

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
July 13, 2021**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, July 13, 2021.
Council President Richard Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

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

Excused: Cizl, Superintendent Hastings.

Attending: Citizens, Media, Acting Chief Corr.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the June 22, 2021 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE. Law Director Graves says whenever there is an application for a new liquor license or a transfer, the legislative body has an opportunity to request a hearing. This is the transfer of the license from Gus' to Pez's Bar & Grill. I spoke with Acting Police Chief Corr and from a law enforcement perspective there has not been any concern there. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to not request a hearing on the transfer. Yeas All.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Bring submitted Valorie Catalano for the position of part-time police dispatcher. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the appointment.

ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL: Erdei, Radeff, Wtulich, Stark, Gee, Kovach. Yeas All.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None. **/Safety:** Chairwoman Gee reviews the minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** None. **/Finance:** None. **/Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Representative Gee reports the Sheffield Lake seniors joined northeast Ohio's mind challenge that started last Monday. If by chance we are the winners, it gives \$5,000 towards the seniors. Monday the 19th our police chief and fire dept. will be at the center with the seniors discussing things. **/Council Representative to the Park Board:** None. **/Representative to the Planning Commission:** None. **/Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** Council Representative Erdei reviewed the minutes of the June 29, 2021 special meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring states I would like to think everybody that was involved in community days, there were a lot of smiling faces, and it was nice. Acting Police Chief Corr and I went to Lorain Police Dept. today. They called and invited us to visit and show us how they run, etc. It was interesting and there are a lot of programs they are involved in. We will be actively looking into some of those. They offered us

all the assistance they could, and it was very nice, and I appreciate it. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. /**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**: Absent. /**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT**: Finance Director Smith reports Council #035 is our 2022 tentative tax budget. A lot of things will change by the end of the year. This is an antiquated requirement by the State of Ohio. It balances. I need to get it to the county auditor by the 20th. Council #036 is the appropriations. Councilman Erdei asks did you hear anything about how we can spend the money? Finance Director Smith replies just today I got the approval on my registration and should see the funds coming in soon. The final council meeting of the month I will probably appropriate those funds. Councilman Wtulich asks did they lower those funds? Finance Director Smith replies yeah, by almost half. Law Director Graves says that is because the state elected to include townships, originally it was just cities and villages. I believe the rules just came down. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. /**LAW DIRECTORS REPORT**: Law Director Graves reports everything is moving along nicely with our zoning and planning code overhaul. We have another meeting tomorrow at 9am. I have the draft of the entire revision, it's probably about 250 pages. It is much more comprehensive, easily accessible and up to date. We will then go over it with the planning commission, zoning board and council. We have been working on it for about 2 years now. Council #030 tonight is amending our noise ordinance. Council #031 is just including trampolines as accessory structures. Then you have the tax budget and appropriations. I would ask council to have an executive session tonight to discuss the investigation and employment of a public employee, for an update on current legislation and for the sale of public property. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: Brenda Brannon, 828 Pasadena Ave. states my water bill has not been paid for 6 years. How it slipped through the crack for 6 years without being shut off. My son passed away in that house and I am selling it to the people next door. Now there is a \$16,000 lien on the house for a 6-year water bill. I want to know how that is ethical and being passed through the water dept. without being shut off. I have called every city around here and nobody lets you go more than 2-3 months. I'm done with that house, I don't want any problems, I just want it done. Yes, there was drug abuse there and it cost me my son. But \$16,000? One month is almost \$4,000 on a water bill. Tell me how a \$4,000 bill exists with no washer there, just showering and dishes. On top of that, it's been leaking for 3 ½ years. Pishner's Plumbing tried to get ahold of the Sheffield Lake water dept. to try and get in there and fix that and they didn't return the calls. I didn't get a call back from the water dept. and then I got hung up on by Mayor Bring. Mayor Bring states that is new to me, you hung up on me. You said I am going to call the Better Business Bureau and get an attorney and hung up. Ms. Brannon says tell me how no one in this city shut the water off for 6 years. The auditor told me you guys can reverse it and I am selling it to the guy that owns 826. President Rosso responds council has no authority to remove a water charge. Ms. Brannon says they told me you could remove a lien. President Rosso states I'm not talking about a lien, I'm talking about a water bill. It is an administrative issue, and you are working with the mayor. Ms. Brannon asks well who do I talk to next? I will go to the governor or wherever I have to. President Rosso says unfortunately, there is no legislative action council can do to do anything about it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

Ordinance Passes #34-21

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Kovach, Wtulich, Erdei, Radeff.

Nays-Stark, Gee.

Ordinance Passes #35-21

COUNCIL #035- EMERGENCY - RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TAX BUDGET TO THE AUDITOR OF LORAIN COUNTY, SECRETARY FOR THE LORAIN COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION: Kovach, Erdei, Stark, Wtulich, Radeff, Gee. Yeas All.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

Resolution Passes #36-21

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, Wtulich, Kovach, Gee, Radeff, Erdei. Yeas All.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

Ordinance Passes #37-21

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF INVESTIGATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, CURRENT LITIGATION AND SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY.

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.

ROLL CALL FOR REGULAR SESSION: Stark, Wtulich, Radeff, Kovach, Gee, 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 discipline and investigation of a public employee, current litigation and the sale of public property pursuant to the sunshine laws.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 8:00pm. 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

COUNCIL of July 13, 2021.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring