

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
July 26, 2022**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, July 26, 2022.
Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Present: Rosso, Stark, Kovach, Gee, Erdei, Cizl, Wtulich, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves, Service Director Hastings.
Excused: Radeff.
Attending: Citizens, Videographer.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

Worksession - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the July 19, 2022 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

CORRESPONDENCE. None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse. Chairman Wtulich reviewed the minutes of the July 11, 2022 meeting. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **Safety:** None. **/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** None. **/Ordinance:** None. **/Finance:** None. **/Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Representative Gee reviews the minutes of the July 18, 2022 meeting. **/Council Representative to the Park Board:** Representative Kovach reviews the minutes of the July 18, 2022 meeting. **/Representative to the Planning Commission:** Representative Gee reviews the minutes of the July 20, 2022 meeting. **/Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** Representative Erdei reviews the minutes of the July 21, 2022 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring has no report. Councilman Wtulich asks is our exterior maintenance handled by the building inspector? Mayor Bring replies yeah. /

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Service Director Hastings reports the target road list was amended and forwarded to council last week, we included Pleasantview.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/FINANCE**

DIRECTORS REPORT: Finance Director Smith has no report. **/LAW DIRECTORS**

REPORT: Law Director Graves reports on the legislation for the evening. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: Amanda Hamilton, 4623 Lake Rd. states I was employed as a dispatcher here from Feb.-Apr. of this year. During that time, I had 3

dispatch trainers who had nothing but good things to say about me and my work. In April, Chief Kory asked if I would like to work there full time if a spot opened and I told him I would consider it as I work full-time at another police dept. right now. About a week after that the chief showed up at my residence unannounced and fired me with no explanation. When I asked if I had done something wrong, the chief said they were going a different direction and refused to explain. I requested my personnel file in a public records request to try and get some understanding as to what had happened. To my shock, I found a letter from the head dispatch trainer to Chief Kory naming complaints from a fellow dispatcher. It was clear from the letter that the dispatcher did not like me and used her relationship with Chief Kory to get me fired. The summarization the head trainer wrote about me is at best a mischaracterization of me and my work and at some points, based on complete lies. I reached out to Chief Kory and Mayor Bring multiple times, by email and phone to schedule a meeting to discuss all of this and they ignored me. The law director emailed me to schedule a meeting. We met on July 20th at 9am and it lasted about 3 minutes and the mayor told me the meeting was over. During the meeting I asked if they had looked into any of the lies I brought to their attention and they had not. The law director said these were not lies and various employees reported certain things and obviously had a different opinion/interpretation of how things went. I advised these were not my opinions. A dispatcher lied, quoting me on phone calls and there is proof of it. I have the phone calls, but they didn't want to listen. I told the mayor I wanted to fix my personnel files so that it did not have lies in it and he said he wasn't going to sit there and listen to this. I sent another email after I left requesting they listen to the phone calls and investigate the lies. Once again, there has been no response. It is very disheartening that the city I have lived in for 10 years and worked in, is controlled by one person's opinion. I want the situation to be righted. This is especially important due to my ongoing employment with law enforcement in other cities and my future career aspirations.

Law Director Graves states she was a part-time dispatcher on a probationary period, I believe if I'm not mistaken that she worked for the city a total of 9 days. The chief received a number of reports from coworkers that things weren't working out and based on those reports, the chief made the decision to tell her that it wasn't a good fit, and he was terminating her. We did meet with her and she has her interpretation of how things went and the police chief and dispatchers have theirs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

COUNCIL #038-THIRD READING- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE CITY OF AVON LAKE, THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, AND THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD, REGARDING SHARED JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITY FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE OHIO BUILDING CODE FOR PERMITTING AND INSPECTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AFFECTING STRUCTURES CONSTRUCTED OR TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY FORD MOTOR COMPANY WHICH ARE LOCATED IN MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS 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 #44-22

COUNCIL #039- SECOND READING- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF PREMIUM NO LEAD GASOLINE, REGULAR NO LEAD GASOLINE, PREMIUM LOW SULFUR DIESEL FUEL, #304 LIMESTONE, #57 LIMESTONE, #8D LIMESTONE, #8W LIMESTONE, #1 LIMESTONE, CONCRETE PLACEMENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE 2022 SIDEWALK TARGET LIST, AND ASPHALT PLACEMENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE 2022 ROAD SECTIONS TARGET LIST, 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 #45-22

COUNCIL #042-SECOND READING- A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THAT DANIEL PATRICK HASTINGS WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE POSTION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND RETURNING TO WORK IN THE SAME POSITION AND ESTABLISHING THE DATE AND TIME OF A PUBLIC MEETING ON THE ISSUE OF HIS RE-EMPLOYMENT AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

Ordinance Passes #46-22

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:26PM. 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 28, 2022.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring