MINUTES
Sheffield Village Council Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2026

Mayor Markovich called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE / PRAYER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

MINUTES
Cynthia Conrad moved to accept the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on 03.23.26
John Hunter seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0

ADMINISTRATIVE
John Hunter moved to cancel the May 25, 2026 council meeting due to the Memorial Day holiday
Robert Yarber seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0

Mayor Markovich explained the reason for ordinance number 2990 being removed from the agenda. Administration will continue to review. Legislation is weaker than we would like. If we bring to allow for the zoning in the industrial park, we must create the gold standard. We will continue to discuss. Will be meeting with the New Albany team regarding their data centers. New Albany is the richest community and has the most data centers in the state. Economic Development Director is in Columbus this evening wit the state Chamber of Commerce. John Hunter is also going to New Albany and Marysville (2nd largest number of data centers in Ohio). There are attorneys who specialize in data centers. After all the research, council may decide not to bring legislation forward. We want legal to review this. I understand there are comments being posting about this on social media. I am willing to have conversations. Call Lisa Drew as soon as possible, and she will set up a meeting. We want to dispel myths and it is important to have conversations so we are all on the same page.

John Hunter: Ordinance 2990 is now off the agenda. It cannot be brought up again in its current form. It will require a totally new piece of legislation. Will have to start all over. We are finding out the truths and doing research. Even the land owner in the industrial park agrees with this. We have to do what is right.

Mayor: Anyone having comments about the data centers, can speak about it during the comment period.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Buildings & Land John D. Hunter- moving along with service center. Hopefully by May or June, we will be able to apply for credits/dispensation from the EPA for wetlands. The village already owns the property. Other buildings have no issues. Still working on the upgrades for council chambers for recording meetings and audio equipment. Also the website update is still in process.

Finance & Insurance Robert Yarber Jr. – Finance meeting will be held on April 27, 2026 @ 6:30 pm. Now that May 25, 2026 meeting has been cancelled, we will need to cancel finance meeting. We will discuss rescheduling to possibly the first meeting in June. Notification will go out.

Parks & Recreation Scott Pederson No Report

Safety Matthew Bliss Thank you to the service department for quickly picking up the limbs and branches after the recent storms.

Utilities, Streets & Drains Cynthia Conrad No Report

John Hunter: The fire levy is solely for fire equipment. We will be putting it on the ballot to renew the 1.75 mil levy. This is used for fire equipment such as air tanks, cots, ambulances and fire trucks. We ordered a fire truck and it went from $800,000 to $1.2 million. Will need two new ambulances. One is 12 years old and the other is 14 years old. There will be no increase in mils. We have the best police and fire department in country. There are only three departments in county with EKG machines. All firefighters are EMTs. Our fire department connects to Mercy, Cleveland Clinis and UH. We need to keep equipment up to date.

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 _____

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 _____
3rd Reading _____

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Fiscal Officer's Report No Report

Mayor's Report – Several items have been placed on council desks for discussion and review. The Lorain County metroparks map shows proposed crosswalk across French Creek. New trailhead by Baptist church on Abbe will have five parking spots. This will connect to French Creek reservation.

John Hunter: Will there be a blinking light at crosswalk?

Mayor: Metroparks will provide crosswalk and signage.

John Hunter: In Avon on the North side to French Creek, will it connect?

Mayor: Project between Avon, Sheffield Village and Metroparks. First phase trail from Avon. French Creek on north side trail to bring into the village on French Creek up hill, overpass, to UAW, crosswalk at Abbe and French Creek. Everything will be connected.

On the opinion page in the Morning Journal last week was a letter to the editor from Joe Skodny who commended our Village Administrator and service department. He called in and they responded and remedied the matter the same day.

Multi-family zoning – provided information from Avon Lake and Westlake as far as what they require.

Data Center documents.
Zoning map – provided an overview of the village's zoning map, how the colors indicate what the area is zoned, what is permitted in those areas. If an area is already zoned a certain way and a business wants to utilize that land, village cannot stop them. If village wants to change map, we must hold a public hearing and have three council meetings. Council was considering permitting the data center only in the specific district in the industrial park. Zoning code lists all the different zoning districts and what is permitted in each, what is not allowed, and what has additional standards or conditional uses. Lisa Drew can provide you with a map to know what the current zoning is in your neighborhood or the entire village.

John Hunter – regarding the M-1 moratorium, we are Sheffield Village and have a gold standard here. We need to do what is best. We do not have sizes for condos, townhouses and need standards. Regarding the zoning map, nothing says we have a business park. Gold standard.

Robert Yarber: For the audience regarding ordinance 3013, on moratorium on M-1, now a one bedroom could be 800 square feet. We are trying to determine if it should be higher or lower. Avon Lake and Westlake are 750. What would be best?

Village Administrator	No Report
Fire Chief	No Report
Police Chief	Please remember April 15th is former police Lt, Aaron Bober's birthday.
Magistrate	Continue to remind all of the speeding issue on highway in the construction zones. 116 mph is the record and last week we had 108 mph. The driver will have license suspended and will be sentenced to community service here in the village if they cannot pay their fines.

Comments – limited to 3 minutes

Jessica Radawiec 688 Oakwood, Sheffield Lake – Respectfully request council review my termination. Was praised for work here, gave a factual presentation on March 26, 2026 regarding leadership. There is not a policy on this. All of command staff approved my presentation. On April 1, 2026 I was removed from my position. Single mom of three, took pride in my job. The removal has been devastating. I care about the department and ask for the opportunity to return to work. If council can review termination and insure all employees are treated in consistent manner and treated fairly.
Ed Zovack – Thank you to the mayor and council for removing the data center legislation and to further study the data center issue. Regarding the zoning map, I assume there are different owners of the different parcels in the industrial districts?
Mayor: Yes
Ed Zovack: Is it possible to do a moratorium on data centers? Warehouses could go in either.
Mayor: Amount of work required to get a data center would cost a lot of money. A warehouse and a data warehouse could or could not be the same.
Vicky Freshwater 4726 Linda Lane – Tabling the data center legislation now, but if brought up again, will we get more information on it? How will residents know?
Mayor: Ordinances are published in the agenda online and on social media. I am happy to have a conversation with you. Please call Lisa to arrange a meeting.
John Hunter: Data centers and warehouses need zoning changes. Will require public hearings, planning commission meetings. This is not tabled, it is no longer being considered. Anything new will start over from the beginning.
Marie Ternes 4267 East River Rd.: Lived in the village entire life. Why is this only for one parcel? At the public meeting, wondering if anyone lied. Gentleman that owns the property mentioned that he donated property to the metro parks. Why did he donate the property? Why has there been no buildings on Preservation....court cases. He had to donate the property as part of the court case. There was a moratorium on Preservation. The court cases prevented it from being developed. Is that the only parcel? It can be developed. Tony Gallo is now the economic development director. There is so much industry

and development out there. If he is in charge, why is he not pursuing those businesses? Why do we need a data center?
Barbara Donahue 5260 Cedarville Rd: Is it a data center or data warehouse? Data warehouses are kept inside a data center. We need to discuss. Do we want a data center with a data warehouse inside? Keep green, trails. I-90 can draw people. Data centers only have 5-10 employees. How much income tax would be generated? This would not be a good economic decision. I listed to Jessica regarding her presentation. The government did not like her presentation. This should be reviewed or she should be rehired. Look again. Regarding the M-1 zoning, how many are permitted per acre?
John Hunter: six
Barbara Donahue: we need a moratorium. Out of control.
Mayor: We want to take our time and do due diligence.
Barbara Donahue: What do you think is the proper number of units per acre?
Mayor: I only vote on the matter if it is a tie.
Barbara Donahue: What is your opinion on it? How long is the moratorium?
John Hunter: one year or until council reaches an agreement
Scott Pederson: It is not council's responsibility to hire and fire employees
Summer Stockdale 5507 Schueller Blvd: Quoted a comment by the Law Director at the March 19, 2026 meeting regarding data centers stating even if this ordinance did not pass, a developer could still come in and apply for the rezoning changes for a data center. If this is true, what is protecting the village?
Mayor: What David stated is correct.
Debbie Lyons: 4733 Linda Lane: Regarding notifications to the residents...could something be put in water bills? I do not go on social media to see the agendas. Please provide more communications.
Terrence Davis 4701 French Creek Rd: At approximately 7:35 pm, the mayor stated that if areas are zoned for things, we cannot prohibit them from developing there. Council can vote it down. Power to object and fight against things. Town has the right to fight it. We have the opportunity to say what we want in our area.
John Hunter: To clarify, council does have involvement in hiring. We hire by recommendation of department head. Full time employees have an appeal process. Part-time or probationary employees is through the mayor. Council does not have the authority. If in probationary period, full-time is at will and subject to department head or mayor's authority.

Robert Yarber moved to go into executive session for the following reasons:

- IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORC SECTION 121.22(G)1: Personal matters involving the dismissal of a public official
- IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORC SECTION 121.22(G)4: Collective bargaining matters

Scott Pederson seconded the motion.
Motion carried 6-0
Regular session was stopped at 8:08 pm
EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD
Regular session reconvened at 9:20 pm
Robert Yarber moved to adjourn the regular meeting
Scott Pederson seconded the motion
Motion carried 6-0
Meeting was adjourned at 9:21pm

4-27-26
Approved

Karen Shawver
Karen Shawver, Fiscal Officer

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Robert Markovich, Mayor