

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
February 26, 2019**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 26, 2019. Council President Richard 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: Council President Rosso, Mayor Bring, Cizl, Kovach, Wtulich, Gee, Stark, Erdei, Radeff, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves

Absent: Finance Director Smith (excused)

Attending: Videographer Nick Collanbine, Park Board Gee, Concerned Citizens, Members of the Media

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

**Council** - \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Bring submitted Courtney Carter who has 3-1/2 years of experience for the position of Full-time Dispatcher for the City of Sheffield Lake Police Department. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the appointment. Councilperson Gee asked do we need more then one Dispatcher over there? Mayor Bring answered we do but we are doing this one first. Law Director Graves added one of the pieces of legislation on the agenda tonight authorizes the Mayor as a side agreement to the OPBA union which would basically permit when we hire a Dispatcher from our part-time ranks or from another community with 3 or more prior experience would be able to start at the full-time rate rather than work their way up to the 90%. So, this appointment would fall under this proposed new piece of legislation if it passes then she would start at the full rate. **ROLL CALL TO APPROVE:** Yeas All - Radeff, Erdei, Gee, Stark, Kovach, Wtulich, Cizl.

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**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse:** Chairman Cizl reviewed the minutes of February 4, 2019 meeting. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas All.

**Safety: None./Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:**

**None./Ordinance: None./Finance: None./Council Representative to the Joyce**

**Hanks Community Center:** Councilperson Gee advised our Monday morning coffees are going quite well. Last Monday morning, we had the Fire Chief Tim Card came in and spoke to the people at our coffee and answered their questions. We are looking forward to the addition being finished and ready to open. Our next meeting is May 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Joyce Hanks Community Center and we welcome

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everyone to attend our Monday morning coffee, we are going to have some great speakers./**Council Representative to the Park Board:** Member Kovach review the minutes of the February 18, 2019 meeting./**Representative to the Planning**

**Commission:** Representative Radeff reviewed the minutes of the February 20, 2019 meeting./**Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None.**

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## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**MAYOR/SAFETY:** Mayor Bring advised we did have a pretty good wind storm the other day along with everybody else in the northern part of the United States. We had several pine trees blow over due to the rain before that, the ground was soft when the wind came down. We had one pine tree that fell on the wires and started on fire, so that was a priority. Actually, the Dispatcher called and had the electric company come out and they were out within 15 minutes and power was restored. We had several other trees blow down, most of them were actually live trees but I think there was one dead tree. Overall, we had a couple of guys out cutting the trees out of the roadway and it worked out pretty good. We were lucky because I don't think anybody lost their power for an extended period. I know several other cities around us lost their power for a while, I think a couple of them just got power today. We have had several water breaks lately throughout the city and you will see the guys out running around. We had a couple of them on Harris Road and several other places. I read in the paper the other day that Mr. DeWine had asked for I think eighteen cents, they are worried about infrastructure, but they are also worried about the roads and bridges. All of our infrastructure is going to have to be addressed someday too. So, Mr. Hastings and I have been discussing this for the last few months and we are going to have to address that and come to you guys with a plan and figure out how we are going to do this. Now, with Harris Road next year, the water line will be replaced along with the road and we will be looking at other sections that need to be replaced. Although, it is going to be a lot or money, we are going to have to figure out something and find out some funding sources. I just want you guys to be aware of it and I will let you know, we have probably had about a dozen water breaks. Superintendent Hastings advised 10 but that includes service lines though. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All./**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent Hastings advised I wanted to briefly update the Council on the pump station project; pump station 1 which is on the west end around Devonshire there is scheduled to have the pumps installed this week. We mobilize them on site and the contractors have done a lot of prep work in advance of it. That one is the most critical as it has the most pumps and things are moving along well. Our goal is to get them operating and then go back and reintegrate the SCADA system which is computer controlled and monitoring and so forth. Everything is on track with that project. I wanted to make a couple of comments in advance of the Law Directors report. We do have in front of you tonight some legislation for annual bid which is standard for aggregate and fuel and so forth. But I did want to comment on the road list, it is a little

