

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
January 21, 2020**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, January 21, 2020. President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: President Rosso, Kovach, Stark, Wtulich, Gee, Wtulich, Cizl, Erdei,
Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Superintendent Pat Hastings.
Excused: Radeff, Law Director Graves
Attending: None

PRESENTATIONS: None.

*****COMMITTEES*****

**ROADS & DRAINS: None. /SAFETY: None. /BUILDINGS, LANDS,
VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: None. /ORDINANCE:** Councilwoman Gee
states we will be going over the ordinance that is attached in our packet.
/FINANCE: None. /PARK BOARD: None.

*****ADMINISTRATIVE*****

MAYOR: Mayor Bring reports obviously we had some snow the other day. We got inundated with ridiculous phone calls. It's frustrating because Mr. Hastings has to take these phone calls and it's an all-night event. One call was from a lady who just moved into the neighborhood, saw we had a community center and she does not have a fridge or stove, so wanted to know when we would be delivering her one. Also, she wanted enough food to fill the fridge. She demanded we call her back immediately and when we had not, 8 minutes later, she called again. She left another message wanting to know when she could get her free fridge and stove. Another lady called about a small ice ball in her driveway. She called at least a dozen times to multiple departments saying her disabled brother could not get out. Mr. Hastings drove over to check it out. It was so small, he thought he was at the wrong home. I have sympathy for the elderly and disabled, but we have 3,500 residents. We are not going to go in the driveways of all of them and clean. We will go broke. Another call came into the police department from a woman over by the Dollar General who demanded we come over. We did and actually took a video. There was hardly any snow. She was on the phone with the police back and forth for almost an hour. This is just the tip of the iceberg. One guy called and said he couldn't get to his mailbox on MLK day. The mail doesn't run that day. Although these seem funny, they are

not. We spend an enormous amount of time on it. I just wanted it out that we are not responding to ridiculous phone calls. A lady called and wanted a plow truck on her street right now, she didn't care about anyone else's road. Like we have done for 20 years, we do the main streets, the secondary streets, then the side streets. We are going to continue to do it this way. Our guys do a good job. Another citizen said they slid through the Walker Rd. and Abbe Rd. intersection. If that happens, maybe you need to slow down, you need to be in control of your vehicle. We are not salting Abbe Rd. It is a new road. I went down it and it was fine.

SUPERINTENDENT: Superintendent Hastings states I want to comment on our TLCI project which is our concrete trail from the covered bridge to the boat launch. We presented to Planning Commission the approval for their recommendation to city council that certain right of ways be extended. This is because while the city owns the Shoreway Shopping Center, it's not in the Mayor's plan to own it forever. We have to mark that forevermore as public property. With your permission, that will be on the agenda Tuesday. Also, with your permission, I hope to have a resolution allowing us to advertise for bids. I have been waiting because federal funds require us to wait for that before we bid. However, we have a very tight timeline with ODOT. I'm trying to get this bid and sold late March, early April. That way it is built in time for the annual carnival. Councilwoman Stark states there is a porta potty on the Northside of Walker by Abbe Rd., is that going to be a permanent fixture? Superintendent Hastings replies that's from Fetchko, I'll contact them.

/FINANCE DIRECTOR: Finance Director Smith states I am putting together an appropriation order for next week. I am going through the contracts we just passed and making little changes where we may need increases, etc. I appropriate things that didn't get appropriated during the budget. These are carryover amounts. **/LAW**

DIRECTOR: Law Director Graves is absent. **/COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

/OLD BUSINESS: Councilman Cizl asks is there any plan for the sidewalks, the vacant lots, replacing them? I have noticed while walking that there are a lot of sidewalks that are dangerous. What is the update or plan? Mayor Bring states we are going to do that. We have been discussing doing it in house. We will get that done this year. Superintendent Hastings approached me about the Tradewinds Apartments. There are no sidewalks over there. The building inspector contacted the owners and they are going to put them in as soon as it warms up. We had a call today about escrow. We have had a lot of houses selling, so there are going to be a lot of sidewalks. Councilman Cizl asks do you know exactly what houses? Superintendent Hastings replies yes. That was part of the delay. They city took the time to identify all the properties. I reached out to Wellington Builders and they were on track to do it in the fall, but November came with serious cold. President Rosso asks are you talking about installing new sidewalks into the houses that sold? Superintendent Hastings replies yes. Mayor Bring states if you see uneven sidewalks in your blocks, mark it down and give it to me or Tom. We will send a letter to the property owner

and let them know it needs to be fixed. Councilman Cizl asks so, it's the property owners' responsibility? Mayor Bring replies yes. Superintendent Hastings states we are working solely with escrow and property transfers. The other can be initiated by the city's building department, but it is the burden of the homeowner. Mayor Bring states if it is a little off, we aren't going to go after that. If it is in violation, we can cite them. We will give them an opportunity to fix it first. Councilman Cizl states unfortunately some are the gas or water plates that pop up, they are flexible. Superintendent Hastings asks the curb stop? The small one or big one? Councilman Cizl replies the small one. Superintendent Hastings replies anything like that, let me know. In most cases they are telescopic, and they move. Councilman Cizl states ironically, it is safer to walk in the street, but that is what the sidewalks are for. Superintendent Hastings replies it is, and they should be maintained.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilwoman Gee states this is part of what we discussed in 2017. We removed parts then because of concerns, with the understanding that in a Worksession, we could bring it back if there were issues. Currently, the city is seeing quite a few boats and vehicles being parked in side lots. Neighbors are starting to complain. So, the Law Director drew this up and the first reading will be January 28. If there are any questions, I suggest contacting the Law Director. President Rosso states, why don't we leave this on for the next Worksession. There is no rush to this. Mayor Bring states this is just another tool to have on the books, like the ordinance with the chickens. We aren't going to go out and start getting people, but if we get complaints, then we will follow up. Last year we had 4-5 that were really bad. We just don't want it to get out of hand. Councilwoman Gee states if no one has an objection to saving this until next Worksession, we can easily change the date of the first reading. Also, I will not be able to attend Ordinance or Buildings & Lands next month because I will be out of state. Should we change the date or cancel the meeting? President Rosso replies I am in the process of redoing the committees. My goal is to change them all 100%. Let's see how that works out and I will announce it at Council next week. It will take effect next month.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –

Council #001 – SECOND READING- 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 IRVING PARK BLVD.

President Rosso states we will have appropriations for Tuesday, and Pat and David will have legislation. Councilwoman Stark states we also have the public hearing Tuesday. President Rosso states that is regarding the rezoning of the three homes. Councilwoman Gee asks where is the fourth home that was mentioned? Mayor Bring replies he said Robinwood. We aren't 100% sure where that is. President

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Rosso asks didn't it have to go through Planning? Mayor Bring replies no, that supposedly doesn't need to be rezoned.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach /Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:23 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

Brandy Randolph

I, Brandy Randolph, duly appointed Clerk of Council of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of WORKSESSION of January 21, 2020.

MAYOR

Dennis Bring

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso