MINUTES
Sheffield Village Council Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7PM
ROLL CALL: Scott Pederson, Robert Yarber, Matthew Bliss, Mitchell Carr, Cynthia Conrad
Absent and excused: John D. Hunter

MOMENT OF SILENCE / PRAYER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

MINUTES Council meeting of 04.27.26
Cynthia Conrad moved to amend the minutes from the 4/27/26 meeting to reflect 6-0 vote instead of 5-0 on the approval of the meeting minutes from 4/13/2026.
Mitchell Carr seconded the motion
Motion carried 5-0
Mitchell Carr moved to approve the minutes as amended
Matthew Bliss seconded the motion
Motion carried 5-0

ADMINISTRATIVE CORRESPONDENCE

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Buildings & Land	John D. Hunter	No Report
Finance & Insurance	Robert Yarber Jr.	No Finance meeting on May 25th. June 22nd will cover two months
Parks & Recreation	Scott Pederson	Parks survey has ended. Will be presenting results at public meeting
Safety	Matthew Bliss	No Report
Utilities, Streets & Drains	Cynthia Conrad	No Report

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 3014: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 119.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD REGARDING RULES OF COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1st Reading 04.13.26
2nd Reading 04.27.26
3rd Reading 05.11.26

Matthew Bliss moved to approve
Robert Yarber seconded the motion
Motion carried 5-0

ORDINANCE NO. 3018: AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD FOR FY2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1st Reading 05.11.26
2nd Reading _____
3rd Reading _____

Fiscal Officer explained the need for additional appropriations.
Robert Yarber moved to suspend the three-reading rule

Mitchell Carr seconded the motion
Motion carried 5-0
Robert Yarber moved to approve
Matthew Bliss seconded the motion
Motion carried 5-0

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Fiscal Officer's Report
Mayor's Report – I90 construction continues. Exits were temporarily closed to shut one lane down. Stopped at Sheffield Deli – opening either Tuesday or Wednesday this week
We have been receiving calls about the noise coming from the sewer plant. VA has had discussions with the manager at plant. They are bringing in engineers to assess the situation. Sound caused from pumps being temporarily shut down for repairs. Call their offices to voice your concerns.
May 25th regular and finance meetings have been cancelled due to the Memorial Day holiday.
May 16th is Lorain County Beautiful day. 8:30 am to noon

Village Administrator No report
Fire Chief No report
Captain Sayers Remind all this is National Police week. Parade on Friday in Cleveland. Events in Washington DC and Cleveland. Phil Wagner's name will be place on both memorial walls
Economic Development Director: With the closure of Marcs in Sheffield township, contact was made about the possibility of opening a store in the village.
Lisa Drew No report

Audience Comments – limited to 3 minutes

Catheryn Brown 3641 East River Rd. – lives near Preservation Blvd. What is going on with a data center?
Mayor: Explained the current situation in the Industrial park. Village legislation did not allow or disallow data centers. Originally, legislation was brought to council to allow a data center in the industrial park on Preservation Blvd. After investigations, it was determined that legislation in current form required revisions and many more restrictions. Legislation has been pulled. Nothing related to data centers is on the agenda now.
Catheryn Brown: Can see the current business from kitchen window. Can hear things going on there. Went to the data center in Sandusky. That is huge.
Mayor: That one is small compared to what could go on the property at industrial park. Keep eye on agenda, website, social media for any updates on future projects or legislation.
David Graves: Explained village planning and zoning code has a process to get approval. They would have to get the approval of the determination of substantial similar use.
Mayor: Data centers in Utah are now getting approved for thousands of acres.
Catheryn Brown: I have been mowing the ditch. Used to be done twice a year. Not anymore.
VA: Will check out tomorrow.
Brian O'Keefe: concerned about data centers. Can hear humming a mile away twenty four hours a day.
Mayor: Nothing in the works now or nothing to change to allow data centers in the village.
Brian O'Keefe: would the data center have to be voted on by residents? Why was Elyria given our water service? Is that so we can have a data center?
Mayor: No, council would vote on it.
David Graves: explained the Rural Lorain County Water situation and that the village negotiated an agreement to obtain water for the village from the City of Elyria. The industrial park is zoned that anything with an industrial use (in list) can go in the industrial park.
Brian O'Keefe: will the village people lose their jobs if water is going to Elyria?

David Graves: The contract was approved to supply water as we were unable to get a contract with Rural Lorain County Water. It has nothing to do with the industrial park.
Brian O'Keefe: Semi trucks drive up and down East River all day and all night long. Can you build a road in the back of the industrial park?

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Cynthia Conrad moved to enter into executive session in accordance with ORC section 121.22: (G) 2 to consider the purchase of property.
Matthew Bliss seconded the motion
Motion carried 5-0
Regular meeting stopped at 7:25 pm to enter into executive session

Executive session held

Matthew Bliss moved to return to regular session
Mitchell Carr seconded the motion
Motion carried 5-0

Mitchell Carr moved to adjourn the meeting
Matthew Bliss seconded the motion
Motion carried 5-0
Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

6-8-2026
Passed

Karen Shawver, Fiscal Officer

R.C.

Robert Markovich, Mayor