

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse  
Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
October 3, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse was held Monday, September 6, 2011. Chairman Dennis Bring called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

Absent: Podmanik, Mayor Piskura (excused)

Attending: Service Director Smith, Law Director Graves

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

\*Motion by Elliott/Second by Stark to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011 meeting with any corrections. Yeas all.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE: None.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Projects: None.*

***Future Projects:***

**Sidewalks** – Service Director Smith reported we will be forming up sidewalks from water breaks in the next several weeks here. We are doing it now but we hope we will have that all completed. Councilman Rosso asked do you have a date when you are going to do your concrete work? Service Director Smith answered no we are right in the mist. Councilman Rosso asked soon? Service Director Smith answered yes, within the next 2 weeks. We have got discussions within the next 2 weeks, we should get all the concrete work done.

***Misc:***

**Water meters** – None.

**SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Service Director Smith reported the following:

1. ***Paul Harrisal of C&K Industrial Services*** – Service Director Smith reported meeting with Mr. Harrisal who specializes in pump station tasks and services. Shannon gave them a tour of our 3 pump stations and they are going to be the company to facilitate the next sediment removal that we go through. They have a lot bigger machines that are on the truck. So they have like a sewer truck that is

kind of like ours but it has got big giant pumps on it, especially made for dropping hoses into wet wells. They can actually suck the sediment out without sucking the water.

2. ***Drain & stand-up near the southeast back road area at Shoreway*** – Service Director Smith reported that is kitty corner from the grassy area over to a catch basin. That is one of the things that we are doing, we are just going to put it in there so that it is underneath the asphalt when Shoreway gets re-paved.
3. ***Allied Waste*** – Service Director Smith reported today Allied Waste had a minor oil leak on their truck which affected 5 streets and cross streets; Lafayette, Harris, Robinwood, Maplewood and Richelieu. Hazmat responded, our Fire Department, Coast Guard and EPA – were all involved. Allied Waste, Hazardous Waste Team and Companies showed up; I don't know how many hundreds of pounds of oil they dispersed on all the streets and then they brought in a street sweeper and swept it up, put it in a special dumpster and then hauled that away. At dark they were still out there sweeping the streets again going over them.
4. ***Road section work*** – Service Director Smith reported the equipment will be coming in for the road sections next week, as soon as this rain stops and that will be something that is going. As a side note; we are prepping the city's part in the Shoreway repaving – there are a few things that we are doing.
5. ***Precautionary Boil Alert*** – Service Director Smith reported we had a boil alert Saturday night due to a 12-inch line hydrant being hit by a car. The situation I believe was around the 7 o'clock area – a car went off the road and hit the hydrant, busting and cracking the base of the hydrant and it turned out to be a 12-inch main that the hydrant was connected to. So the immediate surge out of the broken pipe caused a rush/an influx of water to that leak and because it was 12-inch pipe and not like a 6-inch pipe it literally moved through the pipes causing the sediment that is already in the pipe to stir. That stirring caused brownish water and sediment in an area from Kenilworth to Lakewood Beach. The break was at South Street and Roberts. The sediment itself, there is nothing hazardous about what went on there – it was just existing sediment stirred in the lines from the influx of water but when the operator on record showed up, he went to the meter – we have a dial indicator recorder that records the city's water pressures and the lowest that the pressure dropped was 18 pounds for a short duration. At that time it was not enough to issue a boil alert, I decided that we would issue a preventative boil alert and issue it throughout the city for the simple reason that we are going to generate so many calls of people who are scared because they had brown water or tinted water. Tom went and opened up/turned on Lorain so in case we had a fire our system had a lot more mass volume of water if we needed it in case there was a fire during the repair. All 4 news stations were notified and they put it out and then tried to call the newspapers but couldn't get through to

