

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
June 28, 2022**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 28, 2022.
Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

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

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

Worksession- *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE. None.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Bring submitted Thomas Schmidt for the position of Police Sergeant. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to approve the appointment of Thomas Schmidt for the position of Police Sergeant. **ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL:** Wtulich, Radeff, Erdei, Stark, Kovach, Cizl. Yeas all.

Mayor Bring submitted Daniel Ebert for the position of permanent full-time police patrolman. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to approve the appointment of Daniel Ebert for the position of permanent full-time police patrolman. **ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL:** Kovach, Wtulich, Stark, Erdei, Cizl, Radeff. Yeas All.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse. None. **Safety:** None. **/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** None. **/Finance:** Chairman Cizl reviewed the minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Absent. **/Council Representative to the Park Board:** Council Representative Kovach reviewed the minutes of the June 20, 2022 meeting. **/Representative to the Planning Commission:** Excused. **/Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** Council Representative Erdei reviewed the minutes of the June 16, 2022 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring reports Lake Rd. has been paved and they have been filling in some side streets. They still need to do some painting and touch ups. On the new bike path, we put up guardrails at the end of each street, but somebody did get on that path and drove over one of the wooden bridges and broke it. We had a cookout for the seniors yesterday and had about 35-40 attendees, Councilman Erdei was there and helped. It was a lot of fun. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the report.

Yeas all. / **SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Absent. / **FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Finance Director Smith reports this evening you have the 2023 tax budget for your review. It is very lean. Without knowing what is going to happen with the economy, I didn't take any risk. Councilman Erdei asks is the audit done for the year? Finance Director Smith replies no, it's usually 4-5 months. Councilwoman Stark asks did we look at a price hike in rates? I know we are looking at 3-5% possibly. Finance Director Smith replies I'm not really concerned with that right now because almost all of our rates are short term, we only have one long term bond. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All. / **LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves reports the mayor has signed all the documents and the buyer has wired the funds to the title/escrow company and we are on pace to close Thursday on the sale of the bowling alley. Law Director Graves reports on the legislation for the evening. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: *Adriana Gitchel*, 4112 Brockley Ave. states my husband and I have lived here 5 years and just had our second child. About a year ago I reported to the city that the sidewalks are absolutely terrible. I walk everyday and it is a safety hazard that I have to walk in the street with 2 children because the sidewalks are so bad. My father and father in law have both fallen. I was told by the city that if the sidewalk gaps are more than an 1 ¼ in., that it is up to the city, if it is less, then it is up to the home owner. I would like something to be done about it, I am very frustrated. Mayor Bring replies the sidewalks are not the responsibility of the city, but the responsibility of the homeowners. If we start this process, all homeowners are going to be accessed to fix this. I am trying to work out a program to get the most egregious ones. I am trying to see if we can get some kind of a grant to start doing sidewalks. It is a difficult situation. With the economy right now and people not having money, then we assess them to do their sidewalks, it is not going to be a fun thing. I haven't been ignoring it, but it is the homeowner's responsibility. We are trying to do this in the kindest and nicest way. We have a drone that we are going to use to take video of the sidewalks to see them. Ms. Gitchel asks what about the big holes at Apples? Mayor Bring responds we sold the shopping center. Law Director Graves says Apples maintains their own portion, so you would contact them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilman Cizl asks is there an update on the damages on the boat launch? I am amazed at how many people from out of town come, it's great. Mayor Bring replies we are going to post signs as a final warning and if there is anymore vandalism, they will get shut down. Councilman Cizl asks is there a lease of how long we let people use the boat launch for free? Is there a thought of income at some point? Mayor Bring says I think we still have 3-4 years left on the lease, we can not charge during that. Councilman Wtulich asks for open burning, if you think someone is burning something maybe toxic, would you call police or fire? Law Director Graves replies I would start with the police dept. It has to be contained and for cooking purposes.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Radeff says I want to give a shoutout to Ed Honse, he did another skate tournament this weekend with probably 100 people there. He gave away maybe 8 tables worth of skateboard gear.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

COUNCIL #035- SECOND READING- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LORAIN FOR THE TRANSPORT, RECEIPT, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF SANITARY SEWAGE ORIGINATING FROM THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Radeff: Abstains

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl FOR ADOPTION.

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

Radeff: Abstains

Ordinance Passes #36-22

COUNCIL #037- FIRST READING - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE DONATION OF FUNDS FROM VFW POST NO. 8686 AND AMVETS ERIE POST NO. 55 FOR A MILITARY THEMED POLICE CRUISER WRAP FOR THE SHEFFIELD LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL #038-FIRST 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.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:41PM. 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 June 28, 2022.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring