

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
January 22, 2019**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Council President Richard Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: Kay Fantauzzi, who then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*******ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS*******

Present: Council President Rosso, Mayor Bring, Kovach, Wtulich, Gee, Stark, Erdei, Cizl, Radeff, Finance Director Smith, Superintendent Hastings

Absent: Law Director Graves (excused)

Attending: Videographer Nick Collanbine, Concerned Citizens

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

Council Worksession - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: Chairman Cizl commended the Service Department for the good jobs done on the roads for this weather./*Safety:*

None./Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance:

None./Finance: None./Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community

Center: None./Council Representative to the Park Board: Member Kovach

reviewed the minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting./*Representative to the*

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

Appeals: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring advised I also would like to thank the road crew for the job that they did. Before that storm came, Superintendent Hastings had setup a mapping of the city for each plow driver so they knew where their assignments were to follow. They do the primary, secondary and side streets and that is the way it has been for a long time. We did have a couple of people calling that were calling the police department wondering when their street was going to get plowed. First of all, the police department would have no clue when your street is going to be plowed. So, when they do that, they are taking away from a possible emergency. So, they need to just be patient and let the crews do their job, we got 40 mph winds and about 8 inches of snow. It was very difficult to keep all the

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snow off the streets and as we have talked about we are salting some of the primary streets but we are not doing the side streets as far as salting and we decided not to do that in the last couple of years. We are going to continue that process but I think overall everybody did a very good job and I really appreciate what the guys did, I think a couple of the guys were out 16 hours in that weather which was pretty nasty. I think for the most part the trucks held up, I think we had one hydraulic leak and I think that was about it and everything else was pretty good. The City of Lorain has bought a machine to make signs and they also have something now that can make hot asphalt, even in this time of the year. Normally, this time of year we use cold patch but I will let Pat explain it. Councilman Radeff asked what was the reason for us deciding not to salt side streets? Mayor Bring answered we haven't done that in years, it is \$70.00 a ton for the salt but to be honest with you it is a waste of money and the other part is I am against putting all that salt on the street and having it run into the lake. I am just not an advocate of dumping a ton of salt on the roads and having it go into our water system. I would like to see us in the future figure something else out and I would like to see all the cities along the lake figure something out because eventually it is not good.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Hastings advised to expound a little bit on the Mayor's report. The City of Lorain purchase an asphalt recycler so they can take the spoils, if you will from road projects and pot holes and whatnot and use an emulation to recreate asphalt. That is the first that I have ever heard of anyone doing that this time of year. So, I was very grateful, the Mayor over in Lorain had asked that they reach out to Sheffield Lake and Sheffield Village and Sheffield Township currently to assist with that for a nominal fee. So too, they have a sign machine, state of the art that can do just about any sign that you can think of; matrix as well as banners. So, that should be a significant cost savings and benefit to the city. I did receive the plans from ODOT for State Route 301 that is being reviewed by our local engineering and I have a meeting there Friday. I have to go over that and provide comments to the state and ship that back and they will be finalized hopefully for the sale of the project in the spring. Since it was questioned about the salt, I will say that the city is required to supply on what is called an MS4, for every pound of salt that we put down on the ground to the EPA. So, it is significant, and it is monitored and the overall goal is to reduce it along the lakeshore which is what we have done. Just so everybody is aware of the significance behind that, we still do stop signs for safety but certainly don't salt these back streets in totality like we used to. Councilman Erdei asked when you said stop signs, street signs, everything? Superintendent Hastings answered everything, yes and it is a significant savings. I am going to start out using them to identify our Water Department here, when we landscaped that we took down that brick sign from the 60's and I am going to start out there to see the quality of the work and identify the Water and Sewer Departments and so forth. Councilman Erdei stated I just want to remind you from Howell Street from Tennyson to

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Ferndale, that hasn't been plowed and there is about 6 inches of snow on there or better. Superintendent Hastings asked currently? Councilman Erdei answered yes, I came down that way to come here and it was a little sleek. Somebody in a small car might get stuck and you can see where there was some car stuck. But I don't think he went down it. Superintendent Hastings advised I will check it out first thing tomorrow. Councilperson Stark stated I am sure you have probably heard about the water bills, that it was printed on the back as the 2018 bulk pickup and then they had the wrong date on the front. Is there a way that we can republish the dates for the bulk pickup because we have had calls and one guy has actually never got the memo and neither did I and there was a card that went out supposedly saying what the bulk pickup days were going to be? Superintendent Hastings stated yes, the Mayor was supposed to be given a copy from Republic and approved before it was distributed to the residents. Unfortunately, the Director of Republic was on vacation and his staff took it upon themselves to mail that flyer. In the meantime, the city was not completely notified to know it was coming but the Mayor was suppose to sign off. So, that is why the confusion and we did not change the 2018 dates because we knew it was coming and every time we change that we get a substantial printing charge. So, we purposely waited and unfortunately, we have this controversy. The city has been picking up those who have put it out early as best we can. Councilperson Stark stated I just didn't know if there was a way to reprint it on a future bill because in my ward that I know of got the memo, the original flyer that some people said they got from Republic that they are telling people that they sent out. President Rosso stated the card. Councilperson Stark stated we didn't get that. Superintendent Hastings stated our new water bill definitely has the updated one and I have contacted Avon Lake Press who will be running on our ads and I believe it will be updated on or texting alerts as well. Councilperson Stark stated do we have someone who is updating the Sheffield lake website because we were looking on that and they said it was nowhere on there. Finance Director Smith answered no, we haven't put it on there but we can and will. Also, what Pat was talking about was the texting club, if you sign up for that you will get a text the Sunday before bulk pick-up the week of bulk pickup to remind you that it is that week and that will be all year. So, if you sign up for that you will get it automatically and any other information that we need to pass along. Superintendent Hastings advised I will have it on the web page tomorrow. President Rosso asked on the asphalt in Lorain, did we partner with them in purchasing this? Superintendent Hastings answered no, they purchased it themselves and are using it but their Mayor said to reach out to Sheffield Lake, Sheffield Township and Sheffield Village to get a cooperative and help with the cost. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

/FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: None./LAW DIRECTORS REPORT: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: Rosanna Castillo, 32 Gayle stated lack of information to the people. I had a neighbor today, I had that little piece of paper

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with the bulk and on the water bill. He didn't know anything about the Community Center going up and he said he is a retired Fireman from I guess Avon and I invited him to come to the coffee get together to get more information. For me, there is not enough information for the people in the city. I don't have a Facebook account, I don't have a fancy phone but I do look into the web page for information. The only reason that I am finding out about this stuff, is I go to those coffee meetings on Mondays. I didn't give a who-haw because I didn't know what was going on in the city. I don't think a lot of people know that there are Council meetings, times or dates or anything. President Rosso stated there has been Council meetings since the city became a city and it comes to a point where it is the resident's responsibility to get informed. All the minutes from all the meetings are on the web site so they can go there and it used to be in the paper now the papers don't show up anymore and most people don't get the newspaper anymore. Residents have to take some responsibility to learn to get informed and we cannot go door to door every week and knock on a door. Other then mailing them a copy of the minutes, what could we do? You going to those Monday morning Coffee Club that Rosa started is the way that it is personal, involved and you see the city and you know what is going on. You help out and your input is fantastic. That is where we got to get people showing up for things. President Rosso stated we have only been a city forever and a day. Mayor Bring stated that is part of the reason that we are video taping right now, people can go on there and get that. He advised if you drive up and down Lake Road it is pretty easy to see stuff going on. President Rosso clarified Pat, at one time we used to put the Council meetings on the Civic Center sign and it would scroll by. Superintendent Hastings stated we used to have ordinance boxes in the parks and that is all gone by way of today's media. Mrs. Castillo stated I know it may cost money but maybe an electric sign? President Rosso advised that is what we had at the Civic Center on Lake Road where it would scroll. Councilperson Gee advised at the Shopping Center too. Mrs. Castillo stated go back to the old fashion way, put it on bulletin boards. President Rosso quipped then they have to read it. Councilman Erdei stated you know you could pass out the schedule for the meetings? Councilperson Gee advised I do and I also have them on the bulletin board at the Community Center. Councilman Kovach advised the problem is we don't have any major controversies going on right now or the Chamber would be filled. Mayor Bring advised occasionally, we put stuff on the water bill and we are more then willing to talk to anybody. President Rosso stated you are not the first one to come here with that concern but other than expecting us to go door to door every week and knocking on a door and telling them. Mayor Bring advised even a mailer, you have 3900 times .50 (50 cents) every time you would mail something out. When we start looking at things, we look at all ways that we can save money. If we had a lot of extra dollars, we could but everything cost money.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

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NEW BUSINESS: President Rosso stated I just want to say that Mr. Cook, the School Superintendent had contacted me after they were here because of the question I had asked about the substitute levy and the question about existing home owners and will it effect their taxes and he made a comment about well, yes because of the evaluation but the Treasurer told him no and then he went to the County Auditor and the Auditor said according to him that they do it based on the occupancy permit that a new homeowner would file and that is how they keep track of it. Also, the only people that would be affected by this substitute levy would be new occupancies. So, they distinguish it by the certificate of occupancy. So, according to Mr. Craig Snodgrass it will not impact an existing homeowner's real estate tax. I told him I would mention that at the next meeting so there was hopefully no confusion.

Councilman Wtulich asked we reviewed that maintenance code, when are we going to look at that again? President Rosso answered that is back in Ordinance. Councilman Wtulich stated I just have a question on that maybe to look at, so if we do adopt that are we also going to have to employ a Board of Appeals on that? That is something to look at maybe when you are looking into it and maybe I read it wrong but it looked like you have to hire 3 people from outside the city for a Board of Appeals so that they would have a place to appeal any fines or anything. I don't know if that would be feasible with something like that.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#001-19 - SECOND READING – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract with the highest bidder for the sale of permanent parcel number 03-00-034-122-002 consisting of vacant land on Richelieu Avenue and the declaring of an emergency.

Council#002-19 – SECOND READING – an ordinance by the Council of the City of Sheffield Lake amending the zoning classification of eight lots known as permanent parcel numbers 03-00-034-110-032 through 03-00-034-110-039 located on the west side of Abbe Road from a B-1 business district to a B-4 business district.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to adjourn at 7:31 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 January 22, 2019.

MAYOR
Dennis Bring