# Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Sheffield Lake, Ohio September 1, 2009

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse was held Tuesday, September 1, 2009. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

#### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Smith, Kovach, Bring, Elliott, Rosso Absent: Podmanik, Huska, Diebold (excused) Attending: Law Director Graves, Concerned Citizens

#### **READING OF THE MINUTES:**

\*Motion by Elliott/Second by Kovach to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2009 meeting as presented. Yeas all.

CORRESPONDENCE: None. PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE: None.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Projects:

*Ferndale I* - **None.** 

Ferndale II – Law Director Graves reported Ferndale Phase II is moving along nicely. I drove it today with Mr. Gardner and driveways are going in. Councilman Rosso asked searching for grants to get? Law Director Graves answered he is still the project coordinator on Ferndale. So he is out there and it is moving along nicely, driveways are going in and sidewalks are about to start. Councilman Rosso stated I have a question but you probably don't know the answer. Or should I call Bill up or wait for Joe and this has to do with the curbs on the side streets? Are they going to put those all the way of peoples property because some of them look like they stop in the middle of their yard, will they go all the way to the end of their yard? Chairman Smith answered I think they do, I think just the entrance ways. Some of them because of the height that you have to travel, when they are down low. You know how it is just a gradual up to the street where they have cut it out, that is how they determine how much of the street they cut out by the angle it is and how low it is. Councilman Bring advised they did the same thing on Phase I. Chairman Smith advised it all depends on how it is cut down, if it don't need to be cut down a lot and they only have to go up so many feet then that is what they do and that is my understanding. Councilman Rosso stated it seems stupid to have somebody have a curb through half of their front yard and then stop in the middle. Councilman Bring advise I think several of them actually end up being like that. Chairman Smith advised I think that is how the engineers did it, they did it by how much they were going to have to go up. Councilman Rosso asked so it stops where the road stops? Chairman Smith advised no it doesn't stop where the road stops, just certain incline or area that is on the plans. It is all per plan, if you look at the plans they put them on where the plans are approved at. Where the engineers – I don't know if that is just where the stub of the sewer is at because you only got one stub to the sewer and it comes around. I guess if you were to put another section to the sewer and then continue the curb down but it has only got one section of sewer wherever they engineered it to and I would imagine it goes what 5-feet past it or something. That is my understanding but you can call Bill or Joe but Joe is on vacation. So you will have to call Bill.

Infiltration:

Flow Monitoring analysis - None.

Future Projects:

<u>Sidewalks</u> - None.

Misc:

Water meters - None.

<u>Pole for lights on bridge</u> – Chairman Smith advised I think we are just waiting for the path to start and then we will take care of that.

**SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Councilman Bring advised they striped Shoreway, we saw that. Law Director Graves added and the gilsonite up there. Councilman Kovach asked how much further have they gotten with the trail or have they? Chairman Smith answered I don't think they have started the trail, I don't think they have done anything for a while on the trail. Law Director Graves advised I think they are planning on working on that a little more in the fall. They are waiting for some of these other projects to calm down. Councilman Bring stated we are going to have to have Joe look at Lake Road up there by Grantwood, there is some pretty good size cracks in the road there on Lake. We are going to have to address that maybe before winter. Councilman Elliott stated I guess tar and chip went pretty well this year? Chairman Smith answered the gilsonite went well and I noticed he added a few roads to it and did a few different sections. Councilman Bring stated whatever they did this year was better before they even put the gilsonite on top of it. Chairman Smith explained that is because they double tar and chipped it. Single tar and chip to me just doesn't do it, it is kind like a waste because it just covers over and you still got the waviness and stuff. All in all, myself, personally I was pretty happy with them except for Gayle. I don't know that Gayle is really one of those roads that you really wanted to do that with you know it being a concrete road. Councilman Rosso asked they tar and chipped Gayle? Chairman Smith answered yes, they did a pretty crappy job in the front but that was there. We all knew it was there on the list, so it is what it is. Councilman Bring stated I think Joe's plan is to actually pave that. He wants to do a couple of roads next year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilman Rosso asked anything on Allied Waste? Law Director Graves advised I know Dave Kidder was here today, I know he met with the Mayor. I don't

know the nature of the conversation, I spoke with him briefly on his way out. He reiterated that anyone who seriously needs more then one of the bins, be it 2 or extreme case 3. Councilman Rosso advised true but still they are paying for a service they don't get. I still don't see how it affects in the landfill. Chairman Smith answered that can be corrected. We get solid waste money right, we make the residents who are on the trial and we pay them a few bucks back and use that money to do it. Councilman Rosso stated I still don't understand how the whole deal is to reduce waste in the landfill to encourage recycling but they are not going to do the recycling part. Councilman Bring stated we are still going to do it but just in blue bags that is all. Councilman Rosso stated that is not going to get any more participation, the blue bin was supposed to make it better. Actually you want to reduce your landfill and encourage recycling then forget about the garbage and just give everybody the blue one and then people would start recycling more or the green one. Chairman Smith stated I know what it is all about and it doesn't have anything to do with recycling, it is about cutting their costs. I know what he said but it is to cut down on their workman's comp claims, is to cut down on the money that they pay for workman's comp and it is to save them money. Councilman Rosso stated how the county commissioners can force that on us is beyond me. Chairman Smith advised they are going to do it to everybody – they are going to do it to every county because they are being strong armed probably by solid waste. Councilman Rosso stated but we have a contract and how they can nullify a contract. Chairman Smith stated I don't think solid waste money is part of the contract, we will have our contract but the solid waste money that is just from solid waste. Councilman Rosso stated it is just not right. Chairman Smith stated they are probably holding that money over the county commissioners saying. Councilman Rosso stated it is like extortion and 900 households have to vote on those commissioners come November. There was a brief discussion. Councilman Rosso advised I am going to tell you what I am going to bring it up to Council that after last Council, Bill called me over and said Rick you are exactly right – we sold that as it was a \$2.00 increase to minimum charge. People going to Florida would pay \$5.00 a month instead of \$3.00 and it would not impact anybody in this city with service and now you are adding \$2.00 onto those peoples bill. When that went through that \$2.00 base rate it was not presented as a \$2.00 increase across the board, it was a \$2.00 minimum charge. So we voted on something that we were told was not what it really was and blame us for doing it that way but we need to revisit that. That was a minimum charge not a base increase. Even Bill said all I thought I was trying to do was get those people that go to Florida for the winter to pay an extra \$2.00 a month. Chairman Smith stated we can revisit that in Ordinance and you guys are.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Bring to adjourn at 7:47 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.

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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 COMMITTEE Of September 1, 2009.

## CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Alan Smith

and/or

CO-CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Dennis Bring

## PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Edward R Podmanik

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Richard Rosso