**THE VILLAGE of SHEFFIELD**
**Bob Markovich, Mayor**

**Members Of Council:**
**Council Pro Tempore: Robert Yarber Jr.**
**Matthew Bliss, Mitchell Carr, Cynthia Conrad, John D. Hunter, Scott Pederson**
***WE KINDLY ASK THAT ALL CELL PHONES BE SILENCED WHILE THIS MEETING IS IN SESSION***

# A G E N D A
# Sheffield Village Council Meeting
## Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7PM

**COUNCIL**
John D. Hunter, Scott Pederson, Robert Yarber
Matthew Bliss, Mitchell Carr, Cynthia Conrad

**OPEN AT 7PM**

**ROLL CALL**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE / PRAYER**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**MINUTES**
Council 04.27.26

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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| Buildings & Land | John D. Hunter |
| Finance & Insurance | Robert Yarber Jr. |
| Parks & Recreation | Scott Pederson |
| Safety | Matthew Bliss |
| Utilities, Streets & Drains | Cynthia Conrad |

## 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**

**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 _____

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Fiscal Officer's Report
Mayor's Report
Comments – limited to 3 minutes

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion to enter into executive session in accordance with ORC section 121.22: (G) 2 to consider the purchase of property

## ADJOURN

***Upcoming:***
Fri May 15 Court 9am
Tue May 19 BZA 5pm
Wed May 20 Planning 5pm
Mon May 25 Memorial Day – Council & Finance Canceled – offices closed
Mon June 8 Council 7pm

# MINUTES
# Sheffield Village Council Meeting
## Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7PM

Mayor Markovich called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM
**ROLL CALL** Cynthia Conrad, John D. Hunter, Scott Pederson, Robert Yarber, Matthew Bliss, Mitchell Carr
**MOMENT OF SILENCE / PRAYER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**MINUTES**
Cynthia Conrad moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting on 04.13.26.
Mitchell Carr seconded the motion
Motion carried 5-0

John Hunter moved to add the motion to reinstate Jessica Radawiec to the agenda
Scott Pederson seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0

**ADMINISTRATIVE**
Robert Yarber moved to reinstate Jessica Radawiec as a police department dispatcher as of 04.27.2026.
Cynthia Conrad seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0

**CORRESPONDENCE**
Acknowledge the letter received from Sheffield Village resident to the police and fire departments. Mayor read letter in full from Joe and Shelly Skodny.
Recognize April employee of the month Doug Barker- Mayor read his certificate and followed that Doug usually can be seen driving village equipment around. Very strong mechanical ability. We are fortunate to have him here. He is an excellent hire. Keep up good work Mr. Shawver.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**
Buildings & Land John D. Hunter Meeting on the 29th about fire levy renewal. Thanks to the Stockdale family for the Jesus statue. We need to love each other.
Finance & Insurance Robert Yarber Jr. Finance meeting held today prior to this meeting. Not much to report Mayor discussed property taxes and what would happen if ballot issue makes to ballot and is passed? What impact would it have and how would we address it? Next Finance meeting will be held on June 22, 2026 @ 6:30 pm to review April and May reports.
Parks & Recreation Scott Pederson No report, but would like to know if Parks survey is closed. Is Drew going to come in with the results?
Mayor: Open until the end of the month.
Lisa Drew: We have received 187 responses so far
Safety Matthew Bliss No report. Glad Jessica is back.
Utilities, Streets & Drains Cynthia Conrad No report.

## LEGISLATION

**ORDINANCE NO. 3013:** AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE REZONING OF ANY LANDS WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF SHEFFIELD VILLAGE TO AN M-1 MULTI-FAMILY ZONING DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1st Reading 03.23.26
2nd Reading 04.13.26
**3rd Reading 04.27.26**

John Hunter moved to approve legislation
Matthew Bliss seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0

**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 _____

**ORDINANCE NO. 3015:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 3009 REGARDING COMPENSATON OF THE SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **1st Reading 04.27.26**

2nd Reading _____
3rd Reading _____

Law Director explained what happened on the prior ordinances for the legal staff. The salaries listed were the current salaries and did not reflect the 5% increase approved by the amending legislation.
John Hunter moved to suspend the three reading rule.
Mitchell Carr seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0
Matthew Bliss moved to approve
John Hunter seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0

**ORDINANCE NO. 3016:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 3010 REGARDING COMPENSATION OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**1st Reading 04.27.26**
2nd Reading _____
3rd Reading _____

John Hunter moved to suspend the three reading rule
Matthew Bliss seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0
Mitchell Carr moved to approve
Matthew Bliss seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0

**ORDINANCE NO. 3017:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 3011 REGARDING COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR'S COURT MAGISTRATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **1st Reading 04.27.26**

2nd Reading _____
3rd Reading _____

Mitchell Carr moved suspend the three reading rule
John Hunter seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0
Matthew Bliss moved to approve
Cynthia Conrad seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Fiscal Officer's Report No report

Mayor's Report - No longer receiving income tax from the Ford expansion. Previously had received about $1 million in income tax revenue from contractors working at Ford. We are receiving additional real estate taxes and permit fees for the Retreat at French Creek project. First quarter revenue is stable and consistent. Have confidence in the budget. Want to make everyone aware of an attempt to put legislation on the ballot statewide that would eliminate real estate taxes. The group leading the effort is still a couple hundred thousand signatures that are required to put on the ballot. If passed, this would eliminate real estate taxes in the state. In 2025, the village received over $948,000 in real estate taxes. It is a relatively small amount and represents less than 10% of the general fund revenues. This revenue could be eliminated. The mayor also discussed income tax credit and the fact that many residents pay 2% tax to the city they are employed in, therefore do not pay any income tax to the village. All the services provided are paid for by the employees working here, not by the residents themselves. Other cities have reduced tax credit, so received some income tax from residents who work outside the municipality. We as a council need to look to the future. How will we generate revenue to sustain the services residents want and expect? We now have Tony Gallo to focus on economic development. As a council, we are not afraid to turn over any rock and find what is in the best interest of the village. Decisions must be in the best interest. We will continue to work and unearth any opportunity for growth in the village. Waiting for Ford. The additional real estate taxes may be due to the Ford expansion. Once up and running, the additional 1,800 jobs will generate an increase in income tax dollars. Prices going up, especially the fuel costs with so many vehicles here. We need to look at revenue opportunities to find what is in the best interest of the village. We cannot predict the future. We do not know if Ford will move forward with the additional jobs or if the property taxes will continue. We must look for other sources of revenue. We will have the gold standard for housing and gold standard for businesses we bring to the village. Council works hard and understands the importance of looking to the future.

Village Administrator: The engineering task for the new service building is completed. It will now go to Enviroscience to submit and work with Army Corp of Engineers to trade or pay for wet land credits. Once I know the expected completion date, I will let you know. The sign at the corner is finally working and it looks great!

Fire Chief: For the last decade, the Fire department has been providing CPR training to the SSLCSD employees. Over fifty staff members completed the training. Thanks to Chris Emling for this. Also, in conjunction with the service department, we will be installing the defibrillator at James Day Park.

Police Chief: Thanks for approving the rehiring of Jessica Radawiec. We look forward to her return.

Economic Development Director: Worked with mayor and Ford in Dearborn, MI for the training programs for the 1,800 jobs. LCCC and LCJVS will be part of the training programs at their facilities. Won't be until about 6-8 months before hiring will begin. Meeting with the Consulate General of India. Looking to create a US version of the jobs/development they have in India. Invited by owner of Aerial hotel in Lorain. Mayor and I met with Cuyahoga land bank and have a proposal for analysis project. They can 1.) do a housing market analysis 2.) review zoning recommendations, sewers, etc., and 3.) target industry analysis. Nothing is set in stone. Excited and will provide all members copies of the proposal after the meeting.

Mayor: This is in alignment with what we need to move forward.

Lisa Drew: Cancelled the Sheffield Village Forward.

Mayor: Our actions to move the change in the Industrial park off the table and now re-assessing our opportunities, we thought it best to cancel the event.

Magistrate: Thank you to council for approving the corrected contracts.

John Hunter: Last week visited data centers in Marysville, Johnstown and New Albany. Talked to people and members of council. The noise is not loud at this time of year as it is still cool outside. The time to check things out is during the summer months. The electrical rates are set by the state. We get same rate as the area that we are covered by. Data centers have big power stations right next to them. Those have a humming sound if you are right up close to them, but not if away from them. Now they are coming up with alternative ways to recycle the water and cool the system. Data centers pay additional property taxes and there are additional income taxes on some of the bonuses paid out. There are also regulations for closing down the centers. This would have to go back to the starting point if it is determined that we want to move forward with this.
Tomorrow is National Worker's Memorial day. Ely Square at noon and Lorain City Hall at 5 pm will have services. Every year workers are killed on the job in Ohio. Last year there were 86 killed in Ohio.
Questions for Mayor….do you have an update on the council chambers upgrade? What about the grand opening?
Mayor: Apollo grand opening on May 1, 2026 from 11:00 to 4:00. They will have food trucks, hot air balloon rides, open bar and food.
Getting frustrated with vendors for council chamber upgrades. We need microphones for department heads, and equipment to produce crisp videos and clear sound so that meetings can be recorded and put online for future viewing. Being prudent with our dollars, we reached out to three vendors. Two came in and looked at our project and only one provided a quote.
Village Administrator: Captain Ketchum and I met with Lake Tech last week and they should have a quote to bring to council next meeting.

Audience Comments – limited to 3 minutes

Dan Ross 5057 Burrell Dr. I live near the water treatment plant. There is a continuous, loud noise.
Mayor: We are aware of the issue.
Dan Ross: It could be heard inside the house in the winter with everything closed up, but now that it is getting warmer, it is worse. It is very loud and constant.
Village Administrator: I talked with Corey Timko, the plant Superintendent. He indicated about a month ago, that it would be about 2-3 months for repairs to made. It is air coming through the blowers that are being repaired.
Mayor: I talked with Captain Ketchum to see if the sound exceeds our decibels in our noise ordinance. We have been in contact with North Ridgeville.
Scott Pederson: I originally tuned out the sound. My wife pointed it out, now I hear it, even in the hourse.
Corey Timko told him the repairs would take until July or August.
Village Administrator: Maybe they will have to cover the tank. I will call him again.
Mayor: It is on our radar.

Matthew Bliss moved to adjourn
Mitchell Carr seconded the motion
Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

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Approved

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Karen Shawver, Fiscal Officer Robert Markovich, Mayor

# 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

**WHEREAS**, Section 119.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Sheffield establishes the Rules of Council; and

**WHEREAS,** the Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Village of Sheffield to amend Rule 11 regarding Standing Committees, Rule 17 regarding Order of Business, and Rule 31 regarding Audience Comments and Questions at Council Meetings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD, COUNTY OF LORAIN, AND STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1:** Section 119.01, Rules 11, 17, and 31 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Sheffield is hereby amended as follows:

Rule 11. Organization: Committees. During January of each even-numbered year, Council shall meet in the Council Chambers to organize, to appoint its officers, to appoint other officers or employees of Council and to review its rules.

All members of Council shall constitute a Committee or Committees which shall determine which committees shall be created and which shall choose the Chairperson and members of each committee. Each standing committee shall be composed of at least three members of Council and shall serve for a period of two years. The first person named shall chair the committee and the second named shall serve as Vice Chairperson. Council is empowered to act upon these matters at this meeting or as soon thereafter as possible.

The committees, and the subject matters to be referred to them, are as follows:

(a) The Building ~~and~~ Lands *and Economic Development* Committee, to which may be referred all ordinances, resolutions and other matters relating to the construction, maintenance or acquisition of any building or land owned by the Village or proposed to be acquired by it, the lease or sale of buildings not needed for Municipal use, the Cemetery and improvements in the community, zoning, platting of subdivisions and building standards;

(b) The Committee of Finance, Claims and Federal Programs, to which may be referred all ordinances, resolutions and other matters relating to finances, indebtedness, appropriations, budgets, the issuance of notes and bonds, payments of money not provided for by previous legislation, taxation, wages and salaries of Village officers and employees, matters relating to Federally funded projects, block grants, comprehensive employment training, urban renewal and all other matters involving programs of the Federal government, as well as the establishment and maintenance of systems of purchasing, the investment of funds and any matters pertaining to insurance;

(c) The Committee on Parks and Recreation, to which may be referred all ordinances, resolutions and other matters pertaining to public parks, recreation,

playgrounds and all other matters relating thereto;

