

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE DISCUSSION OF
THE APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND COMPENSATION OF A
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
August 6, 2024
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This special council meeting for discussion of the Appointment of a Public Official and Compensation of a Public Employee was held Tuesday, August 6, 2024. President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

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

Excused: None.

Attending: Chief Kory, Members of the Police Dept., Videographer, citizens.

DISCUSSION: President Rosso says this is a special council meeting for two things, first to consider the hiring of a police officer.

*Motion by Cizl/Second by Gee to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for the DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to return to REGULAR SESSION.

ROLL CALL: Stark, Gee, Wtulich, Kovach, Petrucci, DeBottis, Cizl. 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 appointment of a public employee pursuant to the Ohio Sunshine Laws.

Mayor Radeff says today, I am going to offer to have Elliot Palmer hopefully to be sworn in as our new full time police officer. I know him personally; he is a local Sheffield Lake resident and his father is the head at Mercy Hospital. He has been an officer in Lorain where I have been a prosecutor. I have high regard for him. He is an excellent officer, he is good on the stand, he himself wanted to be an attorney and he is definitely more than capable of taking that step if he wanted to. I have highly vetted him. He has had multiple commendations through Lorain, especially from the council people who have said he is very professional. Obviously, we have all seen there has been some public opinion on one individual incident, but I really wanna stress that not only is he highly qualified, I have absolute trust that he is

going to do great for Sheffield Lake. I would stress don't let public opinion keep us from hiring someone who is more than qualified for this position. Chief Kory says Officer Palmer grew up in Sheffield Lake, graduated from Brookside in 2016 and he has a bachelor's degree from Kent State University. He has been on Lorain police for 3.5 years and nominated twice for the lifesaving award, nominated for blue star for injuries sustained in the line of duty, etc. He is a very decorated officer and I think he would make a great addition. Officer Watkins states I was on the hiring committee when he first applied. Aside from giving a good interview, Lorain is a very tough place to police. I never had complaints of him talking to anybody inappropriately, he is a very conscientious young man. I've been doing this job for a long time and I wholeheartedly endorse him. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to approve the hiring of Elliot Plamer for full-time police officer.

ROLL CALL: Gee, Kovach, Wtulich, Stark, Petrucci.

Nays: Cizl, DeBottis.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for the DISCUSSION OF COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to return to REGULAR SESSION.

ROLL CALL: Stark, Gee, Wtulich, Kovach, Petrucci, DeBottis, Cizl. 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 compensation of a public employee pursuant to the Ohio Sunshine Laws.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 8:38 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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Richard Rosso

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 Special Meeting on August 6, 2024.

MAYOR
Rocky Radeff