

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
Oct. 19, 2021**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021. President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

Excused: Stark.

Attending: Citizens.

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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

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

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**MAYOR:** Mayor Bring reports a big challenge right now is that we are down 2 people in the service dept. Leaf pickup will be hard. Another problem is that equipment repairs, parts and new equipment are backed up. We were told the new ambulance would not be ready until August if next year and now it may be later. If anything breaks, we may have extended down times. We tried to order Armor Stone and were told 4-6 weeks. Our heating bills for the city are going to go up; natural gas has gone up 150%, electric has gone up 8%. Councilwoman Gee asks since they are calling all this COVID related, does that mean the COVID money could be used for some of these higher expenses? Mayor Bring replies we are ok; I'm just letting you know everything is going to cost more. Law Director Graves says it will help. We will find ways to use that money. **SUPERINTENDENT:** Superintendent Hastings reports we did sign the Lincoln Trail contract today and we hope to start that in early November. We were told the pipe is 6 weeks out. Indirectly, the water line we have earmarked for Alameda is 1 year out on delivery. **FINANCE DIRECTOR:** None. **LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Graves reports I did receive the final version of the zoning code revisions for our meeting on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. Tonight, there is an ordinance that came out of Ordinance Committee clarifying the responsibility of the property owners for the lateral sewer lines from

the premises to the connection at the tap in. It is just clarifying what case law has already determined. This just makes it much easier to point to a specific area of code and say here it is. In cases where the connection exists within the road right of way, this does put the responsibility on the property owner, even if it means having to excavate a portion of the road. They would have to undertake that with their contractor under the supervision of the city and superintendent. Superintendent Hastings says we did experience that this year at Ferndale and Kenilworth. I am always helpful with city tax dollars, but you do not want to commit public funds to a private lateral that is only benefitted by a single person. However, restoration of the road and maintenance of traffic, I typically assist with city dollars and waive road cutting fees, etc. Councilman Radeff asks are a and b repeating themselves? Law Director Graves replies b goes into more detail; I could consolidate them. Chairman Erdei asks is there a time limit on this for customers to have this done? Law Director Graves responds there is no time limit in this ordinance. Mayor Bring says I think you are thinking of cross connects and that is a different issue. Councilman Cizl asks we previously talked of the separation between sanitary and storm sewers coming into the city, does this affect that at all? President Rosso replies no, those are cross connects. Councilman Wtulich asks do we end up doing a lot of this work in house? Superintendent Hastings replies no, in my career, I have only done one and that was more than 25 years ago. Councilman Cizl asks with tree lawns, a lot of the cross connects are in that area, correct? Superintendent Hastings responds they are typically at the dwelling. Councilman Cizl says I meant to say the lateral connection is generally in the tree lawn area. Superintendent Hastings states it can be in the tree lawn or in the center of the road. Councilman Cizl asks what freedom do homeowners have to how they handle the tree lawn property? I ask because there is a resident on Lakewood Beach that the entire tree lawn is like a flower forest and even grows into the street, do they have freedom to do that? Superintendent Hastings replies no. Mayor Bring says I don't have the heart to tell her to take it down. Law Director Graves states the adjacent property owner to the tree lawn has the obligation to maintain it. It is usually part of the road right of way. You are not supposed to have any permanent obstructions, we do have ordinances referring to it.

**/COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**/OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**/NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:** Councils Agenda –

**COUNCIL #059- FIRST READING-** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 931.20 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF SANITARY SEWER LATERAL SERVICE LINES AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

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**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

WORKSESSION of Oct. 19, 2021.

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**MAYOR**

*Dennis Bring*

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

*Rick Rosso*