

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
November 10, 2020**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Council President Richard Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

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

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

*Council* - \*Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the October 27, 2020 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE.** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Cheryl Grizzell, assistant director with Lorain public library system states we have been doing some work on the inside of the library and we are excited to hopefully be up in May to renew our levy. During COVID we were able to stay open and provide services to people. We invite you to stop by and see the work we've done. Mayor Bring replies I sent someone down there a week ago because they did not have a computer and they helped him out. He said it was very nice and he was very pleased.

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**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse:** Chairman Wtulich reviewed the minutes of the November 2, 2020 meeting. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Safety:** None. **/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** Chairman Wtulich reviewed the minutes of the November 4, 2020 meeting. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Ordinance:** Member Wtulich reviewed the minutes of the November 4, 2020 meeting. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Finance:** None. **/Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Representative Gee reports we met last night. We have an opening on our board and are hoping the mayor will consider someone we approved last night. Monday morning coffee will not resume this month, possibly December. The kitchen stove is over 23 years old and we discussed replacing it. There is flickering LED lighting, so that is getting replaced. Building rentals have extremely dropped this year. There is a lot of funding that is lacking. Still using the center are the boy scouts, girl scouts, cub scouts, 4-H, AA, knitting classes, and art groups. We discussed office on aging and our food bank. The office on aging hours are now 8-1. They are only taking phone calls from 8am-10am. The door is locked at all times. Call and set up an appointment to get in and get the groceries. Meals on wheels is only there once a week now. The meals are done for the whole week at that one time. They are all frozen meals. **/Council Representative to**

*the Park Board: None. /Representative to the Planning Commission: None. /Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None.*

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### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**MAYOR/SAFETY:** Mayor Bring reports Halloween went very well, there were no problems. We got the speed-controlled safety trailer. We will use that at Irving Park now that it's complete. Leaves are still a problem. People keep calling and asking when theirs are going to get picked up. We can't give an answer. Everyone has to be patient. We start at one end of the city and go to the other end and then go back and do it again. At the fire dept., one of the pumpers is having an issue. We still have not found out anything about the large booms. Someone from a different county called me and they had a similar situation. We are up to 71 cases of COVID, currently two workers are off because they came in contact with someone with the virus. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All. **/SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:**

Superintendent Hastings reports Lake Rd. resurfacing with construction in 2022 does require council approval to submit an OPWC application for the final leg of the grant. That project came in at \$1.4 million. With the application and acceptance of this grant, we will be able to realize about \$1.1 million of that. At Shell Cove Park, the mayor did authorize the replacement of the playground equipment there, originally installed in 1986. That has been demoed. A new ship themed playground will be installed hopefully by the end of November. We did use some of the Windsor Estate Funds on that. Originally, the donation was \$147,542. This project here, which we were able to use matching grants on the projects, we will exceed a half a million dollars in projects and we still have a little bit left. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All. **/FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Finance Director Smith reports in the packet is my October balancing report. I would like to ask if we are going to do the same thing as last year as far as moving council meetings to the first and third weeks in December? We need to have a public hearing for the budget. I am waiting on numbers from the county. So, we can do the public hearing on the first and pass the budget on the 15<sup>th</sup>. President Rosso states so normally it would be council the 8<sup>th</sup>, Worksession the 15<sup>th</sup> and the last council meeting the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Now it will be council on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Worksession the 8<sup>th</sup> and the last council meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The public hearing will be at 6:45 on the 1<sup>st</sup>. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All.

**/LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves reports house bill 197 that was passed back in March and provided all the COVID relief is set to expire on December 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a lot of talk in Columbus about extending that bill. There is also a lawsuit that was filed in Franklin County by the Buckeye Institute that challenges the ability of employers to continue to collect income tax during quarantine. It says those taxes should go to wherever they are working from home. This could have impacts on communities with a lot of employers and bedroom communities. We will keep you apprised on that. We have an agreement in principal to buy two parcels of land we previously discussed. I anticipate bringing legislation for that in the future. Also, I do have the legislation prepared to amend out contractor licensing requirements. It was sent off today for review. We will have a conversation about that next week at Worksession. Council #19's grant did not come through. That project is essentially dead. They will reapply in the future. My recommendation would be to remove it at this

time. Council #46 for the flood damage prevention is up for a third reading. Council #51 up for a second reading on the limited use rezoning of 5 lots. Council #53 which are the employment revisions is up for a second reading. Council #55 is the first step in placing the \$2.95 million renewal levy on the ballot for the library. Council #46 is authorizing the OPWC application for round 35. President Rosso asks where are the two parcels? Law Director Graves replies across from the Civic Center. President Rosso asks about that lawsuit, isn't that something that has always been available? Law Director Graves replies a lot of employers are saying when we have you work from home, we are still withholding the payroll taxes for the community where your place of employment is. The lawsuit is saying it is wrong for the withholding to happen in the community where the employer is. It should be wherever you are working from, ex: your home. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:** Julia Pyle, 290 Thelma Dr. states I have had a lot of people asking if we are doing Santa at the Christmas party this year. I have been looking into how other communities are doing it. I have seen them use plexiglass or they are having Santa social distance in the pictures and put him in the background. I don't want to take that away from the kids. We at least want pictures. Angela Mohrbach, 4835 Pinewood Dr. states we sent Rocky some of the ideas. We would like to petition we are allowed to have a Santa. Mayor Bring states we talked about it and we are just going to have to be careful. If we can social distance, etc. we can work it out. Mrs. Mohrbach asks are we going to get a list of guidelines? Councilwoman Gee states it is online, and I will email it to you tonight. Ms. Pyle states we are going to prepackage everything in plastic bags to hand out.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Councilwoman Stark asks if council is going to be the 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have to move Ordinance and Buildings and Lands. Councilman Wtulich says move it to Wednesday at 6:30 before Safety. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Stark to UNTABLE COUNCIL #019.

ROLL CALL TO UNTABLE COUNCIL #019: Erdei, Wtulich, Stark, Gee, Kovach, Cizl. Yeas All.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to REMOVE COUNCIL #019 FROM THE AGENDA.

ROLL CALL TO REMOVE COUNCIL #019: Stark, Kovach, Wtulich, Gee, Cizl, Erdei. Yeas All.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**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 # 046- THIRD READING - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1353 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE REGARDING FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

***Ordinance Passes #50-20***

**COUNCIL #051-** SECOND READING - AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE APPROVING THE LIMITED USE REZONING OF FIVE LOTS KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 03-00-035-101-007, 03-00-035-101-009, 03-00-035-101-010, 03-00-035-101-011 AND 03-00-035-101-012 LOCATED ON CLIFF DRIVE AND LAKE ROAD INCLUDING 5065 CLIFF DRIVE, 5055 LAKE ROAD AND 5059 LAKE ROAD FROM AN R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO AN R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

**COUNCIL #053-** SECOND READING- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 115.03, AND CHAPTER 169 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF SHEFFIELD LAKE REGARDING EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS FOR FULL-TIME NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

**COUNCIL #054-** SECOND READING - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 133 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF SHEFFIELD LAKE REGARDING THE DIVISION OF POLICE AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

**COUNCIL #055-** EMERGENCY- AN ORDINANCE OF NECESSITY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE REQUESTING THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO AND THE AMOUNT TO BE GENERATED DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF COLLECTION OF A RENEWAL WITH A TAX LEVY FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE DOMONKAS BRANCH OF THE LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION: Cizl, Stark, 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 #51-20***

**COUNCIL #056-** EMERGENCY- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PRESENT AN APPLICATION FOR ROUND 35 OF THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO'S PROJECTS AND SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF SUCH APPLICATION AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION: Erdei, 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 . Yeas All.

***Resolution Passes #52-20***

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to adjourn at 7:43 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*

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 November 10, 2020.

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

*Rick Rosso*

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**MAYOR**

*Dennis Bring*