

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
October 4, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse was held Monday, October 4, 2010. Chairman Dennis Bring called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Bring, Huska, Elliott, Kovach, Rosso, Stark, Smith

Absent: Podmanik, Elliott (excused)

Attending: Service Director Smith

READING OF THE MINUTES:

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Smith to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2010 meeting with any corrections. Yeas all.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:

4252 Belle, amount of \$323.30 – after a brief review and discussion to include the investigation of Service Director Smith - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to deny the credit on the recommendation of the Service Director. Yeas All.

612 Pasadena, amount of \$71.55 – after a brief review and discussion to include the investigation of Service Director Smith - *Motion by Rosso/Second by Kovach to approve the credit of \$71.55. Yeas All.

785 Sunset, amount of \$190.80 – after a brief review and discussion to include the investigation of Service Director Smith - *Motion by Stark/Second by Smith to approve the credit of \$190.80. Yeas All.

OLD BUSINESS:

Projects:

Ferndale II – complete – **REMOVE.**

Walker Road, phase III – Service Director Smith advised negotiating over-runs between \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 at this time.

Infiltration:

Flow Monitoring analysis – after a brief discussion on reports from analysis/monitors not in the ground anymore/totes – **REMOVE.**

Future Projects:

Sidewalks – **None.**

Misc:

Water meters – Service Director Smith advised we do have an inquiry from another

community about the 500 that are in stock. We have got an auction coming up, so they might be incorporated in the public auction in the second week of November. There was a lengthy discussion on possible bid process which is being investigated by Law Director.

SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT: Service Director Smith advised someone has asked several questions about how many water main breaks that we have had; we had one the other day, 3 during the month of August and 0 during September. We did have 5 service lines though that were issues which was the black and the blue plastic line – the old stuff that was put in the 70's. We had 2 in August and 2 in September and 1 in October. On the 13th of September, we had a major sanitary trunk line get repaired. We found it doing our testing with our cutter and they ended up digging it up and fixing it. Deanna Cap in care of the Melvin Family (for the fire the other day on Lake Breeze) – donations can be made at any Lorain National Bank and the contact for that information is a gentleman named Mike Ward at 440-308-6785. Chairman Bring asked that new cutter that we got, is that working well? Service Director Smith answered worked really good, yes. During that trunk line scare, they thought it might have got jammed but in reality we found out it was definitely a big collapse. But it works real good. Chairman Bring asked was that on Lake Road? Service Director Smith answered actually it was over on Irving Park by Lake Road. Councilman Rosso stated the fact that we have this cutter and you are being proactive – we identified a problem and got it resolved versus it being there and being a problem for God no how long. Service Director Smith stated it was kind of weird because they went out and selected the area that they wanted to run the tests at and set it up and it got jammed up. They thought they were getting all the roots out and they thought it was working because the first section that they did was fine – it was the second section that they did and it just hit a dead spot. It turned out that we were mulling into the trunk line and that is where it turned out to be a big collapsed trunk, so that worked out real well in finding it in the one. All our tests from using it so far have been great. Chairman Bring asked you said you have a robot, a camera robot? Service Director Smith answered it is a camera. Chairman Bring stated those things are really very, very helpful and those cutters are tremendous. Service Director Smith stated yes, getting the guys used to it. Chairman Bring asked that is hooked onto our sewer vac right? Service Director Smith answered yes, our jetter. Councilwoman Huska asked are you going to buy that plow truck for sure – that 2002 International plow truck? Service Director Smith answered yes we did purchase that truck. He continued during the rain on Sunday I think we had almost 3 inches of rain, we are going to get an official tally on the rain from Avon Lake. That will help us figure out how much water we did get. I did go out early on Sunday morning, measuring the ditch heights. Something you and I used to do a long time ago and I got Buckeye and Maple pretty well mapped out so we are going to be starting that soon. We have only replaced one pipe over there on Woodruff but I think we have got quite a list of blocked pipes. Chairperson Bring asked on that blocked pipe, is that somebody that called and wanted that pipe is that something you guys did because it was blocked? Service Director Smith answered they were open and filled with stone, the whole top was scrapped off and the pipe had risen because there was so little fall there. That pipe had risen and floated up and as it floated up the plowing took the top off of the

pipe, the pipe was exposed and then all the stone fell into the pipe. That is the picture that was in the Avon Lake Press that John had put in there. Chairman Bring asked we are charging them? Service Director Smith answered that one was a public street, that just happened to be a crossover on Woodruff and Walker. But that was a great example which is why it was in there. Buckeye has lots of them, like I said I have a list here – a running list just on Buckeye and then a running list on Maple. Councilman Rosso asked of driveways or crossovers? Service Director Smith answered we might put in 2 or 3 crossovers if we have to because due to elevation restraints. Councilman Smith stated a lot of them have popped right up. Service Director Smith added the elevation is kind of real wacky over there on Buckeye, from Richelieu north. The actual elevation goes up then down then back up and then it goes down again. The houses follow the contour of the land; there is one section over there where you got no ditch whatsoever because the house is setting on the crest of the crown but then 2 houses down it is up again too and the ditch goes down the contour of the land and then goes up so it just sits there with water in it and no where to go. But directly across the street you will have a ditch that is already there that is tied into another pipe that is dry and a foot lower. So in a situation like that we have got on-coming water for both. It makes no sense not to cross it over to get rid of it. There are not a lot of crossovers, there are mostly driveway pipes – we got to do those first.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Bring asked we are still keeping up with the streets being cleaned? Service Director Smith answered the sweepings, oh yea. Although, this last rain barrage with the wind has really peeled a lot of leaves off. That was a point of discussion that we had this morning, first thing. That is one of the other things that we have to address is the fact that we have got more curb and gutter now in the city then say 5 years ago. We have to take it upon ourselves to keep the drains cleaned. Chairman Bring stated at one time they had talked about going from one side of the city to the other with the vac truck and cleaning it all out – is that still something that you guys are looking at? Service Director Smith answered we have actually done that already. It is doing it again, you know by the time you get done. Chairman Bring stated I know that last year towards fall we had quite a few drains plugged up that we didn't get to. Service Director Smith advised we have gone through once and back again, the street cleaning we are consistently doing. Whether it is leaves, whether it is twigs, whether it is rock and dirt or whatever – driveway kick-off, whatever it is, we are constantly doing. Without having a leaf cleanup, without having the money for leaf cleanup. Without a leaf program which is a lot of costs – you guys know that. That is something that I am wrestling with everyday on exactly what we are doing. We just had that 20-yarder dumped again. Chairman Bring asked how is that working? Service Director Smith answered it is full again, it got dumped again. They picked it up today and dropped another one. Chairman Bring asked are we making sure that this is strictly residents and not somebody else? Service Director Smith answered oh yea, although we did have somebody get in there with like a chest that they through in there. Then we get bags of grass and leaves, we kind of police it ourselves. We will go out there and look and if we see a bag in there we look in and rip it open and let it go, so we police it ourselves. Councilman Rosso stated you are policing it though to make sure that it is just yard waste but we don't

if it is a landscaper or lawn service? Service Director Smith answered I really haven't had any commercial type stuff, you can tell the difference. The only thing is that I had some brush but we had so much storm damage, the tree limbs were broken on the ends and splintered so it wasn't like it was cut up like a tree trimmer would have done. Chairman Bring stated you are still thinking about the chipper out there then? Service Director Smith answered oh yes we have already talked about it, you mean on the trees that are overhanging on the streets? Chairman Bring stated no along the roads and when people bring some branches and stuff like that. Service Director Smith answered the logistics of that have to do with the fact that we have the chipper, we have the chip truck but we don't have the box on the chip truck yet. My first priority is going to be for plowing and that is going to be to get the trees trimmed off the roads so that the beds can be up a certain height for the salters. Then at the same time I am addressing the tree lawn trees but that is requiring or it looks like it is going to be requiring a change of policy so I have to do that internally at this point and time. We had an outstanding policy of doing things a certain way or not doing them and I am going to make a change in that then I have to look at all the aspects of changing that policy; the pros and cons of it. Chairman Bring stated the clean-up day is on the 23rd which is Saturday, starts at 8 am to 2 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to adjourn at 8:17 PM. Yeas all.

CLERK OF COMMITTEE AFFIRMATION: This Meeting Of The City Committee 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's office.

CLERK OF COMMITTEE

Kay Fantauzzi

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Committee Of Sheffield Lake, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is

A true and exact copy of the Minutes of COMMITTEE of October 4, 2010.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Dennis Bring

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Edward R Podmanik

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Richard Rosso