

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
November 26, 2024**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, November 26, 2024. Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

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

Present: President Rosso, Stark, Kovach, Gee, Cizl, Wtulich, DeBottis, Petrucci, Mayor Radeff, Finance Director Rummel, Service Director Hastings, Law Director Graves.

Excused: None

Attending Chief Kory, videographer, citizens.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2024 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

Work Session - *Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2024 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Radeff submits Christopher Ferenzi for the position of Full-time police patrolman.

*Motion by DeBottis/Second by Wtulich to go INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss the APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.

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

Law Director Graves states let the record reflect that the City Council of Sheffield Lake did adjourn into executive session for the discussion of the appointment of a public employee pursuant to the Sunshine Laws.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to approve the appointment. ROLL CALL: Gee, Petrucci, Stark, Wtulich, Kovach, DeBottis, Cizl. Yeas All.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None. **/Safety:** None. **/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** None. **/Ordinance:** None. **/Finance:** Chairwoman Stark reviews the minutes of the November 19, 2024 meeting. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** None. **/Council Representative to the Park Board:** Representative Kovach reviewed the minutes of the November 18, 2024 meeting. **/Representative to the Planning Commission:** None. **/Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** Representative Petrucci reviews the minutes of the Nov. 21, 2024 meeting. Councilwoman Gee asks was that a zoning issue? Law Director Graves replies yes. The Zoning Board of Appeals has primarily two functions. The first and

more common function is to hear requests for variances, either area variances or use variances. The second category of cases that the zoning board hears are appeals. They are an appeals board and they can hear appeals of any adverse decision of any administrative board or enforcement official.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Radeff reports leaf pickup is going to continue through December weather permitting. Last spring I was appointed through council for the Ohio Public Works Commission to represent the small cities. We had our second meeting last week and we did do voting. Part of the voting was on some grant opportunities was the city was awarded \$700,000 in grants in zero interest loans. This will be for the rehabilitation of West Dr. and surrounding infrastructure. The city is also poised to receive an additional \$500,000 in a carbon reduction grant towards the construction of Lake Rd. connectivity trail. This puts us at about 4 million with construction starting in 2025. The city is capitalizing on the \$600,000 fieldhouse/recreation complex grant in pursuing architectural design in advance of additional pending grants. The recreation department will be launching the new QR codes we talked about at Park Board. We are doing Toys for Tots and the drop off is at the Fire Dept. Biggby did their opening and are doing a ribbon cutting on Dec. 4th at 12pm. We were one of the few chosen for the second round for the coastal management grant. We also did submit our active transportation assistance grants for Sheffield Lake/Sheffield Village. The Grinch will be played on Sunday at 3pm at the community center with the Christmas tree lighting/party to be the 7th from 5-8pm. Tonight you are presented with our anticipated budget for 2025. Corey and I have been working hard on that the last couple months. We are projected to have a larger carryover this year. We are looking at a little bit of a higher budget this year than last year. I believe it comes out about \$150,000 more than we did last year. Pat and I did meet with the EPA to have a nice introduction and also speak with us about some of the opportunities they have for funding/financing. President Rosso asks as we put in this connectivity trail which is a however many feet wide sidewalk, won't we run into people who have sidewalk money in escrow? What happens to that money if this connectivity trail pays for it? Service Director Hastings responds it's separate funds, but I'd like to research the answer. Councilwoman Gee asks this was our first year hiring an outside grant writer, how many grants was that writer able to bring in? Mayor Radeff replies she has written thirteen and of the thirteen we were denied three of them and are still waiting to hear back on the other ten. There's actually going to be a couple more submitted before the end of the year. We budgeted for her to do 250 hours and she still hasn't met that requirement yet. I believe she has 30 hours left. Part of the real benefit to this year is the idea that we are finally putting together a digital file and organizing it. Some of the other benefits is she's not only been able to follow up on the grants that we don't get, but speak with them about what we can do better in the future to obtain those. I think that she has been a huge benefit. Service Director Hastings states she has been an asset to the city. She has been developing relationships which I think will come to fruition. Councilman DeBottis asks last calendar year; how much did we get in grants total? Service Director Hastings replies when I was grant writing? I resigned at the end of 2023. I would have to look to see. An approximate of 4-7 million. Councilman DeBottis asks and how have we gotten this year so far? Service Director Hastings asks between the grant writer and myself? In some regard, all department heads historically write grants. While I resigned as grant administrator where I tried to work with all departments,

