise created the water hammer that contributed to its failure. So, all in all it has been excellent. The city is still holding retainage for some of the residents that have called us for some final restoration of soil and sinkholes and grass seed areas but it was late in the season. We are scheduling a meeting with them probably next week. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas

All./**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Finance Director Smith reported I have just one appropriation change for this evening, we are buttoning up a grant that we did with the City of Avon, Avon Lake and our fire station grant. I neglected to add this to the 2017 budget, we are getting one of our final draws now and will need to button that up, I do apologize but I would much appreciate that you pass this for me. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./

LAW DIRECTORS REPORT: Law Director Graves advised I did receive the minutes from the Planning Commission that other night, I will be writing up all of the proposed revisions that they recommended. So, we will be proceeding with that. Tonight's legislation; Council#019 you have a second reading on the purchase of the Ford Interceptor for the Police Department. Council#020 recommended by the Ordinance Committee as proposed by the Finance Director to amend the city mileage allowance to coincide with that of the Ohio Office of Management and Budget. Council#021 this is the amendment that I believe was discussed at Worksession to the EZ Transitions lease. Kay I do notice a typo, I do apologize in the caption at the top in the spelling of Transitions. Basically, it is another 18 months and it is for the entire building and with the rent increase to \$1,325.00 per month. Council#022 it is set forth by the Finance Director for the appropriation adjustments. Council#023 is authorizing the Mayor to apply for and support said application for ODNR Nature Works grant for funds for a public restroom facility at the Boat Launch. We have gone after this a number of times and hopefully this time it will be successful. In drawing your attention to section 4, the maximum city match on this would be \$77,756.00, the intent is that we would do some in-kind contribution and also utilize other grant fund sources. So, it would most likely not

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be a whole \$77,000 in actual funds. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: *Joe Gee Sr., 2727 Gayle Drive* advised at a previous Council meeting I had mentioned the city sign, the green one at the corner of Lake and Harris not working. Since then, it is working and looks great and I would like to thank City Council, Mayor Bring and Superintendent Hastings for getting that repaired. Thank you very much.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilperson Gee asked could someone fill us in on the May 4th meeting at Community Center and the importance of it please.

Superintendent Hastings advised the May 4th meeting for the lakefront connectivity plan between the County Commissioners and the Cities of Lorain, Vermilion, Avon Lake and Sheffield Lake. This is something the Mayor and I have been working on the better part of a year, it was a TLCI grant where they are doing a connectivity study between all of the communities hoping to spur up economic development bringing people along the 23 miles of lakeshore. They are holding public meetings one of which will be here in Sheffield Lake May 4th which is a Thursday from 6 to 7:30. We have sent out invitations to the businesses and so forth but it is an opportunity for people of all 4 communities as well as the Commissioner to share their ideas and continue to offer suggestions to the design group who is designing and completing the TLCI fund study. So, I would hope to see everybody there and at least pass it on to friends, family, neighbors and associates. We do have a link on our website as well as some flyers throughout.

Councilperson Gee asked what is the date that we are having the drug turn-in here in Sheffield Lake? Finance Director Smith answered the 29th. Councilperson Gee asked that is all day? Clerk Fantauzzi answered no, it is on the door for the times. Finance Director Smith checked the times for drug drop-off and advised it is 9 to 3 on April 29. Mayor Bring advised May 20th is Pride Day. President Rosso advised May 20th is also opening day at the baseball fields and Amvet's Spring Golf Tournament.

NEW BUSINESS: Superintendent Hastings advised I maybe should have reported

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#019 – SECOND READING – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Statewide Ford Lincoln for the purchase of one 2017 Ford Utility Interceptor for the Police Department and the declaring of an emergency.

Council#020 – FIRST READING – an ordinance amending section 129.08 of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake regarding employee mileage reimbursement allowance.

Council#021 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a first amendment to lease agreement with EZ Transitions, LLC and Al and Marilyn Whitmer for the premises located at 4210 (A) Ivanhoe, Sheffield Lake, Ohio and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for ADOPTION:

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

Resolution Passes#20-17

Council#022 – 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 – Cizl, Stark, Wtulich, Smith, Erdei, Gee, Kovach.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#21-17

Council#023 – EMERGENCY – a resolution the Sheffield Lake City Council authorizing the Mayor to apply for and supporting the application for Ohio Department of Natural Resources Ohio Nature Works grant funds to be used to restroom facilities at the Community Park Boat Launch and the declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee 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 – Erdei, Stark, Gee, Smith, Cizl, Wtulich, Kovach.

Resolution Passes#22-17

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:34 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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

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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 April 25, 2017.

MAYOR
Dennis Bring