

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
March 14, 2023**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 14, 2023.
Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

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

Present: President Rosso, Stark, Kovach, Gee, Cizl, Wtulich, Mayor Bring, Service Director Hastings, Law Director Graves.
Excused: Radeff, Finance Director Smith.
Attending: Videographer, Members of the Police Dept., citizens.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

CORRESPONDENCE: Monthly report of court receipts for February 2023- \$3,298.00.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse. Chairman Wtulich reviewed the minutes of the March 6, 2023 meeting. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **Safety:** Chairwoman Stark reviewed the minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** None. **/Ordinance:** Excused. **/Finance:** Excused. **/Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Representative Gee reports we celebrated St. Patrick’s Day and we had a great time. Next Monday Brookside high school’s robotics class is coming and doing a performance. The Easter egg hunt is also coming up. **/Council Representative to the Park Board:** None. **/Representative to the Planning Commission:** None. **/Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** N/A.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring reports on March 22nd at the civic center, everyone is invited down to give their opinion/ideas about things to do there. The Easter egg hunt will be April 1st starting at 12pm at the civic center. Councilwoman Gee asks how is the basement coming at the police station? Mayor Bring replies we haven’t done anything yet. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **SERVICE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Service Director Hastings reports construction did start on Alameda today, we started at Richelieu. My office distributed letters to residents from the covered bridge to the community center for notification that we will be on site with engineering to design the connectivity trail. That’s about a \$700,000 project, \$600,000 of which is in grants. The next phase would be from the community center to Harris Rd. and I currently have a grant pending for about a quarter million on that. *Motion by

Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. /**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Finance Director Smith is excused. /**LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves has no report.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

Kayleigh McCoy, 583 Maple Ave says I am a resident and a member of the OPBA. That is what I did. I probably did it in a kind of rash, rushed thought. I agree that I acted a little quickly. The exact words spoken by our mayor on Monday, March 6th while in a meeting with Josh, Lenny's handler, Officer Hendrickson and the OPBA attorney. Those words were spoken while discussing the K9 unit and his knee jerking reaction of terminating the unit, leaving a 2-year-old, fully trained and state certified Lenny, jobless. It is his birthday today by the way. Moments after these words were spoken by our mayor, he agreed that there is a communication issue between his office and the police dept. he agreed to move forward with another discussion to bring Lenny back. A conversation that never happened. You see, Law Director Graves and the mayor never ended up having that conversation, it was supposed to be yesterday. Instead, they had told our attorney that they would have a decision by the end of the day. The end of the day came and went. This morning our attorney reached out. We received an email from Law Director Graves advising that the mayor is sticking with that knee jerking decision to disband the unit citing the cruisers as the reason. That was and still is a cop out. We have 8 functioning and drivable cruisers in the fleet and run on two man shifts 90% of the time. That requires two, sometimes three cruisers on the road per shift. This includes the K9 cruiser that has been utilized from day one on a fulltime basis. The K9 cruiser that is still equipped to house Lenny, and will remain that way. The cruiser that is already paid for, for a dog that is already paid for and certified to work through this great State of Ohio. The cruiser that Josh is still driving. Mayor Bring is saying this wasn't malicious, this wasn't retaliation, but in the next breath says and I quote, "Getting fed up with things." Again, I urge you to look at the patterns, look at the proof that we have provided for you, fight for this and fight for us. We deserve to have a mold and asbestos free dept. We deserve to have our contract followed and abided by. At last Monday's meeting, Law Director Graves said and I quote, "I think there's a path forward." What's the path, more lies, more excuses? Lenny could have been and should have been utilized four times since March 1st. One was newsworthy. Luckily those did not result in injury or worse. Who would have had to answer to that if it would have? Maybe just this thought of mine is just rash or rushed. Or maybe I am right and you all will finally see it for the truth instead of the lies that are still being told over and over again.

President Rosso asks this meeting you spoke of, were you part of that meeting? Mrs. McCoy replies I wasn't, but we have a recording of it. President Rosso asks you have a recording of it? Mrs. McCoy responds yes. President Rosso asks how did you get a recording of it? Mrs. McCoy replies it was recorded, uh my husband was part of the meeting. President Rosso asks and he recorded the meeting? Mrs. McCoy replies yes sir. President Rosso says ok, I just wondered how you had quotes if you didn't attend the meeting.

Rick Schaffer, 635 Hollywood Ave. says I have a question about the school on Tennyson. Is there any law or anything that says how much trash the school can put out

and how big of receptacles they have to have? It always seems like they have a half dozen receptacles on the southeast corner and they are almost always laying on their sides with trash everywhere. President Rosso asks the concern is the cans are falling over and the trash is going everywhere? Mr. Schaffer replies everywhere. Mayor Bring says I will drive by and check it out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

COUNCIL #010- SECOND READING- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO SELL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT OWNED BY THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE WHICH ARE OBSOLETE, NOT NEEDED OR UNFIT FOR PUBLIC USE 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. Yeas All

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for ADOPTION.

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

Ordinance Passes #14-23

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 7:22 PM. 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 March 14, 2023.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring