

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
June 27, 2023**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 27, 2023.
Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

Work Session – *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Bring submitted Amanda Harrett for the position of Community Center Rental Manager. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the appointment. ROLL CALL: Radeff, Wtulich, Stark, Shaw, Kovach, Gee. Yeas All. Mayor Bring submitted Brandon Brooks for the position of Police Sergeant. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the appointment. ROLL CALL: Stark, Kovach, Wtulich, Gee, Shaw, Radeff. Yeas All.

Chief Kory states with the solar eclipse approaching, we are looking at having approximately 1 million people in Lorain County on April 8, 2024 and the week leading up to it. Surrounding cities are already planning events, etc. We have started organizing our forces and getting a plan in place. We have reached out to the coast guard to try to get an extra boat for the lakefront and are waiting to hear back. We probably won't be able to respond with our jet skis that week as our resources will be tied up on the land. We are expecting most of the 1 million people to come to the lakefront. We will be all hands-on deck that day. Parking and traffic flow will be a mess. President Rosso asks do you need any action from council at this point to help you? Chief Kory replies I have been coordinating with the mayor and Mr. Hastings. I just wanted to make you aware of it. Mayor Bring says we have been having meetings and have been talking about our parks and the boat launch. With it being April, we aren't too keen on opening the boat launch with the water being so cold and we also probably won't have our ramps in yet. We have discussed putting a fire truck and ambulance there and Shell Cove Park. We are going to contact local businesses and see if we can have a meeting on how to proceed and get their thoughts. This may be a three day event. I believe Avon Lake is charging to stay. Chief Kory says they are doing a minimum three days I believe and \$150 a night for camping spots. Mayor Bring says part of that money if we do something like that, we will put back into the safety forces.

The amount of money we are going to use during this time is going to be substantial for overtime, etc. If anyone has questions or ideas, let the chief know. The chief has asked about moving forward with a city committee, but I think we are gonna hold off on that for a little bit. We are probably going to use the fire station to have some food, water, etc. The biggest problem we foresee is if somebody has a heart attack or medical issue, is how we are going to get from point a to point b. We are also concerned about overnight campers and alcohol in the parks which we can't allow. There is a whole list of things to go over. We will have a city committee, but I think we need to do some more on our end first. Councilman Wtulich asks all the people are coming to see the eclipse over the lake, is that the only place you can see it? Chief Kory replies historically the lakefront has been the clearest weather and Avon Lake is the best spot in the world to see it. Councilman Shaw asks compared to the other cities, where are we in preparedness versus them? Chief Kory responds Avon Lake has concerts planned, Bay Village has ordered a bunch of stuff as well as other cities. We have just started in our planning phase, but will get caught up quickly. Councilman Shaw asks have you reached out to any other agencies for mutual aid? I know the mayor said he wanted to put fire trucks at the parks and dock, but to me it makes more sense to put salt trucks and dump trucks there than our safety resources. Chief Kory replies in talking to the fire chief, he thinks it is best to set some of our units on this side of the city and some on the other side. Councilman Shaw asks so they are not there to block, they are there to respond? Chief Kory replies yes, they are staging points so we can deploy resources more effectively. Councilwoman Gee says the total eclipse April 8, 2024 is at 1:58pm. The last total solar eclipse seen in the State of Ohio was in 1806 and the next one will be in 2099. The best possible place to see this one is in Avon Lake. Businesses in Sheffield Lake should really consider what they should do to make some money. This is a chance that we won't see again for years.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None. **/Safety:** None. **/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** None. **Ordinance:** Chairman Radeff states just a reminder that the meeting is at 6:25pm due to the holiday, therefore we had to move it to a different date and time. **/Finance:** President Rosso reviews the minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Representative Gee reports this is the 7th year of the children's arts and crafts. We are inviting everyone to the art show which is July 24th at 6:30pm. The arts and crafts also ends that day. Last week we had the Western Reserve Agency on Aging come in. Next Monday we are having our 4th of July BBQ with Mayor Bring cooking. Representative Gee gives the schedule of meetings. **/Council Representative to the Park Board:** Representative Kovach says I would like to commend the mayor and service dept. on the job with the community garden. **/Representative to the Planning Commission:** None. **/Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** Council Representative Shaw reviews the minutes of the June 22, 2023 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring reports we had a distress call today involving a boat. The Sea Doo's were activated and fortunately the boat seemed to get out of trouble. It was nice to see the program work well. The davits should be back soon and in. Avon Lake is now interested in doing what we did. We are addressing the water situation and putting in a picnic table at the community gardens. The crosswalk still needs put in and the flashing signs are on order. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Bring reports we did get in our new zero turn. We also brought in a part timer for the summer so that gives us a committee of 3. For such a small group, they do a heck of a job for this city, just look at the parks. I really want to commend them. Councilman Shaw asks any word on patching the potholes at Mariner's Watch development? Mayor Bring replies I told the service director and he said he will get to it as soon as he can. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Finance Director Smith reports in the packet tonight is the May balancing report as well as the 2024 tax budget. I ask that we have an ordinance for July 10th to pass this. You also have Council #026 tonight which are appropriations. *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 address the minibike ordinance. I've lived here almost 40 years and was thinking about the last time I saw a minibike going up and down the street and I couldn't bring nay to mind. The last two months I have seen several. An issue I have as a home owner and driver in this city is the standard size of a minibike is 18in, the height, and it seems most the people driving them are 9-11 year olds. From their buttocks to top of the head is about 28in. So, at that point we have 46in., a person sitting on a minibike from top to bottom. My F-250 from the floor to the top of the hood where my vision can see, is 55in. If one of those jumped out in front of me or someone else, we will never see them before it's too late. The other day me and the wife were walking on Sheffield and I would say the minibike there was doing about 35-40mph with a 9-10 year old on it. He didn't see us walking the dogs and had to do everything he could to stop when he saw us. He was fully prepared to blow the stop sign. I would like to get these off the streets. On Memorial Day weekend, we had someone and their daughter on one for an hour up and down the full length of Lake Breeze. The majority of them do not wear helmets. President Rosso says when you see them, please call the police dept.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilwoman Stark says there is an election on August 8th. If you need to register, you have less than a week. Also, you have less than 2 months to register to vote for the mayor's race in November. Councilman Shaw says I would like to discuss possibly at work session, creating some sort of economic development committee within the city. Our biggest resource is the lake and we don't capitalize on it at all. We don't have a city center, etc. We should do our best to bring in businesses and income for the city. President Rosso says we will add it to work session.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

COUNCIL #025- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR THE SALE OF TWO VACANT LOTS KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 03-00-038-120-017 AND 03-00-038-120-018 LOCATED ON MAPLEWOOD AVENUE AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL #026- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, INCREASE, AND/OR DECREASE OF CERTAIN FUNDS WITHIN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE CITY 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: Wtulich, Radeff, Stark, Gee, Kovach, Shaw. Yeas All.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

Ordinance Passes #25-23

Councilman Radeff says Sheffield/Sheffield Lake youth baseball is doing adaptive league for kids with special needs. The first game is this week. Gary Tollett has agreed to bring the radio station in to announce. The game is at 4 and then another one right after. President Rosso asks that's Sunday, right? And every Sunday for like 5 weeks? Councilman Radeff replies yes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 7:47 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 27, 2023.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Rick Rosso

MAYOR
Dennis Bring