The Village

MINUTES
Sheffield Village Council Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7PM

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

ROLL CALL
John D. Hunter, Scott Pederson, Robert Yarber, Matthew Bliss, Mitchell Carr, Cynthia Conrad

MOMENT OF SILENCE / PRAYER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

MINUTES
Cynthia Conrad moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on 01.26.26.
Mitchell Carr seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0

ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion to approve the hiring of Christopher Salveter as part-time police officer for the Sheffield Village police department as of 02.09.2026 was made by John Hunter
Mitchell Carr seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0
Motion to approve the hiring of Brandon Bratovich as part-time police officer for the Sheffield Village police department as of 02.09.2026 was made by Cynthia Conrad
Scott Pederson seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0
Motion to approve the hiring of Julianna Fritsch as a full-time dispatcher for the Sheffield Village police department as of 02.09.2026 was made by John Hunter
Cynthia Conrad seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0

CORRESPONDENCE - none

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Buildings & Land John D. Hunter Thanked council for attending committee of the whole meeting to discuss Ordinances 3004 and 2995. Village Administrator signed contract with Bramhall engineering and has a plan to move forward. Will track progress to make sure the service complex is built. Looking forward to moving ahead.
Finance & Insurance Robert Yarber Jr. no report but next finance meeting is on February 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm
Parks & Recreation Scott Pederson the new survey for parks and recreation is out. It is a short survey so should be very quick to complete. Will be in next water bill, on table new door, QR code, Facebook and website. Hoping to get a good response to give the committee a good place to start.
Safety Matthew Bliss No Report

John Hunter stated he spoke with Chief Gilles and the number of mutual aid calls has gone up dramatically. Staffing is At full levels. Fortunately they have not had any slip and falls this winter on rescue calls

Utilities, Streets & Drains Cynthia Conrad No report but wanted to thank service department on plowing. Resident on Day Drive called and this is one of the oldest streets in the village and very narrow. Plowing was done efficiently for those living there.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2990: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TABLE 1107-3 AND ESTABLISHING SECTION 1107.06(w) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD REGARDING DATA WAREHOUSES

1st Reading 09.22.25
2nd Reading 10.27.25
Tabled 11.10.25 to 03.09.26

ORDINANCE NO. 2992: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TABLE 1107-3 AND SECTION 1107.06(r)(1) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD REGARDING SHORT-TERM RENTALS

1st Reading 09.22.25
2nd Reading 10.27.25
Tabled 11.10.25
Tabled 11.24.25
Tabled **01.26.26 to 03.09.26**

ORDINANCE NO. 2995: AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PORTIONS OF LORAIN COUNTY PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 03-00-008-000-004, 03-00-008-000-010, 03-00-008-000-011, 03-00-008-000-022, AND 03-00-008-000-023 FROM AN R ZONING DISTRICT TO AN M-1 ZONING DISTRICT AND PARCEL NUMBER 03-00-008-000-004 AND 03-00-008-000-011 FROM AN R ZONING TO A C-3 ZONING DISTRICT

1st Reading 10.27.25
2nd Reading 11.10.25
Tabled 11.24.25
Tabled 12.08.25
3rd Reading 02.09.26

Scott Pederson moved to table the ordinance until the next meeting to have further discussions and solidify some of the remaining concerns about the Developer's agreement. He was not part of all the discussions and meetings last year, so we could do more to safeguard the village.
Cyntha Conrad seconded the motion
Motion was defeated 5-1
John Hunter moved to deny the request for rezoning
Mitchell Carr seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0

ORDINANCE NO. 3004: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD TO PERMIT USE OF VILLAGE-OWNED VEHICLES AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY

1st Reading 01.12.26
2nd Reading 01.26.26
3rd Reading 02.09.26

Motion to amend the ordinance to include leased vehicles made by Mitchell Carr
John Hunter seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0
John Hunter moved to approve the ordinance as amended
Scott Pederson seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0

ORDINANCE NO. 3005: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 1355 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD CREATING A VACANT BUILDING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

1st Reading 01.26.26
2nd Reading 02.09.26
3rd Reading _____

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Fiscal Officer's Report — No report

Mayor's Report — Currently in negotiations with the IAFF. Police and dispatch are moving from OPBA to FOP, so we have to wait until the end of March to begin discussions with them. Continuing progress with the service complex. Several departments and myself are getting AI training. Using Remarkable tablets. Chatgpt is the best available. Encouraging those to use it and grow. Department heads have indicated an increase in productivity by 35%. This is more efficient, effective and productive. LCCC trainer will come to the village to train us. Transformation Thursday is now doing a leadership program. Masterminds. Video and then roundtable discussion. How to be a R.E.A.L. success. Anyone can participate. Thursday at 5:30-7:00 pm Dru Sexton will make presentation about survey.

Village Administrator — No report

Fire Chief — No report

Police Chief — No report, thank you for supporting new hires

Comments – limited to 3 minutes

Summer Stockdale: 5507 Schueller Blvd. Thank you. Expressing gratitude for standing with the residents. You answered many questions and showed willingness to understand the impact of decision. Deeply grateful
Ed Zovack: Thanks to council for denying the rezoning request. What about data warehouses? Use a lot of electricity and water. Can someone explain more about them?
Mayor: we are going to have a committee of the whole meeting with experts in the field to attend and provide facts and answer questions.
Ed Zovack: Village has website and facebook page. A lot of things are not on the website.
Mayor: Website is under construction.
Ed Zovack: What is going on with the expansion? Moving from electric to hybrid. When are they going to begin hiring for production?
Mayor: they are not stopping electric, but moving to hybrid electric. They have never done this type of vehicle and they have to re-engineer the facility. Will have a battery and an engine. Ford has stopped bringing in equipment and their goal is to begin production in 2029.
Ed Zovack: you will have to account for this in the budget
Mayor: We are focused on economic development now. Income tax is generated by those working in the village. If you work outside the village, you don't pay income tax unless the tax rate of the city working in is less than 2%.
John Hunter: very involved at Ford. President of UAW Retirees local 2000. Have met with local and international members. President of the nation union is coming to tour the plant next week. April, 2028 is when they are supposed to start, but may seek approvals to delay the production start. Ohio Assembly plant is not working again due to a shortage of parts. It is a long process of what will happen there. Love to have 2,200 jobs here in the village. It will bring lots of dollars eventually.

Robert Yarber moved to adjourn the meeting
Scott Pederson seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0
Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm

2/23/2026
Approved

Karen Shawver
Karen Shawver, Fiscal Officer

Robert Markovich, Mayor