

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
July 17, 2018**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, July 17, 2018.  
Council President 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, Kovach, Wtulich, Cizl, Gee, Stark,  
Finance Director Smith, Superintendent Hastings, Police Chief  
Campo, Law Director Graves

Absent: Councilman Radeff (excused)

Attending: Videographer Nick Collanbine, Park Board Gee, 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 June 26, 2018 with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Monthly report of court receipts for month of June 2018 - \$4,946.11.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Bring presented Officer Andrew Kory for the position of Sergeant in the Sheffield Lake Police Department.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to approve the appointment. Yeas All.

*Mayor Bring swore in Office Kory for the position of Sergeant in the Sheffield Lake Police Department.*

Debbie Suarez, Meg Dietz and Councilperson Gee who directed the Summer Children's Art Craft Program with a large painting which also included a Wooden Plaque and frame for the painting produced by Northcoast Woodshop. Mayor Bring advised Mr. Rosso and I attended this last night and there were probably 45 kids and their parents there. It was a lot of fun and we had a magician there. Mrs. Suarez thanked the city for their support and advised this is either the 4<sup>th</sup> or the 5<sup>th</sup> year for the program and the beauty of the program is it for free. She explained we ask an adult to be with the children so it is not a drop-off program. So, the children are there with parents or grandparents or neighbors. It is such a nice environment because then the parents with the kids in helping them to do their art projects. We usually are doing our art program during the time of the period as we are making the banner for the parade. Well, this year we are done because Community Days is later. Last year, we gave our little flag to the Council last year and that little bitty flag was hanging on that wall and every time I would come in and see that I would chuckle. This year we decided we wanted to do a mural. She advised what you are

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looking at is a shower curtain, not plastic but like a duck cloth and I had my granddaughter who came to town and I told her I would like you to do a lake screen, a tree, sand, water and then she kind of went with it. So, Zoey actually did a lot of the background that you are seeing. I then took it to the Northcoast Woodshop who I asked if they could frame it for me and they did a beautiful job. It is so nice to have community that supports one another. The Woodshop has helped us not only this year but every year that we have gone to them. They also made the plaque that goes along with that mural, they have some talented people there and have wonderful equipment to do that. So, they have always been very supportive of us and we are very grateful for them. She acknowledged the kids made you all fire breathing dragons and was given to Council. Mayor Bring advised I asked Debbie about the magician last night and if the kids liked it. She told me I don't know but my husband loves it, Lou had a blast. Mrs. Suarez stated and thank you for that, it was so wonderful.

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**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse:** Chairman Cizl reviewed the minutes of the July 9, 2018 meeting. \*Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to approve the credit of \$25.13 for 716 Lake Breeze Rd. Yeas All. \*Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to approve the credit of \$341.05 for 587 West Shore Blvd. Yeas All. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./**Safety:** Chairman Wtulich reviewed the minutes of the July 11, 2018 meeting. Yeas All./**Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance:** Chairperson Gee reviewed the minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark 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./Representative to the Planning Commission: None./Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None.**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**MAYOR/SAFETY:** Mayor Bring advised we had talked about the Lift truck that we had which had several violations, we had an Inspector take a look at it and the violations are probably more then what the truck is worth. So, we have been actively looking at a used Lift truck and Tammy wanted me to bring that up to because we are probably going to have to borrow some money to purchase that and it will probably be in the range of \$40,000 to \$50,000. The Lift truck that we have now is 1998 and our mechanic is not allowed to work on that because you have to be certified to do that, so that is the problem. I know Mr. Hastings has been actively looking and our mechanic has been looking so we will probably be bringing that to you again and Mrs. Smith will give you the particulars on the money. I guess over the weekend there were some conversations about the beach down there, there was driftwood on the beach and we had a number of residents go down there and took it upon themselves to clean that up and I just wanted to thank

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them. They did a very good job and the city has actually cleaned it up a couple of times this year. We have had some unusual storms out of the northeast which has brought the driftwood back in but I would like to thank those residents who were involved in doing that cleanup and they did an excellent job. I very much appreciate it. He continued we did have a meeting with Republic about the recycling and I will allow Mr. Graves to elaborate that in his report. Mayor Bring continued if you have seen some digging at the Boat Launch, that is for the foundation for the restrooms going in there. We are hoping that they get some of the block going and get part of that up during Community Days so that at least people can see that that has started over there. Also, I would like that thank the Northcoast Woodshop for what they have done for us in the past and also just recently, I think you guys do an excellent job and we do appreciate everything that you have done. Also, I did have a lot of fun last night at the Kids Program and as Rosa said I fit right in because I am probably one of the biggest kids there so there is no problem with me talking to them. It was a lot of fun and we should have more programs with the kids because they really enjoyed that and did an excellent job, they had all of their arts and crafts setup so that everybody could see. So, I would like to thank them too and everybody that helped get that going. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:*** Superintendent Hastings reported the city was notified yesterday of an additional \$250,000.00 grant that we were awarded towards Abbe Road project next year. Councilman Wtulich asked what are the grants up to for that Abbe Road project? Superintendent Hastings answered at  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million dollars, that is all I have applied for now with the State of Ohio who will kick about \$400,000 and the City has secured an OPWC loan and incidentally we have OPWC legislation in front of you for Harris Road. \*Motion by

Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./***FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:*** Finance Director Smith advised as the Mayor spoke of, the Lift truck it is actually a perfect timing like we did for rehabbing the fire truck and the skidsteer last year. It is a perfect time as we are going to be paying some of that money off to put that in right with that loan and then once I know exactly what we are going to spend, we are going to have to pass legislation probably at this last meeting of the month. President Rosso stated we have a meeting in August which is the 21<sup>st</sup>. Finance Director Smith advised that would be too late so, we will be working on that next week. I was looking for your direction, I think it is a natural way to do it but looking for your guidance in how you want to do that. What I am also going to bring to the next Council meeting is we have the water shed initiative which is the retention which Mr. Hastings knows a lot more about it. It is the grant that we received for that and I would like to establish and appropriate money so that he can start on that. That is a grant that we pay up front then we get the money back. I would like to establish a line and I would like to put it in Parks because it is for everything really and it will be a general fund line as well which will be better for accounting purposes instead of taking it out of water or refuse because we are

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going to get the money back, if we have a line to work out of then it will just go back when we get the grant money back in. It just makes sense, but it certainly is your call and I would bring that appropriation to the next Council meeting.

Councilperson Gee asked what about the 631 because isn't the retention pond technically Stormwater? Finance Director Smith explained you get a lot more specifics, it is not like better to be in one fund, it is just easier if we use general fund because general fund can be utilized for anything and the money is going to go right back in it. So, it is just better accounting. Superintendent Hastings advised the fund bill is through the Department of Natural Resources for parks and conservation and our partner is the Lorain County Metro Parks so that is the designation. Finance Director Smith advised but it is going to benefit so many different things. This will be smarter and it will be cleaner and it is one line that Mr. Hastings can concentrate with and get the engineering done and all of the other things to start up on it because it is probably going to be a couple of years project.

Councilman Cizl asked have we decide the options of the retention pond?

Superintendent Hastings answered yes, we will be focusing on the Metro Park as the pursuit of private property, a condition of which is that it is available to the public so we would have to acquire. That doesn't mean that we cannot pursue it in a second phase with our own funding. But the initial phase because of the requirement much like our boat launch which has to be available at no charge to the public for 15 years. The Metro Parks ultimately is pursuing a wetlands exchange and wants to develop theirs into trails as well which is part of the bigger picture. President Rosso asked specifically, does anyone have any opposition, questions or comments regarding the direction for the money for the Lift truck in the way the Finance Director presented it? (NO voices were heard) Finance Director Smith advised I will have more specifics when we come right down to it.

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

**LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves advised as the Mayor touched on, we do have a second meeting with Republic Services and this is the second meeting in about 6 weeks in which they expressed their difficulties with the ongoing recycling efforts and the situation getting worse largely due to China no longer accepting recycled materials from the United States. They are having meetings with all of the participating municipalities of which there are over 40 of them. At this point they are asking every community voluntarily contribute some additional funds. So, our contract is not up for two years and so I proposed to them that this might be an opportunity to renegotiate some terms for contract which would be favorable to the city and they were not opposed to that. So, we will keep you apprised and I anticipate some additional meetings to move forward in that direction. He continued on the legislation tonight, it is just one piece and we are asking that you suspend the rules and pass with the emergency clause which is just applying for Round 33 of the Ohio Public Works Commission Capital Improvement funding which is for resurfacing and reconstruction of Harris Road, from Lake Road south the Sheffield Village border. \*Motion by Kovach/Second

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by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All. President Rosso commented about the recycling, I did read an article and this is something that is a huge issue all across the country. The article that I read was about Seattle, Portland area and it was where China was taking all of the recycle materials and then reprocessing them and then the world put pressure on China to clean up their environment and they way they do is reducing the amount of recyclables that they could reprocess and now it is a double edge sword. So, now they won't take our materials but landfills across the United States are getting full with what used to be recyclables. So, this is nothing local to our area and I believe I saved that link to that article if anyone wants it. So, like I said it is a national issue now with China trying to clean up the environment and won't accept the material.

***CITIZENS COMMENTARY:***

***Chris Turner, 115 Parkwood Avenue, Avon Lake*** stated my wife and I are looking to buy/build in the very near future and looking at Sheffield Lake as one of those possibilities. In our search of properties there are a lot of them with 100-foot depth type of category that are undeveloped. In looking at the zoning for them, most of those properties are virtually unbuildable by your zoning ordinances. A lot of them being zoned R1 district with the setback requirements for front and back being 100-foot lot. Law Director Graves advised I suppose that is something that a committee could take up and you could always go to Zoning and seek an area variance as well. There was a brief discussion on areas and zoning. Law Director Graves advised possibly you could go to Buildings and Lands also.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.***

***NEW BUSINESS:*** Resignation of Ward 4 Councilman Mark J Erdei - \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the resignation. Yeas All. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to vacate the Council seat of Ward 4. Yeas All. President Rosso advised so for anyone who would like to apply, the deadline for applications is September 7, 2018. Ward 4 is from Lake Breeze to Lorain and applicants must all criteria to apply.

Councilperson Stark gave shout-out to 4 Brookside girls that will going to the World Series, Class B Softball Tournament's next week. So, we have 3 Seniors and 1 14-year old that will be going; Purple Monsters and we will be competing against the other National Teams Regional event. President Rosso advised I heard last night that Mike Griffith's Pavers Team is going; Saturday is the semi-Finals and if they when Sunday they will be going to the Finals for the second year in a row.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#032 – EMERGENCY – a resolution of the City Council of Sheffield Lake authorizing the Mayor to present an application for Round 33 of the Ohio Public Works Commission Capital Improvement funding for the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio's projects and supporting the submission of such application and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

**Resolution Passes#32-18**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to adjourn at 7:52 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*

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Rick Rosso*

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*

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 July 17, 2018.