

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

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, July 21, 2020. President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Excused: Gee.

Attending: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None. See Communications.

*******COMMITTEES*******

ROADS & DRAINS: None. /SAFETY: None. /BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: None. /ORDINANCE: None. /FINANCE: Absent. /PARK BOARD: None.

*******ADMINISTRATIVE*******

MAYOR: Mayor Bring has no report. /**SUPERINTENDENT:** Superintendent Hastings reports OPWC has financed Irving Park. The administration signed the contracts today, we are meeting with them tomorrow and construction is scheduled to begin August 3rd. We have our OWDA funding in place as well. There will be a piece of legislation needed on the agreement. Community Rd. is on track. All the information has been sent to the county. The county commissioners will authorize that bidding to go out and I suspect that will be under construction by the end of August. The TLCI project is nearly finished. We are still waiting in the rapid beacon flashing lights for the pedestrians at the boat launch and library.

/**FINANCE DIRECTOR:** None. /**LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Graves reports in regard to Community Rd., we did get approval from planning commission and zoning board for the split of the small piece of the Speedway property. I will be working with the county to create that little triangular piece and then we will try to get the transcript completed. We have an agreement with Speedway to extend that closing date until September 1st. The superintendent and I have a meeting Friday morning in regard to the proposed cell tower at Ferndale. We will be going over the new telecommunications tower ordinance, making sure

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they are compliant. I have been working with the finance director in regard to the CARES ACT funds that we are entitled to receive. There is a presumption that the money could be used for reimbursement for some public safety wages. As council is aware, once we receive that money, any that we do not expend would have to be returned. It doesn't seem like it would have to be a reimbursement for actual outlays, we could probably use that for at least a portion of safety force wages so long as they are dedicated to COVID-19 emergency and the job requirement is substantially different from what was budgeted. I am going to ask for an executive session to discuss the sale of public property. I would also like to talk about the proposed subdivision that went before planning commission last week. Planning Commission did vote 3-1 to recommend the project to council. There is a public hearing set and it would have to go the three readings and then the waiting period. Typically, when you are talking about approving a subdivision or housing project, it goes hand in hand with the rezoning. So, we have to look at the whole project, not just the rezoning. I think what we need to do is amend it to a limited use rezoning or a contract where if they didn't proceed with the project, it would revert back to prior zoning. There are a lot of concerns with how the parking is going to be accomplished. There are a lot of concerns regarding drainage and our engineer would have to get involved with that. It is a small area and they are trying to fit a lot of units in there. It will be surrounding one other homeowner who is not part of the project. There is the potential that this rezoning will devalue her property. These are all issues that need to be considered in conjunction with the rezoning. The units look beautiful. It's an exciting project, but whether or not this is the correct location is something I think needs to be carefully considered. President Rosso asks were those concerns brought up and discussed at Planning? Law Director Graves replies they were. The vote was 3-1 and I know at least one member has questioned his vote a little bit. I'm not sure they fully understood the impact. Perhaps, they had the feeling council would make the ultimate decision anyway. I would encourage everyone to read the minutes of the meeting. Mayor Bring states take a look at the parking at this project. Unit 1 and 2 are fine, 3 and 4 are fine, but then you have 5,6,7,8 and 9. If you look at those towards the end, there is absolutely no room to turn cars around. If they were to get company, there is no way they can get in and out of there. Then they talked about maybe cutting an entryway out to the road and parking on the road. As we all know, you cannot park on the road overnight. They acted as if we were going to vacate that road and that is not in the works either. My biggest concern is if I was in that residence, being that lady, is that something you always wanted to do? Also, look at the gentleman who is selling the property, his house is getting rezoned to R-2 and he can do

multi-family and anything else over there. Law Director Graves shows the parking problem to council on the map provided by applicant. President Rosso asks this is where he said there would be two car garages and two parking spaces outside? Mayor Bring replies there are, but if somebody were to come over and you had people over there, you wouldn't be able to get out of that driveway. President Rosso asks more importantly, can we get a safety vehicle in there? Mayor Bring replies that is a big concern. Law Director Graves states the other issue is that this is an existing drainage corridor, water flows through here. Representations were made that they would maintain it. Maintaining it is one thing, but the city still has an obligation to make sure that the water continues to flow and drain. The city has to be able to access this and I'm not sure they can. President Rosso states I really didn't expect this to come back from planning for 60 days. That's why I made the public hearing for the first council in September. Now that it's back, am I under any sort of requirement restraint that says I have to schedule it in so many days? Law Director Graves replies you have to set the public hearing out allowing planning commission at least 60 days to review it. You should give them the full 60 days, even though they have voted on it.

/COMMUNICATIONS:

/OLD BUSINESS: None.

/NEW BUSINESS: President Rosso states the Law Director has asked for an executive session for the sale of public property and I would also like to add on compensation for a public employee.

*Motion by Kovach/Second Erdei by to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Kovach, Stark, Wtulich, Cizl, Radeff, Erdei. Yeas All.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to go back into REGULAR SESSION.

ROLL CALL FOR REGULAR SESSION: Kovach, Stark, Wtulich, Cizl, Radeff, Erdei. 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 of public property and compensation of a public employee pursuant to Ohio sunshine laws.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –

COUNCIL #019- TABLED- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, THE CITY OF AVON, THE CITY OF AVON LAKE, THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE AND THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD TO ESTABLISH A 700 MHz 5-CITY REGIONAL RADIO SYSTEM AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach /Second by Erdei to adjourn at 8:15 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 July 21, 2020.

MAYOR

Dennis Bring

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso