

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
April 7, 2020**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Council President Richard Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

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

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

Absent: None.

Attending: None.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the March 24, 2020 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None. */Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:* None. */Ordinance:* None. */Safety:* None. */Finance:* 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring states we have had a total of 5 cases of the virus. I think only 4 are still getting treatment and one is done. Our staffing here has been rotating in each department, except for fire and police. We are trying to do our best with social distancing and cleaning. The fire department has been cleaning nearly every shift and wearing their masks, etc. to all their calls. Instead of 4 going into a situation now, we send in one. If someone has a fever, etc. we are treating that a little differently. They are being very cautious. The police department is mostly stopping if there is an egregious situation. We still give overnight ticketing, etc. We have only had one person not feeling well and she has been staying home. We were recently notified that bulk pickup has been cancelled until further notice. At this point, we are in the same boat as the public. We did turn on some water for people that were behind on their bills. Less than ten of those. Also, the yard waste has been suspended. There is nothing we can do. Some of the projects we have are having issues with funding. The Cleveland Clinic has been having conference calls with us as well as the health administrator has been contacting me. It seems like everything is going pretty well. Councilwoman Gee states there will be dumpsters available the week of bulk pickup. Mayor Bring replies yes, but we have to be careful. I do not want everyone coming here throwing stuff all over. It

can become a disaster. One month of bulk pickup is not going to ruin the neighborhood. Councilman Erdei asks what is going on with Pride Day? Councilman Kovach replies the county has already cancelled it. Well, postponed it. Councilwoman Stark states there are rumors that we have closed the parks, but I assume it is the playground areas. Mayor Bring states I am very reluctant to do that. I am not removing the basketball hoops either. The police have been told if there are large groups there to stop. The fact is that we just went through winter and these kids have tons of energy, they are going to go out and do something. Technically, they are closed but I am not pushing the issue.

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

/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Hastings states the Mayor did have me posts signs at the parks identifying that the playgrounds were closed, but the trails, etc. can still be used. We are still moving forward with the Lake Rd. connector. That is the trail from the covered bridge to the boat launch. That went out for bid and awarded in advance of this pandemic. The Mayor also had me move forward with the interior rd. paving program. That has been awarded to Crossroads. The Mayor also authorized for that program to happen in the early spring/summer as opposed to near school starting. All other projects are somewhat on hold due to funding. Councilman Erdei asks what is going on with the water tower? Superintendent Hastings replies I had a meeting with engineering and that was cancelled. Councilman Radeff asks what do you mean by interior rd. project? Superintendent Hastings replies the road list. We did not do every road on the list because we have matching funds for Community and Irving Park. Those two in themselves are approaching two million dollars. I would say we have all but two of them. One was Forest Lawn but I found an opportunity to write a grant for that which I am going to do. Councilman Radeff asks is Irving Park on hold as well? Superintendent Hastings replies currently it is on track, but I received an email about certain levels of funding that we are investigating with the county. The capital budget and everything is on hold. Mayor Bring states and some of the money they said they were going to release to the cities, \$500,000 or more, Lorain County doesn't even qualify. Councilman Radeff states Columbus was the only city that qualified.

Councilwoman Gee states on a brighter note, channel 19 news they talked about our trails. One of the reporters came and walked it. *Motion buy Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. ***/FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:*** Finance Director

Smith states I would like to mention that we are going to need to be cautious with our funds. With so many people on unemployment, we won't receive income tax on those amounts. We have to wait and see how long this lasts, etc. Fortunately, one of our biggest employers is Apples, so we are good there. A lot of our smaller businesses have suffered, and a lot of our residents have been laid off from their jobs. Also, with the tax deadline being pushed back, that will delay our revenues. We should be ok. They still came in and did the audit. President Rosso states to be honest I did not read two pages of that two trillion dollar stimulus thing, but you would hope, as they are taking care of small businesses, they are looking at helping out local governments that are really going to be pushed. Law Director Graves replies I do not think there is much designated for local governments. Hopefully with them helping local business, that trickles back. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. ***/LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:*** Law Director Graves reports legislation tonight includes our annual participation for the purchase of salt and a few other pieces that I would like to

talk about in executive session. I don't have much to report except to request an executive session for discussion of current litigation, discussion of the purchase and sale of public property and collective bargaining negotiations. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to return to REGULAR SESSION.

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

Law Director Graves states let the record reflect that the City Council of Sheffield Lake did adjourn into executive session for the discussion of the sale and purchase of public property, ongoing collective bargaining negotiations and current and pending litigation.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

COUNCIL #015 – EMERGENCY – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT FOR THE 2020-2021 WINTER SEASON, AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION

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

Resolution Passes #15-20

COUNCIL #016- EMERGENCY- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL (FOP/OLC), AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION

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

Ordinance Passes #16-20

COUNCIL #017- EMERGENCY- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) WITH MALACHITE SERVICES, LLC AND TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT UNDER THE SAME OR SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TERMS FOR

A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE SHOREWAY SHOPPING CENTER AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION:

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

Resolution Passes #17-20

Council #018- EMERGENCY- AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE AND SPEEDWAY SUPERAMERICA, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF LORAIN COUNTY P.P.N. 03-00-041-102-005 SO AS TO COMPLETE IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNITY ROAD, AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

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

Ordinance Passes #18-20

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 8:10 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 COUNCIL of April 7, 2020.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring