

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
August 17, 2021**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, August 17, 2021. Council President Richard Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

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

Excused: None.

Attending: Citizens.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

**Public Hearing** - \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2021 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**Council** - \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2021 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE.** Monthly report of court receipts for July 2021- \$3,460.00.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

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**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse:** None. **/Safety:** None. **/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** None. **/Finance:** None. **/Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Representative Gee reports the seniors made it to the third round in the mind challenge. They had a great time and are talking about doing it next year. **/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 we did a couple interviews for part-time and full-time police this morning. We hired one part-time patrolman so far and he will be coming to get sworn in at the next meeting. We have been looking into additional equipment for the police department. I'll talk more about that in the safety committee. We had more damage at the boat launch bathrooms, so I am going to permanently close those. We can't afford to keep fixing it. The door was busted and there was graffiti all over. I'm sick of it. Also, the benches over at Gary Green Park were destroyed so we are removing them. The tree I talked about at the end of Abbe Rd. with the pears, someone tried to spray that and kill it. I'm assuming the ones who didn't want the tree there are the ones who did it. We are trying too hard to make things in the city good and there are a few ruining it. It is very frustrating. If it continues, we will just start closing more things. When I became mayor, everyone said they wanted more parks and better things, we have done that and now everyone seems to want to destroy it. I can't tell you how disappointed I am. Councilman Cizl states we go to the boat launch quite a bit and

there is a group of swimmers, about 7-8 of them that swim in the channel. Do you have camera surveillance there? Mayor Bring replies we do, but it is a lot to look through, so it is taking some time. We will pursue it if we catch them on it. They did damage behind the library too. Councilman Cizl says I almost called the police because they were throwing rocks, etc. Mayor Bring replies calling the police would be the best thing. Councilman Erdei asks what is with the white trailer by the fire dept.? Mayor Bring replies those are bathrooms. The fire dept. bathroom is getting remodeled. Councilman Radeff asks are the bathrooms at the boat launch locked every day? Mayor Bring replies yes, they broke the door. It is on a timer, but we are having a little problem with that. It's a limited time it's open. 5am-7pm. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. /**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:** Superintendent Hastings reports currently we are working with Sheffield Village on the resurfacing of Oster Rd. We ground it and put a base coat on today and weather permitting we will do a topcoat this week. All the streets were striped recently, center lines, bike lanes, etc. The decommission and removal of the windmill is scheduled for tomorrow. The city will be hosting the Lorain County Auditor in September in anticipation of resident's ability to dispute the up to 16% increase everyone can expect to see in their property tax. We are also hosting Lorain County Beautiful which is a committee I am on with the county commissioners and Lorain County Solid Waste. The stimulus money for infrastructure has kind of started. The Ohio EPA is facilitation a quarter million dollars across the state. We have reached out through our county engineer. Basically, you submit to the engineer and out of the 88 counties they rank you. If in their top ten, you get extra points. We hope to gain those points before I write the full-blown grant. These projects would include replacement of the water tower, replacement and/or repair in Irving Park and the reconstruction of the 900 block of Warwick to include curbs, road and storm sewers. Before you tonight is a request to submit an application to OPWC for resurfacing of Ivanhoe Ave. Next year we have about \$4.5 million in projects lined up. I am finishing up funding on the replacement of the culverts on Lake Rd., the repaving of Lake Rd., reconstruction and repaving of Ivanhoe and replacement and reconstruction on Alameda. Councilman Radeff asks what was the date for the auditors? Superintendent Hastings replies Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> from 8-12pm and 3-7pm and Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 8-12pm and 3-7pm. Mayor Bring states our wood chipper went down, so we may look at getting a new machine. For a while we may have to suspend that. We may just pick branches up but chipping them we will be unable to do. The machine is 28 years old. Councilwoman Gee asks are we considering replacing the employee that left the service dept.? Mayor Bring replies yes. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. /**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Finance Director Smith reports before you tonight are Council #045 and #047 which are appropriations. I had to appropriate the library money because it was more than they said we were going to get. I am also appropriating some sidewalk escrow money so we can continue on with getting some of the sidewalks in. On #045, it is a net zero in general fund and then there is \$18,000 for the purchase of real estate which Mr. Graves will talk about. I appropriated the ARPA funds, but we haven't done anything with that. The \$275,000 is for the new ambulance. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. /**LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves reports we have been in discussion

with the new company that purchased the wind turbine and we have finally gotten to the point where as of tomorrow, the turbine will be dismantled. There will be a civil service test coming up for the position of police chief. The written test will be Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> and the written portion will be Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Two sergeants are taking the test, the third is retiring at the end of the year so he opted not to take it. Then we will have to have a sergeant's test. The sale of a portion of the shopping center is proceeding. We are shooting for a closing date of this Friday. The final plans for Buckeye Cove were submitted and are being reviewed by our engineer. Council #038 is up for a second reading for the purchase of a new backhoe. Council #041 up for a second reading is the Treadway project. Council #043 is for the purchase of the final 2 lots of the property across from the community center. The price is \$18,000, basically \$9,000 per lot. This gives us the ability to vacate the full length of Tennyson. Council #044 is from the national class action lawsuit from the opioids issue, suing many of the pharmaceutical companies. We have to approve that settlement. Council #045 and #047 are appropriation adjustments. Council #046 is the OPWC application for Ivanhoe. Councilman Wtulich asks what section of Ivanhoe will be getting done? Superintendent Hastings replies from Maplewood to Sheffield. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Councilwoman Gee states yard waste is still being picked up; it will be picked up tomorrow. This will be happening frequently where it is a day late, please be patient.

**NEW BUSINESS:** \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to amend the agenda to include Council #047.

**ROLL CALL FOR AMENDMENT:** Radeff, Wtulich, Stark, Kovach, Erdei, Gee, Cizl. Yeas All.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**COUNCIL #038-** SECOND READING- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A THREE- YEAR AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW JOHN DEERE 310L EP BACKHOE LOADER FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

**COUNCIL #041-** SECOND READING- AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF 32 VACANT LOTS LOCATED ON TREADWAY BLVD. FROM AN R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO AN R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

**COUNCIL #043-** EMERGENCY- AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE AND THE ARNOLD S. LEVIN COMPANY, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF VACANT LAND, 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, Cizl, Radeff, Gee. Yeas All.

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

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

### ***Ordinance Passes #42-21***

**COUNCIL #044-** EMERGENCY- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE

TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 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, 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 #43-21**

**COUNCIL #045- 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: 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.

**Ordinance Passes #44-21**

**COUNCIL #046 – EMERGENCY-** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PRESENT AN APPLICATION FOR ROUND 36 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: Kovach, Erdei, Stark, Wtulich, Cizl, Radeff, Gee. Yeas All.

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

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

**Resolution Passes #45-21**

**COUNCIL #047- 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: Cizl, 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, Cizl, Radeff. Yeas All.

**Ordinance Passes #46-21**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:30pm. 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 August 17, 2021.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Rick Rosso*

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*