

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
March 12, 2024**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 12, 2024.
Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 27,
2024 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

CORRESPONDENCE: Monthly report of court receipts February 2024- \$3,597.31.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Radeff submits Alyssa Allison for the position of
Member of the Community Center Board of Trustees. *Motion by Gee/Second by
Wtulich to accept the appointment. **ROLL CALL:** Kovach, Cizl, Gee, Wtulich, Stark,
DeBottis, Petrucci. Yeas All. Mayor Radeff submits Robert Hutchinson for position of
Member of the Dangerous Buildings Board of Appeal (Demolition Board). *Motion by
Kovach/Second by Cizl to approve the appointment. **ROLL CALL:** Wtulich, Kovach,
Petrucci, Stark, Gee, DeBottis, Cizl. Yeas All. Mayor Radeff submits Drew Leonard for
position of Member of the Dangerous Buildings Board of Appeal (Demolition Board).
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to approve the appointment. **ROLL CALL:** Cizl,
Petrucci, Stark, Wtulich, Kovach, DeBottis, Gee. Yeas All. Mayor Radeff submits
Edith Raible for the position of Member of the Community Reinvestment Area
Housing Board. *Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to approve the appointment. **ROLL
CALL:** Kovach, Cizl, Gee, Wtulich, Stark, DeBottis, Petrucci. Yeas All. Mayor Radeff
to submit Stephen Witt for the position of Member of the Community Reinvestment
Area Housing Board. *Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to approve the appointment.
ROLL CALL: Wtulich, Kovach, Petrucci, Stark, Gee, DeBottis, Cizl. Yeas All. Mayor
Radeff submits Randy Springborn for the position of Member of the Planning
Commission. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to approve the appointment.
ROLL CALL: Cizl, Petrucci, Stark, Wtulich, Kovach, DeBottis. Nays-Gee. Mayor
Radeff submits Ernest Sivert Jr. for position of part-time police detective. **ROLL
CALL:** Kovach, Cizl, Gee, Wtulich, Stark, DeBottis, Petrucci. Yeas All. Mayor Radeff
submits Keith Pool for the position of part-time police patrolman. **ROLL CALL:**
Wtulich, Kovach, Petrucci, Stark, Gee, DeBottis, Cizl. Yeas All.

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CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: Chairman Wtulich reviews the minutes of the March 4, 2024 meeting. *Motion by Wtulich/Second by Kovach to accept the sewer credit at 725 Irving Park Blvd. for \$50.40. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Safety:** Chairwoman Stark reviews the minutes of the March 6, 2024 meeting. Councilman Wtulich asks we hired Det. Sivert, do we have anyone else in the detective bureau? Mayor Radeff replies yes, Roger Watkins is going to step in. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** Chairman Wtulich reviews the minutes of the March 5, 2024 meeting. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. **/Ordinance:** Chairman Cizl reviews the minutes of the March 5, 2024 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 reports there will not be Monday morning coffee on the 18th because of election day the next day. Also, the day of the eclipse there will not be Monday morning coffee. **/Council Representative to the Park Board:** Councilman Kovach asks where are we at as far as moving the gardens? Service Director Hastings replies we have consolidated and removed most of the materials. They started at Freedom Park today and then we will move onto Gary Green. **/Representative to the Planning Commission:** None. **/Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Radeff reports we have 370 entries on the master plan survey right now. I will keep it open until the end of the month. We met with Lorain City Port Authority about the PACE program. You can get really low interest loans for anything that’s going to improve energy efficiency. You can have the loan open up to 20 years. I know we were looking to maybe use it for replacing the roof at the community center. We have to start with a small project to create the program and then pass some legislation. I will hopefully have two full-time officers to appoint at the next meeting. The last thing is the basement is down now. President Rosso asks hiring these two officers will take them to a full staff? Mayor Radeff replies no, we will need one more because Brooks is leaving and Officer Baker did not accept the full-time position. Councilwoman Stark asks the mayor has been putting up a video on the Facebook page, is that something you will be doing on a monthly basis? Mayor Radeff replies yes, and I am trying to put them on the website as well. Councilwoman Gee asks any news on a new possible dispatcher? Mayor Radeff replies we have 1-2 applications. Councilman Kovach asks I see you put on the website applying for/resumes for position of Recreation Director, have you gotten that advertised anywhere else? Mayor Radeff replies it is on the website and Facebook. I’ve already received three resumes. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/ SERVICE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Service Director Hastings has no report. Councilwoman Gee says I was notified that some of our park’s employees were working over at Sheffield Village in the baseball field. Did you know of any of this? Service Director Hastings replies there was a donation of some blocks for the community garden and I sent city crews over there for the donation. Councilman Kovach asks there is gonna be a small charge to be

in the gardens this year? Mayor Radeff replies no, the previous agreement had that there would be a charge the second year, but I'm not doing that. Maybe in the future, but not right now. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Finance Director Fallis reports our cash balance in our Huntington account agree with our balances on our books as of Feb. 29th. We reconciled to the penny. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves reports with Sgt. Brooks leaving, the civil service commission will be moving forward with conducting a promotional test. Law Director Graves goes over the legislation for the night. Councilman DeBottis asks on Council #013; do we pay for the special prosecutor? Law Director Graves replies yes, we do. Councilman DeBottis asks how much would that be? Law Director Graves replies \$175 per hour. Short discussion about road vacation. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: *Motion by Gee/Second by Wtulich to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for the discussion of dismissal of a public employee.

ROLL CALL: Kovach, Cizl, Gee, Stark, Wtulich, DeBottis, Petrucci. Yeas All.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to go back into REGULAR SESSION.

ROLL CALL: Kovach, Cizl, Gee, Stark, Wtulich, DeBottis, Petrucci. Yeas All.

Law Director Graves states let the record reflect the City Council of Sheffield Lake did adjourn into EXECUTIVE SESSION for the discussion of the dismissal of a public employee pursuant to the state open meetings laws.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

COUNCIL #006- THIRD 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.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich FOR ADOPTION.

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

Ordinance Passes #7-24

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

Nays- Gee, DeBottis.

Ordinance Passes #8-24

COUNCIL #008- SECOND 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- SECOND 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 #011- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE VACATING PORTIONS OF PARKVIEW DRIVE, IVANHOE AVENUE AND FERNDALE AVENUE AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL #012- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1395.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF THE EXTERIOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL #013- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ATTORNEY JOHN REULBACH AS SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROSECUTING A CASE AGAINST A FORMER EMPLOYEE AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

Ordinance Passes #9-24

COUNCIL #014- FIRST READING- A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF SUBMERGED LANDS FOR PROPOSED SHORE STRUCTURES AT 5435 EAST LAKE ROAD, SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

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

Resolution Passes #10-24

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 8:12 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 March 12, 2024.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Rocky Radeff