

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

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The regular meeting of the Stormwater Utility Appeal's Board was held Tuesday, September 21, 2010. Chairperson Gee called the meeting to order at 9:07 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Gee, Koerber, Moore, Brady, Service Director Smith

Absent: Svoboda, Grant Administrator Gardner

**MINUTES:** \*Motion by Koerber/Second by Moore to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2010 meeting with any corrections needed. Yeas All.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Chairperson Gee advised we already saw our presentation from the Black River Watershed coordinator upstairs during Council Worksession which all of us attended.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairperson Gee advised I have a woman that was concerned – Mrs. William Watson. She lives over on the west side of the shopping center and I want to say it is Tennyson Avenue approximately where it curves. She has some problems, her ditch is not enclosed/it is open. She didn't give me anything in writing, she caught me at the shopping center. She did make me go over and look at it, yes there are some concerns with the shape it is in and with some broken piping on it. I checked Pleasantview, the resident from Pleasantview area that calls us every so often called us. I went down and the Pleasantview problems were smeared which is not a good best management practice and nothing has really been done since then down there. I think that was it on correspondence at this moment.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Chairperson Gee advised if you will look at last months minutes, we still have not heard from the Young Marines. I did get a chance tonight though to speak prior to coming here to the Boy Scouts. They will be putting us in their schedule for Christina and I to do a presentation with them. We already saw the presentation that Christina had done. Dan – I did not bring the poster of Snappy she did tonight. I am hoping that we can ask city hall for a very small section for us to have our information up because this is really a nice heavy duty poster. It would nice if there was a place that they could give us these things. We were told that we could not afford this and it is highly important for the Building Department as part of the MS4, this is supposed to be posted at the Building Department. Thanks to Christina and Nancy, we have these without having to purchase them. We have these to go up in our Building Department, we have 2 of them for when just like what happened to the last one it fell apart. We have one for when it falls apart to put back up. As you heard me mention upstairs once again Avon Lake has offered to give us copies of their things which they have given us in the past, numerous times.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**SUAB Web-sites** – Chairperson Gee reported we have grown quite a bit on them; the Myspace had 326 views but keep in mind we were at the County Fair with our sites. The Facebook now has 160 friends and there is no way of counting how many people view it. Snappy the Turtle has 32 friends, we are going to start trying to get people to give more thumbs up but it doesn't always count when you give it a thumbs up, so that is kind of unfair. On the Weebly site Dan, were you able to check on it? Mr. Brady answered I checked on it today, I can't remember what it is – 215 or 220 or something. I put another coloring page on there and changed the home page graphics. Chairperson Gee stated we are gradually getting the information out. She advised of materials that the County gave the Board to give out, a huge quantity of them. Mr. Moore stated they remind me of a placemat that you would see at a restaurant. Chairperson Gee answered that is what they are and we are hoping that we can get enough gradually to where we can give them for the school kids trays. She continued as my Board is well aware, I have been taking all the extra – any on-line EPA for stormwater, any public information public education, any of the web casts, any of the current information. Now the training opportunities that have appeared I have been taking those but I was contacted, let me start my list – this is the list that we have for the Service Director in case he takes too long and it will be in the minutes – I will hand him the written list. Fallout stenciling; some cities for a fact, when I spoke to our Service Director he has been trying to wait to get the manpower because of union. Some cities have had boy scouts do them, some cities have had any volunteer possible to do them. I reminded the Service Director today on a phone call that they must be done before the end of 2010. Mr. Koerber asked what does he mean the union? Chairperson Gee answered I don't know. Mr. Koerber stated because we are paying for one guy in stormwater. Chairperson Gee advised I could be mis-quoting, I could be mis-quoting because it was a cell phone conversation so I could have misunderstood. She continued some cities use volunteers, we need to have these stenciled for MS4 before the end of 2010. Once the snow is flying that is not the time to go out there and sandblast the ice off to do these. I have volunteered for the last 36 months to willingly stencil these. It is not manual labor, it is nothing hard; like I said some cities have used 10 year olds in a project to do this. This is a very important part of the MS4 and it was something that some of our documents say we started last year. I went through and there is none stenciled in our city at all. Mr. Brady stated the outfall on the west end of town was a couple of years ago. Chairperson Gee continued another question for our Service Director is who is our certified official that signs our MS4 reports. Our Service Director was nice enough to have Kay give me some paperwork and the minute I get home I will scan it and send copies to all of you instantly. That should have that answer on it because it should have that persons signature. Now who taken BMP courses for our city, this is something that does go down into the MS4. There is a place to state this in what our city has done for our share of the MS4 and try to improve the Great Lakes. I am sure there has been more then just me that has done this. Who has taken SWPPP courses for this city, I am sure there are more then just me that has done that also but there should be someone in every city with these. Who with our city is taking the MS4 webcast and what

ones have they taken? I have a print-out of the ones that I have taken, you log in, you sign in, you give them your email address and they send you a verification email. So anyone else that has done these also will have that verification. Who is a certified compliance inspector that works for the city, certified compliance inspector of stormwater. Who from our city attends county, state stormwater meetings and courses. These are all things that help us look good in our MS4 and these are all public questions that are legally allowed to be asked. What ones of the courses in the meetings have been attended and on what dates and by whom. That way we have this all up for our MS4. Who attended the September 16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday EPA post construction BMP tour for the cities. We were one of the cities that were to attend it, I was taking a 3 hour broadcast that day and I could not attend. I thought someone from our city attended, I just do not know who. When I asked Christine, when I asked Nancy – they really weren't sure but at the same time they are not familiar with faces and it is easy for paperwork not to be signed. What we were supposedly given tonight but I have not had time to review it was I requested when the ICR which is MS4 questioner was filled out, who answered the PIPE parts of it and who was the source for that information. The ICR was sent out about 70 days ago certified mail, it was a mandatory questioner and had to be sent back in 60 calendar days. There was a form on it that said if you needed an extension to contact this man which I have the paperwork here, he denied every extension that anyone contacted him of – was denied. Now the webcast that I took that was 3 hours the other day was to help the cities that had questions because so many cities had not returned and then they sent me an email that our city might need the webcast. So I took the webcast and what it was was explaining how to fill out each question. Supposedly when I finally got back through with Lenny because he has been very busy, this is the information that we should have. Mr. Brady asked are these questions going to be directed to Bill Gardner or who? Chairperson Gee answered there should be one person at all times signing everything and responding. I asked our Service Director and I got one answer, I asked our Mayor and I got a different answer. She stated let me get the next question and then you will understand okay? I wish to have a copy of the questioner with the answers our city gave. Who is the city person doing the regular water testing at the fallouts and how often are they being done. Now the final question is could you please tell me what role in the city stormwater MS4 does Andrea, Pat, Tom, Bill and Service Director have? Also who is listed as the stormwater employee that the stormwater shares with another department. These are questions – there should be one person responsible for signing these. That person should get the information from the Service Department on their part. From the PIPE Department on what part of the MS4 we have helped with. A huge part of MS4 is the public information public education, it is also the things we do by giving out information/posting things by law that should have been posted 2 years ago and making sure that the stencil are down. Now in a conversation that I had today, as I say cell phone conversations I do not like because they do break up and you can too misunderstand someone. I was lead to believe that we were number 1 in northern Ohio, now we are tailend Charlie for a fact and I know that as a fact. You are all aware that less then a year ago the City of Avon opened their stormwater, they got us beat by a land slide already.

We actually helped them at the beginning, we gave them some of our information. Avon Lake is willing to share any paperwork that we should have already had in effect for lawn care people, any type of businesses especially hauling. When you see a tree service hauling away, most cities make them through the best management practice say where that is being hauled to. It is not enough for them to just say oh I don't live in your city, my yard is not in your city. That is not enough because that waste is to coming from property in our city. We are to know where it is going for best management practices. I was made aware by a resident that they thought the inspect mosquito pellets. Mr. Koerber stated they saw them being thrown from a truck and wanted to know what they were? Chairperson Gee continued well Dan and I saw – the one lady asked us. Dan was at my booth when a lady asked us but the one I talked to you about wasn't it that they wanted to know if it had to be a certified person? Mr. Koerber answered Cuyahoga County Board of Health, when they send those people out to drop the pellets in the catch basins they have to be licensed to do it. Now if they have a helper with them, as long as he is within so many feet of the guy with the license then both of them can do it. You know one side of the street and then the other and so on. I was under the impression that that came from the EPA, so anybody doing it had to be licensed which would go along with your lawn care people that they have to be licensed to spray. They have to take an EPA license or they cannot spray. Chairperson Gee stated the people that I have spoken with all say that it is a course and you have to take the course and be certified. It has to be the person overseeing witnessing it. Mr. Koerber stated right otherwise you can have a group of college kids out there spraying but you got to have one guy right there in the field that has a license. So that he can make sure that they are doing it correctly. I mean you are not going to send a college kid that is working part-time during the summer to go and get an EPA license. Mr. Brady asked would our Service Director be the equivalent of Joe Wright in Avon Lake then? Chairperson Gee answered no, all kidding aside – everyone that I associate with and work with in the county level. I am the only one not on a pay, they are the ones recommending what courses for me to take and they are the ones that are teaching me. If I have a question I turn to them, their stormwater utilities have much better funding but at the same time there are townships that don't have – they have less funding then we do and they still have a person working full-time. What I mean by full-time is at least once a week to make sure that everything in the MS4 is the right way because we need that funding money and if you noticed at tonight's meeting there was a mention about redoing a grant connected with stormwater – a loan I believe. I will definitely try to make sure – Kay could we please have a copy of that for our next meeting? \*Motion by Koerber/Second by Moore to have a copy of redoing stormwater utility loan. Yeas All. Chairperson Gee advised Lorain is raising their stormwater fees, for those of you that don't have the original – the Council people that have passed made a pact. We are paying \$4.85 as it is and that was supposed to be more then enough. We were not suppose to raise ours. I am hoping that if Council chooses to raise it that they let this Board be aware of it because the way our stormwater is written that cannot be done. Also on the same lines in reference to the stormwater we are supposed to be getting more of the things each year accomplished one step at a time with the MS4. The

EPA and I know no one likes that word but the EPA is giving out the free information and the free help to get through these. It is something that our city needs to take advantage of. Mr. Brady stated I have a question and I ask this in all seriousness, have you ever talked to the Mayor about being made like a special representative of the city. This Board which was originally supposed to listen to appeals, it seems like you have made it much more than that. I just wondered have you ever asked them, I mean you are doing the work but you don't have the city hall weight behind you. Chairperson Gee answered I have got county. Mr. Brady continued but you are coming in from the outside and I am saying they need someone to lead the way up there. It seems like you are already doing the work but you are just not officially part of the administration. Mr. Koerber advised why should they pay for something that they are getting free. Chairperson Gee advised I have been doing this for 10 years free for them. Originally some years ago, Bill Gardner had a desk, I had a desk also right beside his. I came in and I did the work when I had the time to do it, I set up things/coordinated things and we always kept on the same page with MS4. That is when we realized that the SUAB appeals Board was not meeting the PIPE which is part of the MS4. That is when we made it clear and brought the PIPE into the SUAB Board and the PIPE is mandatory, it is a huge part of the MS4. Also all the reports we do, all the hand-outs we hand out is a very big part of the MS4. Mr. Brady stated I was just wondering if you made a proposal to them to try to get back to that sort of arrangement. Chairperson Gee answered it is not in the budget. At one point when I did approach, I am trained as a grant writer – I have never wrote a grant for the City of Sheffield Lake, I have wrote them for other people. I was told to feel free to write a grant to get myself a paid position. I don't ask, we have education money but I chose to have my husband pay on the courses that I do have to pay for because the education money is needed for as soon as we coordinate and start going to the schools. If we can teach the children and use that money that way – that is our best bet. Mr. Brady stated I just thought that we are in danger of losing all this grant money because Sheffield Lake has no one person solely responsible for it which is what all your questions were leading towards, where there nobody really minding the store but you and you are not part of the administration. I just wondered if you went to them with a proposal okay allow me to do this and if we have this money that we supposedly have somewhere. Chairperson Gee stated I would never be the one to sign these. Whoever is the one signing these is the one that needs to say okay what part have you given us and then the right hand and the left hand need to start working together and making our MS4 a complete document instead of a partial because we are not getting full credit as a city for everything we are doing and we should never turn down a volunteer. Mr. Brady stated I just thought that if you made a direct appeal to them with a proposal of what you would want to do that for them in official capacity to assist the Service Director, with all these things you are doing anyways. You said you are already over-seeing it, it is too bad you can't make something official.

***PIPE (public information, public education) – above.***

**Budget** – Chairperson Gee advised please we want to review this and discuss it at our next meeting because remember there have been new tap-in's and we had some discussions about that at our next meeting.

**Proper/Improper Expenditures – None.**

**100% completion on projects – None.**

**Requested update fees for city businesses – None.**

**Lorain County PIPE:** cancelled this month.

**MS4 report;** discussed above.

**EPA:**

**Animal Waste** – Chairperson Gee advised we have got that information out, all over the internet and plus I have given it out at Community Days and also at the County Fair.

**Chemicals and weeds** – same as animal waste.

**Pleasantview** – discussed above. Chairperson Gee stated the stuff was moved around, the resident that contacted me about it was very concerned over that.

**Managing your BMP's** – Chairperson Gee stated we have got to make sure that our Service Department has all the employees listen to that tape on best management practice and make sure they know. As it stands now getting mud or anything out on the road is not in that anymore. I have the webcast on CD for them to take it and sign it and let us know. Let us know because there is so much things that has changed on the best management practices.

Chairperson Gee advised Service Director Smith we will be going over our budget at the next meeting and most of these questions like I pointed out to them, most of these questions you have already answered because you gave me the paperwork. Service Director Smith advised I have the answers to what you guys needed to know, I have had them for a while. Those were the questions that are highlighted, so I don't know what is redundant at this point and what is not. Chairperson Gee stated do you want me to email you a copy with a check-off of the things you already gave me. Service Director Smith answered that would be fine. The stuff that I gave you was adequate? Chairperson Gee answered to my knowledge it is, tomorrow or the next meeting we do not need your answers until our next meeting? Since you are here, do you have any anything new on Pleasantview that we do not have on it. It seems like all they did was smear the stuff which is a worst practice and nothing more has been done. Service Director Smith answered I have nothing on Pleasantview, nothing. Chairperson Gee stated we understood that we have some new tap-in's? Service Director Smith answered that is the one thing I don't have the numbers on the tap-in fees and how much they were. You had asked/requested that information – that is a Tammy thing. She has to go through the fund report and she has to look at the receipts. Chairperson Gee stated while you are here and you will remember this from way back at the beginning of stormwater being created. We had one up when Bill was over there – this is for contractors and they are supposed to sign something saying that they read this. Almost every building office has one. Service Director Smith stated one of the cool things is that Steve is redoing all the forms on our new website. Our website has not been up and running and we have made accessibility to all the new forms. I have kind of reworked the Building Department as to what it was.

He is not the most popular guy in town, he is actually the most hated guy in Sheffield Lake and the reason being is the Mayor had given me the directive when I came on Board that he wanted the state certified Building Department to be more efficient at making sure the regulations were enforced and one of the things that I did with Steve is I had him doing things a little bit more but he is not out hunting people down contrary to what they say. Most of the people that upset are people who got caught without a building permit or caught for this. One of the other aspects is updating all the paperwork/forms/rita forms/tax forms – all the things that a contractor needs to do when he comes into the city. So we have made that accessible via the internet also. We had a problem with the company that was doing the website which the stormwater part isn't done yet but they put on the old forms and we tried to stop it but we couldn't do it at that time and as of last week Matt over there is actually putting on all the Building Department's new forms. So if there is anything else that I need to put on, I will have it put on the Building Department's website whether it is certain information here. So don't hesitate so that we can put it there and make it accessible. Chairperson Gee stated we already the ordinance about the leaves and the debris, people don't take that one serious and it is that was never enforced. Service Director Smith stated we don't have the money in the budget for leaf clean-up in the city. Next year I am going to try to formulate a way to do it but this we are not. Chairperson Gee stated but Lenny did you know that the larger percentage of the United States that is starting stormwater's do not have a leaf pick-up budget. It is up to the resident and it is up to the city to make sure those spots – the main storm fall-outs are cleared. Service Director Smith stated as with any implementation of a rule or a practice, compliance; there is 2 ways of doing it – you can inspire to comply or you can legislate to comply. You get a better turn-out if you get people to do it voluntarily; instead of mandating it. Like the building codes, he is there to take somebody from point A to point B. He is not there to be a policeman and cite them for something they have already done. He is there to help them get to somewhere. Chairperson Gee stated we already have the ordinance but there is no reason to cite people. What the problem is is the first words out of a residents mouth is well the city didn't come by and do it. We need to make the public more aware. Service Director Smith stated my personal feelings on leaf clean-up because I have been dealing with Allied Waste and the refuse contracts with the recycling implementation of the cart program. I got free dumpsters out of Allied Waste; I got them for Pride Day, for lawn refuse and bulk refuse such as wood, trigs, debris and grass clippings. I also got a 20-yard dumpster and that is for any resident that wants to come in and haul their stuff and don't want to bag it on the side of the road. Chairperson Gee stated why was that such a secret? Service Director Smith answered I have had it in the paper. Chairperson Gee stated almost everyone no longer gets the paper. Service Director Smith answered I can't go door-to-door and twist peoples hands. I have also talked about it during my Service Directors report, that 20-yarder is there the person who has 5 bags of leaves and I don't want to wait and have them sit in a brown bag for the rain to get it and turn soggy and end up on the side of a ditch. Throw them in the trunk of your car, bring them down and throw them in the dumpster down here at the city. It is there 24/7 and in front, it is not

locked out and it is there for the residents that don't want to take a chance. Chairperson Gee stated if you send me what you want said, I will send it out with all the residents that get information. We have a list of residents that take emails from us. Service Director Smith stated I don't have a problem buying a dumpster during leaf season and putting 2 of them out there. You are giving the residents another alternative; first of all they are not happy with the cart program. When I first came on board in April, we were having all those rains and one of the things that I did was go out with a road Superintendent and looked at all the flooded areas of the city and made notes about where the water levels were/what was backed up and what wasn't and God willing he gave us about a month of constant rains that kept the ditches filled. I really got a good read on Buckeye/Maple and the area over there and I came up with a plan with Pat on what we could do to alleviate the water. At the same time I had the residents calling me on a repeated basis.

Chairperson Gee stated you are also aware of the one unique septic tank system because that pipe comes all the way through. It is done really good as far as the rock, it is really filtered properly – very up to code but it is a real problem when you go to widen that ditch because there really is a nuisance in the way. Service Director Smith answered we will deal with it when it comes time, shouldn't be an issue. The first problem that we have is what is keeping the water in there and the reason is the elevation of the grain. It is almost like there is a dam built around, it is actually a ball. The people on the inside, Bill Gardner alleviated some of it by putting in that big deep ditch on Buckeye up to the catch basin on the corner of the cross-over street but the problem is Maple can't drain to there. It has only got like a 6 inch fall from one side to the other and it is filled and the ground swells when it gets absorbed with water; the ground swells up and you lose that. It is so shallow that you will literally lose that, water doesn't flow in it – it will almost be at a stand-still. Chairperson Gee stated as dry as this summer has been I am sure that never dried, I am sure that it never did. Service Director Smith stated one of the things that we are going to do is we are going to put a cut-off on Buckeye and bring the water south. I am going to put a new cross-over going to the south side of Richelieu running from the inner side of Buckeye going to the south side of Richelieu then up on Buckeye – we will run another cross-over that is going to run from the west side of the road to the east side of the road so that it can drain into that catch basin. So we are going to kind of flip the fall a little bit and then what will happen that water level comes down, it won't back up those center houses which is what it is doing and I have got them on both sides. Then there is like 4 driveway pipes on Buckeye alone that are almost at the surface that are clogged, there are 2 houses at the ridge that don't even pipe in them. Chairperson Gee stated this one is the city pipe going across the city road is the one I am talking about. Service Director Smith answered before I go digging up stuff with elevations, what I had to do was take the existing plot and how do we get rid of this water, this water and this water – how do we get it to flow and where is it going to flow to? I don't believe what Bill told me was the ditch is at capacity – I don't believe that, considering that Pleasant has its own storm sewer system and it doesn't all run to the ditch – it has an outfall. I have been there when the rains are going and the water goes there anyways, the problem is it backs up faster then it drains so then you end up with the same amount of

water getting to the ditch. The difference is you have that delay at first filling in all the low areas behind it and unfortunately those are the residents. So that is my area of concern and that is where I am going to start here probably at the end of the month. I was hoping to start this week or the week before this week but it just didn't get it.

Chairperson Gee stated if you have access to go back to Road Department paperwork about 25 years ago, back in Bill Schmidt's day/Kevin McCullough's day – they built up because that water was always flooding and freezing there and Joyce Hanks lived on the other side and there was some other people that lived on the other side plus the school buses were sliding – they actually raised up and that is a big part of why it is worse now. Service Director Smith stated because they built the dam's on the ridge on the outside of the woods. We have a couple of relief's cut in there, especially down by the south side by the hydrant. We have got a relief cut in there, Tom was able to get that working – it was full of leaves and brush, it just wasn't moving and it was causing a flow but I wondered if somebody else did that to make it flow backwards to the storms now that are on Abbe because the storms come up Walker from that intersection. The next big project will probably be Walker Road IV but at this point and time, those residents it is not going to do them any good to have flooded backyards for 3 months every year – it is just not right. Chairperson Gee stated it is longer then that for most of them but some of them bought their property that way. Service Director Smith stated but the water is not good when we do get a 50 year rain, we are going to have some serious issues. Chairperson Gee stated technically we should be prepared for 100 year rain, that is the technical recommendation. Service Director Smith stated in the city it depends on where you live whether you are safe or not and it shouldn't be like. That is going to be my first area that I am working and if anybody has any suggestions or ideas, I will be glad to listen.

Chairperson Gee stated if you have access to the [www.sheffieldlake](http://www.sheffieldlake) site that has been shut down for so long. Service Director Smith answered I have maintenance privileges on it and I am putting together the Service Department site. Chairperson Gee stated I will start sending you some things, I will make sure that they are brief and eye-catchy that are things that we are to get out to the public. We are really extremely far behind. Service Director Smith explained we had to go through a training course on the website alone, we had another company in and then we got it all up and running and their end didn't work. So we are sitting here for weeks trying to punch in our passwords and manipulate it and it is not working. But their going well I don't know why it is not working because it is working for us. That is what we have been going through. Chairperson Gee stated did you know your webcam's at the boat launch had such a bad virus, everybody's computer was flagging them? Service Director Smith explained here is what happened, century link had the issue, their server was infected is what he told me. Chairperson Gee stated here is the thing, I have century link or centurymtel whatever we want to call it but I have high security because my daughter in the military is the one that picked my security, I have some really good security. It flagged the cam's the minute I tried to open them, it blocked them so I called someone else with the same type of security as me, they tried to get on and it blocked them. Then there was someone that called me and said oh my god help with my computer I was watching the cam and now my computer is running

crappy. I have not tried since then, I assume they fixed the problem. Service Director Smith stated the problem was with century link, there was a problem with their server. That is all I know, all I know is that they said that there was a major problem with their server. It is up and running now, I have some pretty good security on my computer at home and I don't have a problem accessing the cameras either there or here. So whatever it was is fixed and Basom who is the surveillance company is the one that installed the cameras has told me for sure that there was a big issue with the century server.

Chairperson Gee advised I did run into an elderly lady and I am sure once I tell you what was said I am sure you will figure out who bless her heart. She wanted to know how come our schools and the bike path and the playgrounds did not have security cameras and to be honest upstairs I was real happy to hear that the bike path might be getting them. Service Director Smith stated it is going to be getting them, it is just finding the funding for it and that is a unique situation and from what I understand the safe routes to schools bike trail plan have cameras included in them. So that is something that when the trails get built for our connecting route. Chairperson Gee stated as long as none of that comes out of stormwater then we are happy. Service Director Smith continued that is something that we addressed when we built the infrastructure is to put the cameras in so that all we have to do is incur the maintenance costs and then we have that level right from get-go. It is about \$10,000.00 to do the cameras in the bike trail alone, that is why there is a delay on it. Chairperson Gee stated this Board would like if you get information connected with stormwater please let us know because that way we can be a united team getting the information. When you get a question asked connected like that 60-day response that you's had, my god I could have given you so much more information that you's left blank and really the truth was our city did to do those things. Service Director Smith stated that was the same day type of reaction that we had, it was accepted. Chairperson Gee stated they sent it certified and they said you had 60 calendar days. Service Director Smith stated that was during the switch over from Joe Arendt to me. What happened was we did mail that in, it did get returned that day but then they called us back and said they didn't get it or it was insufficient – whatever generated a second time. Chairperson Gee stated they also invited you's to take the course to shows you's how to help fill it out, I took the course but according to the course I was the only one in my zip code. Service Director Smith stated I think we made progress with that. Chairperson Gee stated we could have made more progress though. Service Director Smith stated in my last conversation with the EPA is that we have supplied enough information and that is that second set that you got in that bundle. Chairperson Gee stated there was no right answers or wrong answers.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Brady asked Rosa if you had your druthers, what would you want the city to do to solve this problem of coordination. Chairperson Gee stated instead of people taking each other the wrong way which is so easy sometimes. The Service Department, the PIPE Board, the SUAB Board are all a team effort; they are not enemies, they are not trying to outdo each other; they are trying to help each other. The county, you's have seen how much information I have gotten from the county, from other

organizations without it costing our printers, our problem. This is a team effort in northern Ohio. John Hunter is starting to really move forward with stormwater tremendously. Any ideas I have he is gladly to hear. The county gives the information, EPA gives the information, all this information should be a treacle down effect so everything is set in place before it becomes cut and down law and huge fines start coming out. Mr. Brady stated the county is helping us, Avon Lake is helping us and you are involved in all that. I am saying what is it that you want Sheffield Lake to do, what do you see would be the solution in terms of how to handle the responsibility when you are watching over the MS4, you are watching over what needs to be done, the outfalls, etc. I think you should just be real blunt with them. Chairperson Gee stated when the county sent Sheffield Lake's share of their paperwork that they had to do, when Christina sent it to me I answered the parts that this group has done by giving out information and what the PIPE had done. Then I forwarded it on to our Service Director - the end. I am sure that it was handled properly because one thing I do have to say about Lenny is he does return my emails. Mr. Brady stated I just want to know how does this get solved, what is it that you want to happen? Chairperson Gee stated I am hoping that they are going to realize; some people are misguided and they believe that we are way up on top because we were the first to start the stormwater – we are on the bottom. No joke but yes it is a joke because the seriousness is not being taken. Mr. Koerber stated I think what it is going to take is something like the EPA coming in and audit this city like they did Avon Lake who is way above us. We went to a meeting with that guy and that was apparent just sitting across the table across from the guy. If they audited Avon Lake, one of these days their going to audit Sheffield Lake and when they do and we can't back up or they can't back up with what they put in those reports then the fines are going to start coming down. Chairperson Gee stated Dan, we definitely have pleaded our case – it goes on file even and yes I have pleaded our case in private. Mr. Brady stated to the Mayor? Chairperson Gee answered the problem for example; I will give a good one – the Weebly site, we all know the date it was started but it went on our last MS4 and that is not true. Mr. Brady stated it is on the files on the little graphics and things, the original date is still on there and it was older then I thought. Chairperson Gee stated go through the minutes, the day we accepted it and put it in the minutes was after. Mr. Koerber stated when that MS4 first came out, you were supposed to go in there and send the EPA what you were going to do each of the three years for that – in a percentage and through that percentage like the outfalls and stuff like that it is by the MS4, probably all done. But if you actually go down there and take a look it hasn't been because anybody can write down there I did this, I did that, I did this, I did that for this year and send it in. Chairperson Gee stated the reason I said we only had 7 septic tanks left tonight and Lenny thank God corrected me. Our last Service Director was the one that told me that we were down 7 at a SUAB meeting when I said how many because each year we must eliminate some.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, \*Motion by Koerber/Second by Brady to adjourn at 10:15 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 September 21, 2010.

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