

**Stormwater Utilities Appeal's Board (SUAB)**

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The regular meeting of the Stormwater Utility Appeal's Board was held Thursday, May 13, 2010. Chairperson Gee called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Gee, Koerber, Svoboda, Moore, Brady

Absent: Service Director Smith, Grant Administrator Gardner

Attending: Concerned Citizens

**MINUTES:** \*Motion by Koerber/Second by Moore to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2010 meeting with any corrections needed. Yeas All.

Chairperson Gee stated I did have some questions some residents wanted me to ask but we don't have one here.

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairperson Gee advised I have not got anymore correspondence from that group that I spoke to you about last month. I doubled checked my email and still nothing. I did get some correspondence however from NPDES and it was in reference to they now have a rule making for stormwater and they also have where a city can handle their stormwater MS4's on line and I wanted to find out from our Service Director if he got the information just like I did and if they were aware that this was going on. They had 30-days from May 10<sup>th</sup> to either approve or object to the new writings but there is no one here for me to ask.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Chairperson Gee advised our new Service Director Len Smith, I talked to Len May 4<sup>th</sup> along with John Piskura, our Mayor and we had a lengthy discussion and the SUAB and the PIPE will actually be able to have prisoners this summer to help clean the major fall-outs and the major problems with the ditches in the city. This is something we have been asking for for a very long time, I wish at this time to thank the Mayor and the Service Director Len Smith for allowing us this privilege to have the prisoners. Mr. Moore asked who is going to supervise them? Mr. Koerber asked how many are we going to get? Chairperson Gee answered I am signing and I am doing it and my husband is going to sit with me and just video them so no one can say anything but this was one of the conditions that we could get them and we really do need them for a lot of the residents. Mr. Koerber asked again how many are we going to get? Chairperson Gee answered it depends on what day and it depends on how many. Mr. Koerber asked prisoners from where? Chairperson Gee answered county, they are all trustees and most of them are in the alcohol rehab program I believe but do not quote on that. I am sure we will do fine with them, my husband is going to sit there and video so and it won't take long if I nag them and they are cleaning the ditch but I understand they have rights and some things they don't have to do. Mr. Koerber stated right they have

more rights than we do. Chairperson Gee stated I did them once before and I learned that they do have really strict rights on what is gross that they don't have to pick up.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**SUAB Web-sites** – Chairperson Gee advised the weebly site has had 133 visitors, Dan is that since it opened or do you change that setting every month? Mr. Brady answered that is since it opened or since I put the counter on. The Myspace had 231 visits since our last meeting and it now has 18 friends. The Sheffield Lake Ohio SUAB on Facebook, thanks to Debra sitting in our audience suggesting us to her friends. It started out this morning with 93 friends and at 6:30 this evening we had 100 friends on it. So we are getting quite a bit of information out. Mr. Koerber advised the new city site is online. Chairperson Gee asked when did it come online? Mr. Koerber answered I don't know, I checked it tonight to make sure I was supposed to be here. **Debra Belaska** advised the new city site is up, the only thing that is not on there is the archives. It is like from today, there is no archives. That is all I know right now, I have not visited and I can only go by what Bob Ebenschweller said that it is up and running but there is no archives. Mr. Koerber advised it looks nice. Chairperson Gee advised on any other interest on the SUAB sites, we now had I think 30 or 32 friends on Snappy site. Mr. Brady advised I was thinking of maybe coming up with a little contest on the Facebook site. I was thinking about creating a little turtle and then people could name him or something? Chairperson Gee stated for us to try to get some of the assistance we really would like to try to get and also for us to stick within the PIPE guidelines of the MS4 – we need to get local children involved in doing art. I am supposed to speak with the lady that is handling the summer program over at Tennyson and see if she can't do something. Mr. Brady continued where people email you like a picture of someone drawing of Snappy doing something then you can just put him on the wall. Chairperson Gee answered that sounds really great but we really need to get the kids involved first and we don't have a whole lot of kids on Facebook yet. A big part of the MS4 is teaching the youth and we really have to get back on course with that to get it out to the children. That is why I was hoping that lady with that group would get back a hold of us but she hasn't yet. While we are on the same subject, the Boy Scout troop out in Bucyrus should have our Turtle costume ready probably sometime in June. It will be user friendly and the best part of it was it didn't cost anything other than the lecture I did for the Boy Scouts out there for them to earn their badge and that went pretty good. I already have our booth lined up again from the same person I borrowed it from last year for this year's Community Days.

**PIPE (public information, public education)** – Chairperson Gee advised I spoke to a few other people if you remember right at our last meeting, we brought up the issue to Bill Gardner for him to please ask the Law Director if we could use the money in our account for education as a matching fund to get that money doubled. I spoke to some other people connected with stormwater in the area and they really felt that was a really good idea and they really thought that we could be able to. But we still need to hear from our Service Director and our Law Director. But that would be a way of us doubling, at least doubling the money and maybe even tripling it for the education and then we could use a lot more to have contest and encourage people to get out there with a prize

connected to the contest. At this time if you recall we only have \$600.00 in that fund but if you recall we had asked about donations and that is something we are also waiting for the Law Director to respond on. So if our hands are tied on donations and our hands are tied on fund raising. Really the best way we might have to go is by using the \$600.00 from matching grant money because there is a lot out there offering to help towns get out the information of the stormwater because the rules are changing so rapidly.

**Budget** – Chairperson Gee asked did everyone have a chance to go over the budget from last month? Now we have the new budget. The Mayor in reference to our budget offered us to have the engineer attend some of our meetings. I really didn't think the engineer was something we would need to attend most of our meetings. I did leave us open for a future meeting to where we could definitely have plenty of time to bring up questions and have the list ready and give it to the engineer and then have the engineer come in and answer the questions on the record.

**Proper/Improper Expenditures** – Chairperson Gee stated we have a new Service Director that is looking very well forward into working side by side with our Board. I am sure that we will be able to get far more answers on the budget between him and Mr. Gardner both helping us on this. Also I am not sure who our new worker is or if our worker was changed because at one point I know our worker was the gentleman that just passed away about 2 months ago. That is why at last meeting remember I asked what our share was. Mr. Koerber stated with our worker supposedly, I don't think Council and they tried it once before can just take and have it half paid by one place and half paid by the other because that is a negotiated thing and it has got to be in the contract. Chairperson Gee answered Tammy assured me that what it is is the Finance office is taking the money and combining the money to pay. Mr. Koerber asked it is not in their union contract? Chairperson Gee answered no he is getting a normal check. Mr. Koerber continued because Gardner is the one that told us that the union is the one that wanted that. Chairperson Gee stated I am inclined to say and excuse me if I am speaking out of turn but I am inclined to say that Mr. Gardner misunderstood or mis-answered maybe at that moment. Mr. Koerber stated then you would have to take a look at the contract then to see how this guy is paid. If it is in the contract you are going to have to wait until negotiations or something to change the way it is. Chairperson Gee stated now Tammy when she first talked to me in regards to half of the money coming from us and no longer the whole amount, she said that was something that the Finance office just had to do the writing of and I have not heard any more and to my knowledge we are not only paying half but at the same time I really haven't seen a big drop in the expense of our worker. I haven't seen that yet. We paid \$2000.00 for overtime, we paid \$23,800 month expense for overtime – we didn't pay any. For our employee we paid \$3643.20, maybe we are paying less now because year to date expense was \$7298.02 but that is on the employee – that is not counting the hospitalization as you see or the health and welfare or medicare or PERS or clothing allowance. I did notice that the clothing allowance – we haven't paid any for a while. The Board reviewed budget for stormwater. Mr. Koerber advised well this must be comparatively a new guy because he is only 565 in longevity. There

was a brief discussion. Chairperson Gee advised hopefully our Service Director or Representative Bill Gardner will be able to attend our next meeting.

**100% completion on projects** – Chairperson Gee advised as everyone is very well aware Walker Road is still not completed. Mr. Koerber stated they are working on it though. Chairperson Gee advised still getting a lot of calls from the residents over there. The mud – the fact that they haven't been able to get easy access. Some of those homes haven't had easy access in months to their house, it is starting to get on some of those residents nerves very badly. Mrs. Belaska advised the speeding over there (Cove Beach) is outrageous over there. If there was a police officer sitting there clocking them they could be giving out tickets all day long – they are flying down that street and you got children getting off the bus and everything and it is dangerous. Chairperson Gee advised Al Tran (Buckeye) said they are going really bad past his place too. Mr. Koerber (Buckeye) stated what I get is the kids at the end of the street coming home from school and they are doing 60 down the street. I threw a rake at one of them the other day but I missed the car though but he slowed down. There was a brief discussion on enforcement options. Mr. Koerber added what you have to watch for is where Maple and Buckeye because the way the signage is looks like you detoured and you have to go back through us which you don't have to. But what happens is people coming out, when they go back there and then they all the way around then they get mad about the time they are about half way through it and they go through that stop sign. Chairperson Gee stated that is something that this Board can do – Bill, could you really take a look at how all of those detour signs are connected with the Walker Road project. They are very misleading, I have a lot of people talk about that. Mr. Koerber stated they take you off Lake Road and they put you down Buckeye then there is one there that goes onto Maple and then half the time Maple is closed so then these people are going all the way down to Richelieu then they come back down Buckeye again and by the time they get there or they try to come back down Maple and there is that stop sign and they blow right through it – they don't care. By then they are so mad they don't care whether they go through it or not because they have been misdirected. There was a brief discussion.

**Requested update fees for city businesses** – Chairperson Gee advised we got all of those not that it made a lot of sense when we got it because it was just all lumped together. But I am sure that we are now getting newer people in the Building Department again. So when they are a little more adjusted over there, I will go over and sit down and go everything and try to separate it.

**Community Days** – Chairperson Gee advised we already have a booth that we borrowed, it is much better then us owning our own. No one has ever found the booth that we own. It has still not been found but they called me and told me that they found the sign. The sign they found is in my garage safe and when they told me they found it upstairs in the attic I know they were mistaken because honest the big sign that Dan and I hung during Pride Day, I was who bought it and I paid to have it painted and it always stays in my garage. There was a lengthy discussion on Community Days and previous drainage issues.

**Lorain County PIPE: None.**

**Pride Day:** Chairperson Gee advised it is the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, this Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm. The dumpsters are free to the residents, they can call the Service Department to get the restrictions and the do's and don'ts and all this city is asking is for the people to please bring aluminum cans and for some reason someone doesn't have aluminum cans – I always have a stash of aluminum cans sitting out at my house during Pride Day for people to grab. There will be guys there to help unload trucks this year like normal, but to my knowledge there is not anyone driving around helping people pick up. There was a brief discussion.

**MS4 report:** Chairperson Gee advised need to speak with Mr. Gardner or Tom Erwin for clarification.

**Prisoners: ADD.**

**EPA:** Chairperson Gee advised I put animal waste up on our sites. Pride Day, we will be handing out flyers on disposal of animal waste. We will also be giving out the proper chemicals and weeding controls information. Also information on Community Days.

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:**

**Debra Belaska, 4014 East Lake Road** stated I would like to invite everybody to join SUAB on Facebook. Chairperson Gee added we have the Sheffield Lake Ohio SUAB, Friends of the Snappy the Turtle and there is now a Sheffield Lake site that Facebook set up but they are waiting for the Mayor to initiate it.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, \*Motion by Koerber/Second by Brady to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Yeas All.

**CLERK OF COMMITTEE AFFIRMATION:** This Meeting Of The City Committee Of The City Of Sheffield Lake 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.

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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 Board  
Of May 13, 2010.

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*and/or*

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