

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
January 10, 2023**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

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

Present: President Rosso, Radeff, Kovach, Gee, Cizl, Wtulich, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Service Director Hastings, Law Director Graves.
Excused: Erdei, Stark.
Attending: Videographer, Chief Novak, Lt. Davis, ZBA Chairman Romolo DeBottis.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2022 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

CORRESPONDENCE. Monthly report of court receipts December 2022- \$2,190.42

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Bring submits Kelsey Leftwich for the position of Animal Control Officer. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the appointment.

ROLL CALL: Cizl, Wtulich, Kovach, Gee, Radeff. Yeas All. Mayor Bring submits Christopher Rewak for the position of member of the Civil Service Commission.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the appointment. **ROLL CALL:** Gee,

Kovach, Wtulich, Cizl, Radeff. Yeas All. Fire Chief Novak and Lt. Davis give a presentation on the purchase of 2 new Sea-Doo's for the fire dept. with the following key highlights: Chief Novak states since 2017, the fire dept. has responded to 15 water emergencies. These personal watercrafts would give us the capability to launch in all types of conditions given their stable platform. The main focus behind the project is speed and ease of deployment. To accomplish this, they would be stored at the boat launch in the Northwest corner of the pier. Our launch goal is between 5-10 minutes. They will be stored in a caged area that is secure and monitored by cameras.

Installation of this will be done by members of the fire dept. There will be a 1-day rescue course taking place in mid to late May. I invited the police dept. to take part as well. Each watercraft will have rescue boards, exposure suits and a GPS locator on the life vests. We plan on getting these watercrafts in late March. We will install davit lifts at the boat launch that will allow us to lift the jet skis up and traverse out over the water and lower the jet skis in. Lt. Davis says it is done with a manual crank or drill, we do not need power down there. In the winter, everything will be removed except the cage. Councilman Radeff asks the money being used for this is what is left out of your individual budget, correct? Chief Novak replies yes, it came out of the equipment fund line item, no additional appropriations. We are a lakefront community and I think we need to have something. Councilman Cizl asks what is the advantage of having it stored at the boat launch as opposed to having it on a trailer and taking it with you down there? Chief Novak responds time. We won't have to hook up a trailer, get it there, clear out the boat launch to back it in, etc. Councilman Radeff asks any idea how long it would take to get from there to the edge (east/west) side of the city? Lt. Davis replies

pretty quick, a few minutes. Also, these are capable of having GPS and a screen right on them where you could put coordinates in and follow it like a map. With the new radio system we have, these Sea Doo's have stereo systems on them that will Bluetooth right in, they are waterproof. Councilman Cizl asks are there other cities along the lake using jet skis with the launchers? Chief Novak replies Avon Lake has jet skis, but not the launchers, theirs are on trailers. Councilman Cizl asks what about the batteries? If there is no power there, what if the battery dies? Mayor Bring replies we have 50 batteries. Lt. Davis replies we also will be doing weekly checks.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse. Chairman Wtulich reviewed the minutes of the Jan. 9, 2023 meeting. *Motion by Wtulich/Second by Kovach to accept the sewer credit of \$1,386.23 at 5248 Edgewater Dr. Yeas All. *Motion by Wtulich/Second by Kovach to accept the sewer credit of \$62.76 at 3671 Lake Rd. Yeas All. *Motion by Wtulich/Second by Kovach to accept the sewer credit of \$26.15 at 884 Mansfield St. Yeas All. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **Safety:** Excused. **/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** Chairman Wtulich reviews the minutes of the Jan. 3, 2023 meeting. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Ordinance:** Chairman Radeff reviews the minutes of the Jan. 3, 2023 meeting. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Finance:** None. **/Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Representative Gee states Monday morning coffee will not happen next week because of MLK day or the week after because the seniors are going to the college. **/Council Representative to the Park Board:** Representative Kovach reviewed the minutes of the Dec. 19, 2023 meeting. **/Representative to the Planning Commission:** None. **/Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** President Rosso reviewed the minutes of the Dec. 22, 2023 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring reports we had a meeting with Ford and I will give a report on that at the next council meeting. There are still a few things that have to be accomplished. With the Office on Aging leaving the civic center, we have been talking about adding additional programs there. I want to mention that over the holiday, Mr. Hastings had 77 phone calls and when he got back, he had 18 voicemails. We are going to be updating the website to reflect the appropriate number to call. I ask that the council members do not call and email for updates. Sometimes it takes a day or two to get through everything. Please let these people call the city directly so we don't go back and forth and confuse things. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Service Director Hastings has no report. **FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Finance Director Smith reports attached tonight is the December 2022 balancing report and I will have appropriations for the finance meeting Tuesday. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **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: Romolo DeBottis, 868 Lake Breeze Rd. asks what's the process with the jet skis after a call comes in? Mayor Bring replies it comes in as a 911 call and is treated as such. When that happens, usually everyone along the lakefront is alerted and helps, mutual aid. Law Director Graves states our safety services use Lexipol which is a national service that provides model policies. As we get further along in the process, we will be implementing various policies for the use of the watercraft. Mr. DeBottis asks how many people will be trained in it? Mayor Bring responds we don't know yet. Anyone in the fire dept. that wants to be and we will offer it to the police. Mr. DeBottis asks will we always have someone here on a shift to go? Mayor Bring says there will be a call out, so they would bring in another shift or mutual aid. It won't be any different then what they do now. Mr. DeBottis asks when we offer something of that magnitude and say we can't get to it, does it open the city up to liability? Mayor Bring replies no.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

COUNCIL #01- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECODIFICATION, EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES 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, Wtulich, Kovach, Gee, Radeff. Yeas All.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

Ordinance Passes #1-23

COUNCIL #02- FIRST READING-AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL (FOP/OLC), AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

Ordinance Passes #2-23

COUNCIL #03- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE POSITION OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

Ordinance Passes #3-23

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to adjourn at 7:53 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 January 10, 2023.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring