

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
February 27, 2024**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Present: President Rosso, Stark, Kovach, Gee, Cizl, Wtulich, DeBottis, Petrucci, Mayor Radeff, Finance Director Fallis, Law Director Graves, 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 February 13, 2024 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

Worksession- *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2024 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Radeff presents a proclamation to Brookside High School stating February 27, 2024 is hereby Brookside Cardinal Championship Day of Sheffield Lake Ohio.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: /Safety: /Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: /Ordinance: /Finance: Chairman Cizl reviews the minutes of the February 20, 2024 meeting. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. **/Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Representative Gee reports this coming Monday the fire chief and police chief will be at the center for Monday morning coffee. It is open to all residents, not just 50 and over, because they will be discussing the eclipse. Also, the east door going outside seems to not be closing tight enough unless it's slammed. **/Council Representative to the Park Board:** Representative Kovach reviewed the minutes of the February 19, 2024 meeting. **/Representative to the Planning Commission:** Representative Gee reviewed the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting. **/Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** Representative DeBottis reviewed the minutes of the February 15, 2024 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Radeff reports with the master plan survey, we have over 300 submitted, but I would love to get 1,000+. The results so far have been pretty positive. I will have more appointments for open boards at the next meeting. I met with EMA regional and the county director about the eclipse. They indicated the original

estimates were about 300,000 people and now the estimate is about 100,000. They said there will be a causality and hazmat trailer placed in Avon. They estimate the zones with the most people will be Cleveland and Norwalk. With the community gardens, I did meet with Terri McDaniel and Paul Brown. They brought some good ideas and thoughts like helping kids learn how to grow, etc. They have agreed to help spearhead the gardens going forward. We put together a new form that I will be releasing in the next couple days for people to fill out and return. It is first come, first served.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. / **SERVICE**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Service Director Hastings reports with the community gardens, some latest developments are to potentially change the spot from Ferndale to Freedom. With that, we would pursue security cameras. Ferndale has a huge following of youth for the skate park and the storybook trail, so parking is already at a limit. Also, with the lead requirements from the Ohio EPA, all lead service lines on both the city side and the homeowner's side need identified. I got a grant with ARCAP and they are helping us put out literature. I strongly request and would be grateful if homeowners participated in that so we remain compliant. Councilman Kovach says the family that donated the binocular assemblies at the parks had requested replacement of the signs that had faded and as I understand, they have been replaced, but I am wondering if they have been installed. Service Director Hastings replies they have not, because we are considering painting them. It is on the near agenda. Councilwoman Gee says I received an email about concerns on sidewalks; 280 Buckeye Dr. and 4963 Lake Rd. I told him to reach out to you. Service Director Hastings replies I have the data and we have done about \$200,000 in sidewalks and will be bidding out more this year. Councilwoman Gee says a Linda Hogan reached out about flooding on Belle and they are still trying to get assistance because I guess there's still water in furnace grates. Service Director Hastings replies there are some grants available, but there is certain criteria.

Councilwoman Gee says I told them to reach out to you. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. / **FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Finance Director Fallis reports we will be renewing/reviewing our city insurance with Custis Insurance. They will give us some quotes and we will find what the optimal premium would be for that. Also, they informed me that they do not cover cyber insurance. That is a specific insurance product. President Rosso states the amended appropriations that were sent out for tonight have been pulled. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. / **LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Law Director Graves reports on the Harbor Woods development referral from the Planning Commission and the process going forward. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: *Altha Schellenberg, 686 Rowellyn Ave.* says one thing I have a problem with and I think a lot of people who are senior citizens do, each and everyone of you except one person, you talk so fast we can't understand what you are reading, or you mumble. I'm asking could you enunciate and maybe speak up a little bit? It would really be appreciated. Especially I've noticed, if you are reading something you obviously have not read before, you're reading along and all of a sudden you pause and then keep reading. If you can, please try to read what you have to read ahead of time so it's not a shock to everybody.

Tammy Asire, 648 Maplewood says over the past several months there have been discussions about loose dogs and people not controlling their dogs. In the last day or

two over on Lincoln Trail there is a gentleman, it seems to be one in particular, who has a dog not necessarily leashed, not under control when the leash is attached and has approached more than one dog. It's a little dog. Today it was lucky that my dog was terrified and froze when this dog jumped on it. The issue has become that if anyone says anything to this individual, apparently he likes to get in your face. I know there are ordinances and there have been discussions, can we please issue citations and get their attention? President Rosso asks did you call the police? Ms. Asire replies I did not. President Rosso replies if people don't call the police to let them know there is a problem, the odds of them walking down the bike path at that specific time is nonexistent. If you run into an issue with a loose dog or obnoxious resident, you have to call the police so it's on record there is a problem.

Deanna Leitner, 168 Fairfield Rd. says I have emailed most of you about the registered sex offender living at 410 Abbe Rd. The issue is that it is Res Care and it's not a residential treatment center, it's a group home. The sex offender has severe mental health issues that would be a NORD facility, he is not intellectually disabled. I went to the meetings in 2020 where Mike Cloud said we wouldn't change it to people with problems with drugs or alcohol would move in, but now it's allowing sex offenders. David did email me the Sheffield Lake ordinances and I think some of the 13 sex offenders here are within 1,000ft. of parks. How can we extend that more than 1,000? President Rosso replies you have to look at how long they have been in their residence. When we first passed that legislation, people already owned homes for years and we grandfathered them in. Mrs. Leitner states my biggest issue is this is a residential home for the most vulnerable and they are not being protected right now. Law Director Graves says I get a report every month that lists all the registered sex offenders in Sheffield Lake. We keep a very close eye on that and our ordinances are actually significantly more restrictive than the state code. Mrs. Leitner says but there is a registered sex offender living in a res care home, I don't know how that got through. Law Director Graves replies it is a group home for adults with developmental disabilities, that's how it's classified. That is governed by the Ohio Dept. of Developmental Disabilities and they have to be deemed of those conditions to reside there. We really don't have anything to do with that.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: President Rosso says here is where we have the PRD information that Planning Commission referred to council. Law Director Graves says this is going to be a very lengthy process over the next several months and this is the first step, the concept plan. It went to planning commission and they gave their approval, now it comes to council and we have to schedule a public hearing and decide whether council wants to approve the concept plan and move onto the next step. Councilman DeBottis says the Sheffield Village Lion's Club is going to hold their annual pancake breakfast Sunday, April 21st from 9am-1pm at Brookside High School and tickets are \$5 each. President Rosso says the public hearings for the PRD will be on April 9th, one at 6:40 and one at 6:45.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

COUNCIL #006- SECOND READING- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO

PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) TO ACCEPT NOPEC 2024 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FUNDS AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL #007- SECOND READING- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 159 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD.

COUNCIL #008- FIRST READING- A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MAYOR ROCKY RADEFF AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DISTRICT 9 INTEGRATING COMMITTEE AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL #009- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1109.10 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE REGARDING PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL #010- 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 Wtulich FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION: Cizl, Petrucci, Stark, Wtulich, Kovach, DeBottis.

Nay-Gee

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Kovach, Stark, Wtulich,, Cizl, DeBottis, Petrucci.

Nay-Gee

Ordinance Passes #6-24

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 7:50 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 February 27, 2024.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Rocky Radeff