

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2025 BUDGET**  
**SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO**  
**December 3, 2024**  
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This public hearing for the 2025 Budget was held Tuesday, December 3, 2024. President Rosso called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

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

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

Excused: Kovach

Attending: Citizens, videographer.

**DISCUSSION:** Finance Director Rummell reports overall, there's not a lot of differences. I think between what you were presented last year versus what it is this year, there is only about a \$600,000 difference. A lot of that has to do with capital improvement projects and different things we are excited to do in the community. President Rosso says I just spoke with Corey and he sent me a spreadsheet that shows by account the differences with the increases and decreases that I will send to everyone. Councilwoman Petrucci asks there is about a \$600,000 difference between this year and last, we are spending \$600,000 more? Finance Director Rummell replies yes. Councilwoman Gee asks on the event expenses, I noticed it went up to \$30,000 from \$20,000, what are our plans as to why it went up? Mayor Radeff responds \$16,000 is for fireworks and the remainder is just there. We are going to continue to go after funding for event expenses. Ford is on tonight for \$5,000, etc. We haven't paid really for any event this year at all, but the money is in there just to cover until we get reimbursed. I don't anticipate that we are going to spend all that by any means, but we are increasing some events next year. We are talking about doing more than one food truck event, movies in the park and there are still some other ideas. I would rather put everything in this budget now and try to prevent as many appropriation changes throughout the year as possible. Councilwoman Gee asks how much has Paula raised from Encompass for our events so far in 2024? Mayor Radeff replies I don't know off the top of my hand, but I want to say it's over \$9,000 and for some of them, she did not take a cut from. Councilwoman Gee says I'm glad to see we have a new line item for a grant writer, but the money appropriated for 2025 for that is kinda high compared to what we have had in the past. How much does our grant writer really make? Mayor Radeff replies the grant writer is paid per hour and we have an agreement with her that we keep track of her hours and it's \$100 per hour. She didn't even use all 25. The increase is because some of these grants we've applied for are gonna require grant administration. So, they require a grant administrator that is able to

communicate regularly and be able to collect information and such. In those grants if we get them, a lot of that can actually come back out of the grant. Again, the number is there, but I don't anticipate spending nearly all of that. When you are asking about a grant writer, when you actually hire a grant writing company, it's going to cost you anywhere from \$90-120,000 a year. Councilwoman Gee replies we have one line item that's for the grant writer. Then we have another line item that is \$40,000 for grant expenses. The two lines can add up kinda high. Mayor Radeff responds grant expenses is to cover our half if we have to pay for a portion. We did that last year and that's for grants that Pat gets. Service Director Hastings says or they are refundable grants. President Rosso says these are numbers they are just anticipating. It doesn't mean that every dime of this is going to be spent. Councilman DeBottis asks does the grant writer get her salary plus percentage? Mayor Radeff replies no, it's just per hour that she works, an hourly rate.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:** None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, \*Motion by Wtulich/Second by Stark to adjourn at 6:55 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 the Public Hearing on December 3, 2024.

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

*Richard Rosso*

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**MAYOR**

*Rocky Radeff*