smaller this year and the reason why is because the city is engaged in about 4 million in infrastructure between Abbe Road and Harris Road. It is for the first time in quite a while that we are committing some of our own 208 funds which are otherwise used for interior streets. The significance of these main thoroughfares certainly justifies it and the reason the list is a little smaller is while we do have money ear-marked we need to see those projects through before we commit. So, it will go through the bidding process. Some of those streets include some of those that weren't done before and some of the newer ones are Beach, Cliff, Buckeye, most of which will have some scheduled storm work and Lynne. The other thing that I wanted to comment on was the OWDA legislation in front of you tonight which is for Harris Road. As I have explained through the process, the city has secured just under \$300,000 in grants in OPWC loan but the final link is about a quarter million dollars for the water line. That would be funded through the OWDA and I need your permission to apply for that money which it would require for the city to bid and have a firm number and with that firm number we can apply. We would orchestrate all of this so that the bidding would occur probably April to May with construction June to July, in that time frame but this is the first necessary step that I have been commenting on for some time. Councilman Erdei stated on South Street that runs along the tracks, you guys cleared that out and cleaned out those ditches real nice and it looks great. Councilman Radeff stated Pat, I know you mentioned the first pump station, what about the other pump stations? Superintendent Hastings answered it is systematically setup because pump station 1 has 4 pumps and it is the one that truthfully the most troublesome, the oldest going back into the '80's so we feel that is the most important to get up and running. I am not sure that they will integrate all of the SCADA system to go to #2 and #3 but it is absolutely going to be one after the other. We are just starting with #1. Councilman Erdei asked Pat, on the relining of the sewer lines going through Ward 4, you got any bids on that? Superintendent Hastings answered that is in phase 2, we are receiving from the engineers the bid package by next week and the county will be bidding it on our behalf. I anticipate a late spring construction for that. Incidentally, the Mayor forwarded to me today another CDBG funding source which one of our top priorities is continued work on the sewers in Ward 4. We have about \$400,000 identified with grant funding for \$100,000, so we would like to continue that effort as well as some other projects that he is considering.

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

**/FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** 2019 phone upgrade attached for notification. Mayor Bring advised at the initial cost of what we spend there, which she has shown there over \$9,000 but we are paying a company right now \$12,000 a year for service. This will cost about \$1000, so we will save about \$11,000 a year plus the speed of the phones and everything else that is allowed to do will definitely upgrade our system here. It also helps out with the internet and some other things. So, after the initial expense we are going to save quite a bit of money.

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**/LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves reviewed the legislation on the agenda. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas All.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None./UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Rosso requested an executive session after ordinances and resolutions for the discussion of hiring of a public employee and current litigation.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#004 - EMERGENCY – a resolution of the City Council of the City of Sheffield Lake authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the construction of a new water main on Harris Road and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

#### **Ordinance Passes#4-19**

Council#005 – EMERGENCY - an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the purchase of premium no lead gasoline, regular no lead gasoline, premium low sulfur diesel fuel, #304 limestone, #57 limestone, #8D limestone, #8W limestone, #1 & #2 limestone, and asphalt placement for all or part of the 2019 road sections target list, and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

#### **Ordinance Passes#5-19**

Council#006 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a side letter to the agreement with Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association, and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

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

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

#### **Ordinance Passes#6-19**

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Council#007 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a third amendment to lease agreement with Exclusive Balloons, LLC for the premises located at 4114 Lake Road 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, Gee, Stark, Kovach, Erdei, Radeff, Wtulich.

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

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

**Resolution Passes#7-19**

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to go into executive session for the discussion hiring of a public employee and current litigation.

ROLL CALL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Yeas All – Stark, Wtulich, Radeff, Kovach, Gee, Erdei, Cizl.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to return to regular session.

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

Law Director Graves advised let the record reflect that the City Council of the City of Sheffield Lake did adjourn into executive session for the discussion of the employment of public employee and current and pending litigation.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 8:16 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 February 26, 2019.