

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
June 15, 2021**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, June 15, 2021. President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: President Rosso, Kovach, Wtulich, Gee, Radeff, Erdei, Mayor Bring, Law Director Graves.

Excused: Stark, Cizl, Finance Director Smith, Superintendent Hastings.

Attending: None.

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

\*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEES\*\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*\*ADMINISTRATIVE\*\*\*\*\*

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**MAYOR:** Mayor Bring reports I am sure you saw the roads that are ground down. We have had numerous phone calls from people wanting to know why their street wasn't getting done, why didn't you notify us, etc. I don't know what else to do. We are not going to go door to door and notify these people. I am not going to listen to complaints about something that is an improvement. I have another meeting with the other mayors about the radios tomorrow. We are going to order those 2 police cars. I believe the p.o. was sent over today. We had a phone call from the girl who wants to do the garage sale at the shopping center, and she asked for tables, tents, porta potties and wanted us to supply the electric. I told her no. She took the money and if she wants to do it, then she is responsible for it. The city is not going to be involved in it. Councilman Kovach says there is no public power set up there. There isn't even a meter in the box at this point. Mayor Bring replies she would have to call somebody, just like Buschur does, he gets a temporary pole there from Ohio Edison. Councilman Radeff asks we typically don't warn people about roads, right? Mayor Bring responds no, we never do. We did for Harris because there was a waterline in it. We are only grinding down 2in. of road. We also get a free road out of it because Pat had asked for a preconstruction meeting five times and they said it's an easy job, we have it handled. They started at the North end of Oliver, which was wrong, so we got 400 free feet of grinding down

and paving. Councilwoman Gee asks to promote all that's being done and to satisfy a lot of the residents, couldn't we start sending out those text messages again? Mayor Bring asks who is going to do it? When the company calls, they say they are going to be in the city, but they don't tell us what road and what time they are going to start. They just say something like we are going to be there Friday. Councilwoman Gee asks can we send a text saying road work is being done Friday? Mayor Bring replies these people are complaining because they were on their road that day. The one girl in the water dept. was on the phone with someone for 45 min. They would not stop. That is 45 min. of an employee not being able to do anything. The calls usually get forwarded to Pat and last time he came back, there were 53 messages for him. It's impossible to take all these calls.

Councilwoman Gee asks what should I tell the lady across from Veteran's Park? She said her driveway got blocked and she missed a doctor's appointment.

President Rosso states they were moving pretty fast, I watched them. Mayor Bring states I find it hard to believe they would block someone's driveway and not let them out. Tell her sorry for the inconvenience. Law Director Graves asks Steve, you said the electrical box at the shopping center is no longer there? Councilman Kovach replies no, the box is still there, but has no meter in it.

**/SUPERINTENDENT:** Excused. **/FINANCE DIRECTOR:** Excused. **/LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Graves reports there will be legislation next Tuesday to approve the contract with Cleveland Communications Inc. for the radios. This is something that has been negotiated with the five communities of Sheffield Lake, Sheffield Village, Avon, Avon Lake and North Ridgeville. The agreement we are entering into is identical to the one for Sheffield Village, Avon and Avon Lake. Ridgeville is a little more involved because they are going to have the sites, towers. We will probably be asking for suspension of the rules. We are also going to move forward with a contract to purchase body cameras for the police dept. We are getting 4 of them and it will run us around \$190/month, \$2,300/year for 5 years and after 3 years we get new cameras. We have a proposed contract for a portion of the shopping center. It would be sublots 9 and 10. That would be the main part of the center and the corner lot where Hardee's used to be. We would retain EZ Transitions, the drive-thru, post office, woodshop, bowling alley and property north of the bowling alley. Bramhall has recommended we retain an access and utility easement which would be between sublots 10 and 7, it's an undedicated portion of Community Dr. It is dedicated up to Ivanhoe and then from Ferndale south to the drive thru. There is a small patch that is not road, but everybody uses it and there are also utilities there. We will keep you apprised. The zoning board meeting for Thursday has been cancelled due to lack of quorum. We are down a member and only have four and two of those are unable to attend. With the new

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charter change, we clarified that the building inspector is not a voting member of that board. We are looking to have a special meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**/COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**/OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**/NEW BUSINESS:** Law Director Graves states the annual Sheffield's night at the Crushers ball game is going to be Thursday July 29<sup>th</sup>. I will be singing the national anthem.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –**

**COUNCIL #030-** SECOND READING - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 531.01(k), 531.01(l) and 531.04 REGARDING DEFINITIONS OF NOISE, NOISE DISTURBANCES, AND MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SOUND LEVELS AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

**COUNCIL #031-** SECOND READING - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1151.06(e) REGARDING ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman Gee states trampolines aren't permanent, doesn't everybody take them down in the winter? President Rosso and Mayor Bring reply no.

Councilwoman Gee says we are starting to really dictate, a lot of the cottages don't have a backyard. Mayor Bring says my neighbor had one in his front yard for 5 years and it recently blew away. President Rosso states I don't think they look good. Law Director Graves says if someone truly had an irregular lot and felt they could meet the standard practical difficulties, they could apply for a variance. They could make their case to the zoning board if they really felt they needed a trampoline in the front yard. Councilwoman Gee says many people have cameras in their front yards, not back and have picture windows in the front to be able to watch their kids. President Rosso says again, I just don't think they look good.

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

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Rick Rosso*