

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
August 15, 2023**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, August 15, 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, Service Director Hastings.

Excused: None

Attending: Citizens, videographer.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

**Council** - \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the July 25, 2023 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Monthly report of court receipts for July 2023- \$2,381.00.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Bring submitted Ryan Keely for the position of member of the Park Board Committee. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the appointment. ROLL CALL: Gee, Kovach, Wtulich, Stark, Cizl, Shaw, Radeff. Yeas All.

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**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse:** None. **/Safety:** None. **/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** None. **/Ordinance:** None. **/Finance:** None. **/Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Representative Gee reviewed the minutes of the July 31, 2023 meeting. **/Council Representative to the Park Board:** None. **/Representative to the Planning Commission:** None. **/Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** Representative Shaw reviewed the minutes of the July 27, 2023 meeting.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**MAYOR/SAFETY:** Mayor Bring reports with the storybook trail damage, one of our officers did have a juvenile admit that he did break 3 of them. His reasoning was because he came for a bad home. It's very frustrating and I want to thank them for catching that young man. At Risko's, an ATM was stolen and they did catch the gentleman, he is a local resident. We put new cameras up at Ferndale Park and they have color for night time. That should help out a lot. The garden center had someone do a little bit of damage and I talked to the chief and he said he will do more patrols. The women have put a tremendous amount of effort into that and it would be a shame for someone to ruin it. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Service Director Hastings reports on the Ohio Public Works Commission legislation I had applied for NOACA federal funds for that, but because it is so short, it did not make their tip agenda. We are pursuing it through

OPWC and would mark the final chapter in the administration's replacement of all public streets into and out of Sheffield Lake. We do have a sink hole at Tennyson school which is scheduled for repair on Friday. Also, I was approached by some representatives from the 103<sup>rd</sup> OVI and they were able to find some language in their archives where they worked with the Village of Sheffield Lake to turn over their water system to the city. It was always my understanding that was a private water line, but there is some language that suggests both the village council and OVI were working towards an easement. I am working with the law director to research that. Councilman Wtulich asks do we have any plans to replace the ropes at the boat launch? Service Director Hastings replies we haven't found a product that can survive the winter. That rope is very expensive and fails pretty quick. We tried cable once and it didn't work. I can revisit it and research it. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. /**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT**: Finance Director Smith reports in the packet are the June and July balancing reports as well as two appropriation ordinances. The second one is for our new HR consultant. Law Director Graves states as part of the settlement of the claims brought on in regard to the former police chief, the city is required to do a number of things. Hiring an HR consultant is one of those. Councilman Radeff asks what are their duties? Do we just contact them when things come up or are needed? Law Director Graves replies they will come on as an independent contractor and assist with updating policies, creating the EEO outside officer representative, conduct citywide training, provide a hotline for claims of discrimination, etc. Councilman Wtulich asks they wouldn't be handling grievances, etc.? Law Director Graves responds no, this is in regard to allegations of discrimination. Councilman Kovach asks will this be permanent? Law Director Graves replies it will be on an ongoing basis. The contract provides that we can terminate the contract at any time with 30 days' notice. Councilwoman Gee asks is the \$20,000 for the full 3 years or per year? Law Director Graves replies that will more than cover the services they will provide that we are required to do by the end of the year. It is on an as needed basis beyond that at a much lesser cost. \*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:**

Carrie Kress, 4865 Ivanhoe Ave says I'm a little disheveled by what I saw August 11<sup>th</sup> at the boat launch. There was a search and rescue that was called out that evening. Four officers from the fire dept. went to the boat launch to the cage and unfortunately it was during a very severe lightening storm. Those four officers were stuck in that cage. My question is do we have any policies and procedures for what our first responders should be doing or they shouldn't be doing? When they are called out, who is the person that makes that call? Because quite frankly, putting four lives in jeopardy is nothing that I don't think any of us want to see. Thank you.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to amend the agenda to include Council #036. ROLL CALL: Radeff, Wtulich, Stark, Kovach, Gee, Shaw, Cizl. Yeas All.

Mayor Bring states this morning I met the owners of the old Abbe Rd. Lumbar and a gentleman that wants to put a business up there. They want to put a distillery into the building that is still existing. Concrete and More owns the property and building, Skip and Deanna and I would like to comment that they have done a fantastic job cleaning up that whole area. It's been so nice to work with them and they have put a ton of effort into it. It is zoned industrial and for what he wants to put in there, that's fine. I'm pleased someone wants to come in and do something.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**COUNCIL #032- FIRST READING-** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE LORAIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

**COUNCIL #033- FIRST READING-** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PRESENT AN APPLICATION FOR ROUND 38 OF THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO'S PROJECTS AND SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF SUCH APPLICATION 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, Kovach, Gee, Shaw, Cizl. Yeas All.

#### ***Resolution Passes #32-23***

**COUNCIL #034- 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, Stark, Wtulich, Kovach, Shaw, Gee, Radeff. Yeas All.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

#### ***Ordinance Passes #33-23***

**COUNCIL #035- 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: Kovach, Cizl, Gee, Wtulich, Stark, Radeff, Shaw. Yeas All.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

#### ***Ordinance Passes #34-23***

**COUNCIL #036- 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.

Councilman Shaw says I think there is more we should know about this before we consider passing it or declaring an emergency on that. A contract would be nice, the total of 3-year cost, name of the company. \$20,000 for this year is a lot of money for an hr firm that sounds like it's going to be a line for employees to call. We need to look into this and receive a copy of the contract, etc.

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

Nays: Shaw

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

Nays: Shaw

***Ordinance Passes #35-23***

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 7:32 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.

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**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 August 15, 2023.

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**  
*Rick Rosso*

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**MAYOR**  
*Dennis Bring*