

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
June 13, 2023**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 23, 2023.
Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Present: President Rosso, Stark, Radeff, Kovach, Gee, Cizl, Wtulich, Shaw, Mayor Bring, Law Director Graves, Finance Director Smith.
Excused: Service Director Hastings.
Attending: Videographer, media, citizens.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the May 23, 2023 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

CORRESPONDENCE: Monthly report of court receipts for May 2023 - \$2,286.03.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse. Chairman Wtulich reviews the minutes of the June 5, 2023 meeting. *Motion by Wtulich/Second by Kovach to approve the sewer credit of \$491.36 at 214 Mariner’s Way. Yeas All. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Safety:** Chairwoman Stark reviews the minutes of the June 7, 2023 meeting. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** *Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Ordinance:** *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Finance:** None. **/Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Representative Gee reports mind challenge has ended for the year. We had our Father’s Day pizza party last Monday. We would like to thank Doughboy’s for opening early and making pizza. The summer arts and crafts started last Monday and we will all be invited for the art show in July when they complete the program. **/Council Representative to the Park Board:** None. **/Representative to the Planning Commission:** None. **/Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring reports the people on Lafayette that came in complaining about the water issue, I spoke with Mr. Hastings about it and the piping across the street was setup so that we could cut the road and take a pipe all the way across and we are going to do that in several sections. The people on Lake Rd., the problem there is the sidewalk is in the way as well as the driveway. We are trying to figure something out for them. We are still waiting for the sea doo davits, the ones we got were defective and new ones are on the way. The sea doos are on the trailer and can still be used. Mr. Hastings applied for a safety grant and was awarded \$1.5 million for the city. It will be for Lake Rd. safety, traffic lights, etc. This puts us at over \$28

million dollars in the last 7 years in projects and grants. Councilwoman Gee asks when can the money from the grant that just came through be used? Mayor Bring replies not until 2026. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Service Director Hastings is excused.

/FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: Finance Director Smith reports I am currently working with the state auditors on the 2022 audit. I'm also working on the 2024 tax budget which I will have a copy to council the last meeting this month and we will need to pass that the first council meeting in July to have it at the county in time. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. ***/LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:***

Law Director Graves has no report.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

Romolo DeBottis, 868 Lake Breeze Rd. says I would like to make a special request for council to post the ordinance/rules that targets specific people/groups not allowing them to use Joyce Hanks Community Center. I request this because if there is an ordinance or rule specifically that applies to what I just handed out, I would like it to be posted in an inconspicuous place at the community center. That way anyone that wants to speak to seniors during Monday morning coffee, knows who can and cannot do this. Tami Asire, 648 Maplewood Ave. says it's been a long time since we have had a mayor's race that has run contested and I think that the citizens and voters of the city deserve every opportunity to hear from both candidates and ask them questions and get answers. I request they seriously consider having a debate before the November election.

Larry Cooper, 542 West Shore Blvd. says at the boat launch, I saw a boat coming in and on the launch side he was taking his boat out of the water. If you are on that side, you don't see a sign that says which side is launch and which side is not. Is there a way we can get a sign put up there? Is there a law that states if they violate the launching, etc.? There was almost a fight down there. I was about to call the police to figure out what to do. Mayor Bring says we had a sign and arrows and the guys still violated it and didn't follow the rules. We did have a discussion and we did try to enforce it, but it didn't work. I don't think there is any technical law that says one way is in and one is out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilwoman Gee says considering the handout was from my personal facebook page, I would like to comment. The senior Monday morning coffee uses the Joyce Hanks Community Center as their venue, same as the boy scouts, girl scouts, etc. The Monday morning coffee is not run by the City of Sheffield Lake. I have hosted it ever since we created it in 2016. The original members, some of which are in the audience tonight, will remember at the first meeting we set guidelines. They were afraid because I was a politician that it would be used for campaigning. At that point, the original group agreed that if somebody already holds an office in the city or county, they can come and speak. Someone running for office, could not. I have respected the seniors that decided those facts and I have done my best to keep that. Once again, the Joyce Hanks Community Center is only the venue.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council #024- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL 2355 OF THE

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, O.A.P.F., AFL-CIO, 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, Stark, Radeff, Shaw. Yeas All.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

Ordinance Passes #24-23

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 7:27 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 June 13, 2023.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring