

Special Council August 4, 2020

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
August 4, 2020**

This special meeting of Council was called to address considering legislation for the CARES ACT.

This special meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, August 4, 2020. President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

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

Law Director Graves states both of the ordinances tonight relate to the CARES ACT funds. The first one is actually a revision to one that was passed previously. That referenced a senate bill and a different section of federal law. The final version was 42 U.S.C 801d and house bill 481. It's just a revision of the one we already passed, which was #27-20. This is the ordinance allowing us to accept the CARES ACT funds. The second piece of legislation is one I talked about previously. They decided these funds are eligible to be used for reimbursement of payroll expenses. Originally, a lot of communities felt that they didn't have adequate expenditures in mitigating COVID crisis to justify using all the funds that were allocated. They have authorized those funds to be used for payroll reimbursement. There are two factors to consider. One is that the payroll reimbursement must be substantially dedicated to responding and mitigating to COVID -19. The second is the duties of those employees have to be significantly different than the duties which were expected and anticipated at the time of passing the last budget. After receiving guidance from the federal government as well as the Ohio Office of Budget and Management, we learned that public safety employees have been presumptively deemed to be substantially dedicated to responding and mitigating COVID-19. That satisfies the first factor. The second could go either way. The guidance we have gotten is that virtually all of their responsibilities have significantly changed in light of COVID-19. Even if they are doing various duties that were anticipated, those duties have now been repurposed. It's almost as if everything they do is now under the cloud of COVID-19. Using that guidance, most communities are taking the position that the entirety of the payroll costs of those safety forces are eligible for reimbursement. It does require a proclamation. The idea is we do a resolution proclaiming that the entirety of the payroll costs for all public safety forces of Sheffield Lake have been substantially dedicated or different in light of COVID. We can the encumber those funds.

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Anything not encumbered by October 15th, will be sent back to the county.

Councilman Wtulich asks how much are we eligible for? Finance Director Smith replies \$249,000. Councilwoman Stark asks I would assume they are talking more about payroll of the fire dept. and EMT's, rather than police, or are they looking at equal for both? Law Director Graves replies all public safety employees are deemed substantially dedicated. That involves full and part-time police, full and part-time fire and Mayor/Safety Director. When last I checked, 18 communities have yet to do this. Only a handful are ahead of the game.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

COUNCIL #034- EMERGENCY - A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 27-20 AFFIRMING THAT ALL FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND BE EXPENDED ONLY TO COVER COSTS OF THE SUBDIVISION CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 5001 OF THE CARES ACT AS DESCRIBED IN 42 U.S.C. 801(d) 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: Stark, Kovach, Wtulich, Gee, Cizl, Erdei, Radeff. Yeas All.

Resolution Passes #33-20

COUNCIL #035- EMERGENCY- A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THAT THE ENTIRETY OF PAYROLL COSTS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FORCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 2020 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM CARES ACT FUNDS AND ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 5001 OF THE CARES ACT AS DESCRIBED IN 42 U.S.C. 801(d) AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: 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 #34-20

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:09 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

Brandy Randolph

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring

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 the SPECIAL COUNCIL of August 4, 2020.