

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
August 25, 2020**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Council President Richard Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

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

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the July 28, 2020 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

Special Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the August 4, 2020 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: Monthly court receipts for the month of July 2020-\$4,653.75.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Bring submitted Keith Pool for the position of lateral transfer hire of full-time police patrolman. Law Director Graves states the charter provides that the civil service commission will ascertain the ability to hire through competitive examination whenever possible. It also allows them to adopt their own rules. A couple years ago, they did adopt a rule that said: notwithstanding any other provision of the rules, as an alternative method we could hire without testing, a lateral transfer from another department. The requirement is that they be in good standing and have at least three years of full-time experience in another department. The candidate tonight does meet that. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to appoint Keith Pool to the position of full-time police patrolman. *ROLL CALL FOR APPOINTMENT: Gee, Kovach, Wtulich, Stark, Erdei, Cizl. Yeas All.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None. /**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:** None. /**Representative to the Planning Commission:** None. /**Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring reports we are up to 56 cases of COVID in the city. The county in general is way down. We had new water bills and it has been challenging. The water department has had numerous calls. One of the big things is that people were notified that they were on a shutoff notice even though they are current. That is being corrected. The bill also had a 419 number on it. That is also being

corrected. They are trying to get everything together. Finance Director Smith states once the program smooths out, it will be fantastic. Mayor Bring states Republic contacted us and wanted to change our date for trash pickup again. I declined that. I don't think our city wanted to go through that again. Councilwoman Gee states on the next water bill reading, is that going to be the normal 28-day cycle or another long one? I think that is part of the reason people were screaming about the higher bill. Mayor Bring states that's because we had 5 weeks on the last one. This will be a normal bill. *Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All.

/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Hastings reports to give an update on projects; Irving Park Blvd. is well underway. A good portion of the watermain is installed and passed bacteria and pressure testing. It is still on track for November completion. Community Rd. bid openings were achieved at the county and the commissioners will be voting on that tomorrow. That could lead tentatively to Buckeye, they had the most favorable bid at about \$359,000. That includes base bids and the alternates the city would do. I made contact with ODNR on our Lincoln Trail Grant. They have responded and are reviewing the categorical exclusion, which is basically the wetlands study, environmental impact, etc. Our goal is to have all that approved, contract in front of the mayor and the engineering to begin this year. Construction to follow next year. Lake Rd. culverts was another grant of about \$200,000 that has substantial engineering turned into ODOT. That is linked with the Irving Paving Grant we got. That would repave all of Lake Rd. All of that is fiscal year 2023, but physical construction in June 2022. Internally, the woodshop delivered three beautiful signs for the entrances to the city. There was also substantial repair at the boat launch, some lake erosion. They removed a significant portion of the break wall at the sand trap. On the Lake Rd. culverts, we took advantage of a contractor on private property in the area and repaired an outfall. It was near Park Ave. and now has a brand new 30in. pipe. This has been on our radar for some time. I did meet with a group of citizens and some professional skaters wanting to enhance the skatepark. They are looking more for a bowl design. They are claiming they can bring tens of thousands in contribution towards it. We are at the preliminary stages of that. We ordered our third truckload of pipe. The Mayor's initiative on filling in the ditches, we are approaching about a mile of installation this year. We are filling in long overdue ditches as opposed to leaving these craters in front yards. Our building has three of the four walls complete. We poured some concrete and will be putting in some bollards. Councilman Erdei states I want to say the service center is looking pretty good, very nice. Superintendent Hastings replies thank you. The city probably saved \$25,000 doing it in house. I couldn't be more pleased. *Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All. ***/FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:*** Finance Director Smith reports before you are appropriation changes for this month. I moved around some money. Ohio Public Works cancelled our July payment, so we had that money. It's a zero interest loan, so we may as well use their money. We are going to put it into some projects that we did not expect to come through this year. I also established a line for the CARES ACT FUNDS we have received. I heard today that they will be releasing some more money and I will update you probably next month. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach. Yeas All. ***/LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:*** Law Director Graves has no report. ***CITIZENS COMMENTARY:*** None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilwoman Gee states last year 89 people in Lorain County overdosed. The month of September is overdose awareness month. August 31 is overdose awareness day. Each community has been asked to put up 89 purple flags with a poster explaining what they are. They will be put up today or tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Bring states we did hang up our quilt. We keep getting emails from people saying we don't notify them of stuff. A lady complained that there is a road project and we didn't notify her. We can't just drop everything and notify people. We do the best we possibly can. We put stuff on the water bill, etc. In this specific incident, the company doing it gave us a certain date range and then did it early. It even caught us off guard. The project she complained about had been in the minutes for many months. President Rosso states as a reminder, before our next council meeting is the public hearing on the rezoning over by the Perch. It's at 6:45.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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.

COUNCIL #036- EMERGENCY- AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, INCREASE AND/OR DECREASE OF CERTAIN FUNDS WITHIN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO 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, Erdei. Yeas All.

***Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for ADOPTION.**

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

Ordinance Passes #35-20

Law Director Graves states you mentioned September 8 we are having the public hearing on the proposed development. Did you want me to prepare the ordinance to rezone the property? The council meeting right after would put it as a first reading. President Rosso states I assume it would be prepared for that night because I thought we had to put it on right after the public hearing. It has to be on three readings. I meant to mention that you have an email attached tonight from the engineer that has a few bullet points on it. Just some information.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:25 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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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 August 25, 2020.

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring