

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
January 23, 2018**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Council President Richard Rosso called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: Kay Fantauzzi, who then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: President Rick Rosso, Mayor Bring, Gee, Stark, Erdei, Kovach, Cizl, Wtulich, Radeff, Superintendent Hastings, Law Director Graves

Absent: Finance Director Smith (excused)

Attending: Videographer Nicholas Collanbine, Park Board Gee, Concerned Citizens, Members of the Media

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the City Council meeting of January 9, 2018 with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

Council Worksession - *Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the City Council Worksession of January 16, 2018 with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: Probate Judge James Walther the Good Deeds Program event. I have been the Probate Judge for Lorain County coming up on 9 years. I have lived in Lorain with my wife since 1990 and before that I lived in Sheffield Village and before that I lived in Sheffield Lake. I was born and raised in Sheffield Lake and grew up on Lynne Drive. I have known Mark Cizl most of my life and I used to play basketball with the Mayor which he quipped until he elbowed me one time because he is bigger than me. I graduated Brookside High School, Class of '78, one year behind your Council President Rick Rosso. Council President Rosso advised and joked obviously you went for law and not math because I graduated in '76. Judge Walther apologized and advised I actually graduated with a former President of Council Ed Podmanik and also Len Smith and I were graduates together. I have been a Lawyer for 30 years now and came up with this program called Good Deeds Program. I got tired as a Probate Judge seeing estates come through my court in which the executor fee's, the administrator fee's and the attorney fee's were huge amounts for the sole purpose of transferring real estate either to a husband to a wife or wife to a husband. A spouse to a spouse or from a Mom or a Dad to their children. Let me just explain to you real quick, my wife Dawn and I we should hold property to our real estate as a joint tenancy, right of survivorship. If something happens to me, I want the property to go to her and if something happens to her, he joked I think she wants it to go to me, it depends on what day of the week it is. Therefore, not involving the probate process, that all

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can be done for very, very small amount with somebody drafting in deed the right way and filing it with Judy Nedwick's Office; the County Recorder. You might not always want to do that but if you are married, I think most people would want to do that. Let's take for instance my Mom, my Mom lives right down the road here on Harris Road in Sheffield Village. My Dad passed away, he was the Chief of Police of Sheffield Lake. He was a Police Officer here for 29 years and served as Police Chief until 1986 and in fact, I helped him build the Police Station down at the other end. My Dad built that and also the club on Lake Road, the Westshore Club, he built that. I am a Sheffield Lake/Sheffield Village boy from way back. My Mom, since my Dad has passed away, she wants her property to pass to my two sisters who both live here in Sheffield Lake. My sister Cindy lives right down here on the corner of Harris and Hawthorne and my sister Jill lives on Lafayette and my brother lives in Vermilion. I am pretty sure that my Mom wants the four of us to have her property and there is a way to do that and it is called an affidavit transfer on death. There is an easy way to do this to avoid coming to a probate court and having to have your assets transferred and I am the Probate Judge. I am all in favor of people going through the probate process but I believe that there is an easier way. This community education program which has been supported by the Lorain County Bar Association and the Sheffield/Sheffield Lake School System, Mike Cook who is the Superintendent of the Schools is 100% behind it. He is the one providing us the space and there is going to be punch, cookies, coffee. We believe there is space available and it is called the cafeteria/it is between a cafeteria and auditoria. That is where it is going to be and I believe it will hold 300 people and we have no idea how many people are going to show up. We mailed to the 44054 and 44055 are code and we also put it on Facebook and the last time I checked it was viewed and shared almost 9000 times on my Facebook which we can't accommodate, we can accommodate 300 people. I was just asking if there is some method that Sheffield Lake has putting it out to social media that you would do that and hopefully, if I would see any of you there who want to get some free information and enjoy some cookies and coffee. They tell me the cookies are good there. The last time I was there sitting this up I saw Councilman Cizl there and it is only 2 nights from now at 6 o'clock and we expect the doors to open at 5:30. They have hired a Sheffield Village Police Officer to provide security and the Brookside High School providing all of the cookies and the punch. Mayor Bring advised that is the same day we have the open house for the engineers and that is from 4 to 6. Judge Walther advised I went to the Sheffield Township meeting last week but was unable to go to Sheffield Village meeting last night for their Council meeting. Councilman Kovach asked is this going to be like a straight open forum or is it going to be tables. Judge Walther explained Mayor Hunter will give a brief introduction and then he is going to introduce me and I will probably give the same speech that I just gave. (Brochure is attached to these minutes.)

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Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: Chairman Cizl reviewed the minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas All./**Safety:** Chairman Wtulich advised the Chief of Police Anthony Campo has submitted his annual 2017 report to us./**Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance: None./Finance & Audit:** Chairperson Stark reviewed the minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./**Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center: None./Council Representative to the Park Board: None./Representative to the Planning Commission:** Representative Erdei reviewed the minutes of the January 17, 2018 meeting./**Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring reported please take time to read the annual Police report, they put a lot of time into that. That will show what is going on in the city. Overall, to point out just a couple of things, the patrol miles – we had 25,000 more than we had last year. Accident in the city was down probably about 15% and if you look at the 3 years compared you will see that everything pretty much stays status quo. Obviously, we would like to see some things go down but everything has been just about equal and it is kind of surprising, even if you look at the accident days and some of the other things that are all very consistent throughout the year. But please take time to read that, like I said it is a lot of work to do that. He continued I did get a call from Fire Chief Card and they transferred our fire truck over to the place where they are going to wrap it now instead of painting it. Obviously, you guys know that. That is going to take about 2 weeks. One of our guys did jump into the truck and drive it and he said it drives 100% better. So, they are pretty excited as they are going to have a brand new truck when they get done. The people that are wrapping that are taking their time, they want to make sure they do a very nice job because this is a reflection on them and they are hoping to get more business throughout the community. This should be kind of interesting to see it when it gets done. The weather has been a factor with some of our plowing in overtime but it is going very well. The trucks are holding up very well so far, knock on wood. Our salt consumption, did we order into the new year yet? Superintendent Hastings answered I just got 120. Mayor Bring continued the salt we were using for this year was all the salt that we had left over from last year. So, we are just into the new batch and hopefully we will be pretty good this year. The police car that we did order this year should be here at the end of this week. We should be set with the Police vehicles and good to go. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas All.

/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Hastings advised a few things if I might comment in advance of the Law Directors report on the legislation concerning the Nature Trail. This is something that I have mentioned in committee and Worksession the significance of it being considered this evening for

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emergency is such that I have to submit it by February 1st. This is a Nature Trail spanning from Oster Road through what is undeveloped road which is Lincoln navigating north and then doing a slight jog on Hawthorne and coming out onto Lake Road. I certainly would be happy to answer any questions concerning that since I know it is being considered by emergency. The Mayor has me putting together the annual bid tabulations for fuel and aggregate and such. But, we will also, be submitting to you next month the target road list for paving 2018. So, we should have that for the first Council meeting. I also wanted to comment concerning the roads that the Mayor has mentioned in committee of some development interest at Shoreway which would include the rededication of Community so that they could access the very parcels that they are looking to build on. Obviously, this has to navigate through several areas that we engaged with engineering to survey everything but I wanted to keep Council aware of that. I believe that Planning might be necessary before it gets to Council. But there are some advantages while it is on the table for you to consider as everything moves forward that there are a lot of advantages to Community being rededicated. It was vacated in 1957 for the construction of the Shoreway Shopping Center. Whereas the city uniquely owns everything, now rededicating that road does promote for the development back there for the fund sources to be more profound as opposed to just the operating money for Shoreway which never includes the city's tax dollars. Finally, I met with our 2 engineering firms that are working on the pump stations, this past week. They will be merging their designs together into a comprehensive drawing that will be submitted to the Ohio EPA as we move forward on our pump station. If there are any questions in advance of our Worksession, feel free to call or email me for the report that I did on the consideration of the sewer rate increases. I would be happy to answer them and appreciate the opportunity to be prepared for them. President Rosso advised Pat, that sewer rate review will be discussed in Roads & Drains which is even before Worksession. Councilman Erdei asked that trail that you are talking about from Oster to Lake Road, that will be somewhat like we did at Ferndale and through, asphalt path? Superintendent Hastings answered yes, asphalt path 10-feet wide. We actually have utilities already in the area which we discovered during the design and drafting of this grant. There is some advantage knowing that they are there to maintain that opening while we consider this project. Our Water Department obviously knew they were there but I had forgotten. It is important to have access to those lines as that shrub and grub has all grown considerably through the years. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: None./LAW DIRECTORS REPORT: None.**

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Bring requested a brief executive session after ordinances and resolutions for the discussion of disciplinary action of 2 employees of the city.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#002 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a second amendment to lease agreement with Exclusive Balloons, LLC for the premises located at 4114 East Lake Road and the declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: Yeas All – Gee, Radeff, Kovach, Wtulich, Cizl, Stark, Erdei.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Resolution Passes#2-18

Council#003 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Grant Administrator to file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance through the Recreational Trails Program and/or the Clean Ohio Trails Fund for the construction of the Lincoln Nature Trail from Oster Road north to Lake Road and the declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: Yeas All – Stark, Cizl, Erdei, Gee, Wtulich, Kovach, Radeff.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for ADOPTION:

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

Resolution Passes#3-18

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to go into executive session for the discussion of disciplinary action for 2 employees of the city.

ROLL CALL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR 2 EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY: Yeas All – Stark, Wtulich, Radeff, Kovach, Gee, Erdei, Cizl.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to return to regular session.

ROLL CALL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Yeas All – Cizl, Gee, Radeff, Stark, Erdei, Kovach, Wtulich.

Law Director Graves advised let the record reflect the City Council of Sheffield Lake did adjourn into executive session for the discussion of discipline of public employees pursuant to the State of Ohio Sunshine Laws.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei 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

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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

Kay Fantauzzi

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring

I, Kay Fantauzzi, 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 January 23, 2018.