(d) The Committee on Safety, to which may be referred all ordinances, resolutions and other matters pertaining to the Police and Fire Departments, traffic regulations, nuisances, fire control measures and other matters pertaining to the inspection of existing buildings;

(e) The Committee on Utilities, Streets and Drains, to which may be referred all ordinances, resolutions and other matters pertaining to cable television, telephones, gas, electricity, transportation, water, sanitary sewers, sewage disposal, storm sewers, ditches, watercourses, creeks and the repair, maintenance and improvement thereof, air, water and noise pollution, the construction, repair, maintenance and inspection of streets, alleys and sidewalks, street cleaning, street improvements, grades, assessments and vacation of streets and alleys;

(f) The Committee of the Whole, to which may be referred any and all matters and legislation pertaining to the business of Sheffield Village (see Rule 15).

Rule 17. Order of Business. The business of all regular meetings of Council shall be transacted according to the following order:

*(a) Call to Order*

~~(a)~~*(b)* Roll Call;

*(c) Moment of Silence and Prayer*

~~(b)~~*(d)* Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag;

~~(c)~~*(e)* ~~Approval~~ *Adoption* of the previous Council meeting minutes (regular and special);

*(f) Adoption of Current Agenda*

~~(d)~~*(g)* Reports and communications of the mayor that require Council action; (Administrative)

~~(e)~~*(h)* Reports and communications of the mayor for informational purposes; (Correspondence)

~~(f)~~*(i)* Reports of standing committees;

~~(g)~~*(j)* Reports of special committees;

*(k) Audience Comments and Questions*

~~(h)~~*(l)* Legislation:

(1) Ordinances (May be listed by reading or by numerical order); and

(2) Resolutions (May be listed by reading or by numerical order);

~~(i) Miscellaneous business (Council reports and comments);~~

~~(j)~~*(m)* Reports and comments from department heads;

~~(k) Audience comments and questions; and~~

*(n) New Business*

*(o) Executive Session*

~~(l)~~*(p)* Adjournment by motion.

Rule 31. Audience Comments and Questions at Council Meetings. Any person in the audience wishing to speak, after being recognized by the Chair, shall go to a designated area unless prevented from doing so due to a disability; the person requesting to speak will be able to speak for ~~three (3)~~ *five (5)* minutes unless Council, by a two-thirds vote of its membership, extends the time. The person requesting to speak shall address the Chair. All remarks shall be addressed to Council as a body and not to any member of Council. No person, other than a member of Council and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter any discussion, either directly or through a member of Council,

without the permission of the Chair. No question shall be asked of a member of Council except through the Chair.

**Section 2:** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 3:** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Sheffield, the immediate emergency being the immediate necessity to revise the Council meeting agenda. Wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage and approval.

PASSED _____

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Karen A. Shawver, Fiscal Officer Robert C. Markovich, Mayor

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

# ORDINANCE NO. ____

## AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD FOR FY2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**WHEREAS** it becomes necessary to amend appropriations to meet expenditures in various funds.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF LORAIN, AND THE STATE OF OHIO, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The appropriations in the following funds are amended as follows:

| FUND | DEPT | AMOUNT | NOTES | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 101 – Building | 710 | $19,375 | Hospitalization | |
| 201 – Street Const | 602 | $3,500 | Hospitalization | |
| 222 – Detroit Road TIF | 212 | $200,000 | TIF Dist to SSLCSD | |
| 224 – Tall Oaks TIF | 707 | $500 | County Expense | |
| 224 – Tall Oaks TIF | 707 | $15,000 | TIF to Tall Oaks | |
| 501 – Water | 506 | $6,800 | Hospitalization | |
| 502 – Sewer | 507 | $3,500 | Hospitalization | |
| 505 – Storm | 505 | $3,500 | Hospitalization | |

**Section 2.** It is found and determined that formal actions of this council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberation of this Council that resulted in such formal action occurred in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance be, and is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, the emergency being the immediate necessity to provide adequate money for the public health, peace and welfare of the Village of Sheffield, Ohio, appropriating money to existing funds for the 2026 appropriations. Wherefore this Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and upon its adoption and approval.

PASSED _____

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Karen Shawver, Fiscal Officer Robert C. Markovich, Mayor

**1st Reading** **05/11/2026**
2nd Reading _____
3rd Reading _____