now I focus solely on public service. I think we are at about 3.5 million this year and there are also some pending. Councilman DeBottis asks about wellness checks in the city when residents leave on vacation, etc. and if officers go inside the premises. Chief Kory replies no, but residents can grant it. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. / **SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Service Director Hastings has no report. / **FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Finance Director Rummel has no report. / **LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves reports on the legislation for the evening and asks council to consider adding Council #059 to the agenda. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: Athanasia Markou, 836 Mansfield St. states I have been a resident of Sheffield Lake/Sheffield Village my entire life. People are saying that Pez's restaurant is a nuisance to the residents. My parents used to own that restaurant and we never had any issues like this. I think it's absolutely ridiculous they are wasting our taxpayers time and money with people who are calling the police every week, constantly. Citations aren't being done. Police come there and nothing is going on. I'm going to turn this around. I feel like these people are a nuisance to the City of Sheffield Lake. What if there is actually criminal activity happening here? What are we gonna do if we can't have the police there because they are too busy with the nuisance of other people in our community? Noise violations, big wheels, smell of marijuana, what is going on here? I wanna know what you guys are gonna do about this. I am a concerned citizen. I wanna know what you are gonna do, because I can turn it around this way. Do you want me to start calling the police when I smell marijuana by my house? It is legal. You know what I do? I close my windows. I have someone across the street that has a motorcycle and 7am on Saturday morning they bring it outside and start it and go back in the house. It may wake me up, it may not, I'm not gonna call the police. Do you want me to start calling the police? Do you want me to tell the people I know to start calling the police on ridiculous matters like this? You're gonna need to hire more police officers. I think having a food truck park here is a great idea. We need to bring some more businesses here to Sheffield Lake. How do you expect any businesses to come to Sheffield Lake when you have people in residences that call the police? They will call the police every single day the food trucks are there. Are you gonna nip this in the butt? It's ridiculous. Is anything gonna be done? Do you want me to start doing this? Also, I hear the neighbors are afraid to come out of their home. They have children and are afraid to come out of their home, because these people have told them, if your house was on fire, we wouldn't call the fire station, we would watch your house burn. We don't act like that in Sheffield Lake.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilwoman Gee says Monday morning coffee is having their Christmas Party Dec. 16th in the morning and will be doing a cookie exchange with a visit from Santa. We are also having the choir from Brookside come and sing carols and hopefully we will have our law director come and sing. Our mayor is bringing coffee and Mr. Hastings will be in attendance.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to amend the agenda to include Council #059.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

COUNCIL #052- SECOND READING- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1111.02(c)(4)(C) AND ESTABLISHING SECTION 1111.02(c)(4)(F) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE REGARDING FOOD TRUCKS AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL #053- SECOND READING- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TABLE 1107-3 OF SECTION 1107.04 AND SECTION 1131.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE REGARDING COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (OUTDOORS) AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL #057-FIRST READING- A RESOLUTION INDICATING THAT FINANCE DIRECTOR COREY RUMMELL IS THE PERSON AUTHORIZED TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE DEPOSITORY BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING SETTLEMENT FUNDS VIA ACH FROM THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR AND LORAIN COUNTY TREASURER 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 Gee/Second by Kovach FOR ADOPTION.

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

Resolution Passes #51-24

COUNCIL #058- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CURRENT EXPENDITURES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL #059- FIRST READING- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A JOINT SELF-INSURANCE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LORAIN AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Radeff asks for executive session to discuss compensation of a public employee.

*Motion by Cizl/Second by Wtulich to go INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss the COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.

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

*Motion by Cizl/Second by DeBottis to RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.

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

Law Director Graves states let the record reflect that the City Council of Sheffield Lake did adjourn into executive session for the discussion of the compensation of a public employee pursuant to the Sunshine Laws.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to adjourn at 8:11 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 November 26, 2024.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Rocky Radeff