their news decks. They called back after it went on line or they read it on line or via the television stations but I think all in all it went pretty good. The Water Department had identified a broken/faulty valve at the same situation there by the hydrant. Once again we had some maps that caused some delays in trying to locate where the exact valves were, that was an as-built or sections of it that have added to the 12-inch line going into an extension like for that one corner house. By approximately 2:15 everything was done. They had the hydrant off and we now have that special hydrant on order – the pipes, the adaptors for it because it is 12-inch and we will be supplying the list of damages over to Fran. Chairman Bring stated we got approximately 180 phone calls to the Police Department about that issue and most of the residents were very nice. I did get an email about it stating that they were wondering why they didn't get notified but Mr. Smith did notify the television stations, he put it in the paper but he also said that if there had been any kind of a bacteria risk he would have notified the emergency broadcast system. I got an email saying they were wondering why we didn't do a roto-call – we do not have that capability. I did ask Mrs. Smith (Finance Director) about that and she said we don't have that capability but again this was a different issue and most of the people understood it but we were in a situation where we really couldn't go and notify everybody unless we went door-to-door but it wasn't really necessary in this situation. Service Director Smith added it was a preventative boil alert, even to this day the operator on record will stand with all the data that he didn't have to issue one. Our water was tested on Sunday, our normal water testing sent to Avon Lake and the results all came back great. As a matter of fact our chlorine levels were up real high due to the influx of so much fresh water into our system from the lake. Chairman Bring advised Mr. Smith is going to send a bill to the insurance company for the person that hit that and we will get reimbursed for that. Service Director Smith advised I forwarded it over to Fran, so I took care of that today. I wanted to tell everybody that I regret because you probably had a lot of people calling you and yelling at you. It was nothing that we did, it was an accident and we ended up resolving it fairly quickly. Although there were some delays and there was some issues that were brought up during this but we worked our way through it. Councilwoman Stark stated this whole thing with Allied Waste – this is the second time this year where they have leaked, we are not incurring any of the costs of that right – they are paying for everything? Service Director Smith answered they pay for everything. They have a whole team that is just dedicated to doing this, they have a whole department with a response team and everything. There is a procedure – the Fire Department notifies the proper agencies and those agencies have to either investigate or sign off I believe. Councilwoman Huska stated Sunday morning I brushed my teeth and went in and turned on the news and saw that there was a boil alert. I didn't watch the late news on Saturday night and now I

was wondering if my husband took water out of the sink. It came over the TV stations really fast, it was really quick. Service Director Smith stated with all 4 television stations; I basically discussed with them the importance of them getting it right and the word preventative boil alert of which both television stations that I watched that night went through and said this is a preventative boil alert and I gave them a limited amount of information of where the break was at and the best way of reporting it to get it correctly across to residents. Not just to rush through it and saying whatever they want because it could stir panic. The 2 that I saw went perfect – they used the word preventative. Chairman Bring stated it would have been critical with bacteria then Mr. Smith would have done the emergency broadcast system and if we would have had to start going door-to-door then we would have had to involve the Police. Service Director Smith advised there is a whole procedure we have to go through. Councilwoman Huska stated we didn't have cloudy water at all. Service Director Smith stated it had nothing to do with cloudy water – it just had to do with the sediment that is already in your line getting stirred up because all of a sudden – basically the water instead of moving 1 mph is moving 6 mph. Chairman Bring concurred you have natural sediment in the pipe which is there all the time but if you get a burst in there. Service Director Smith stated Eric was on scene and thank you Eric very much for sticking around by the way, I really appreciated your help, that was really nice of you. But Eric was on scene actually before I was and I was explaining to him there is actually a procedure that we have to go through for notification, the Ohio EPA. There is cause which we have to identify and that is what Tom did once he got there, he went through the identifiable causes and going through what he had to do in order to determine whether or not a boil alert was warranted. At the same time we were evaluating the pressure drop because as you know at that time our Fire Department was out on a fire call; mutual aid in Sheffield Village. So they were just coming back into the town which was another reason we had to make sure that we opened up Lorain, in case we had a fire here we had the volume in the system. Councilman Rosso stated okay Len we talked about those bushes on East Drive last month and you said there is a process that we have to go through, so where are we at on at our process. Service Director Smith answered I don't know but it is real close, I will check with Steve tomorrow and verify it. We have got East Drive, West Shore and Ferndale and then we got Kenilworth – we have 3 different sets of bushes where they are roughly doing pretty much the same thing – obstructing a sidewalk and view and in your case East Drive it is a view of the road. I just can't go on private property Rick. Councilman Rosso stated the first thing was to notify them that they have a violation. Service Director Smith answered Steve did that – the owner of record. Councilman Rosso stated but because this is a safety issue we can go on to that property. There was a brief discussion on exact location of bushes. Councilman

Elliott advised I just wanted to say that I think you guys did a good job the other day. Chairman Bring stated with a 12-inch main and there is a lot of water coming out and then you got to get people over there – it is not an easy situation. Again I think most of the residents understood that but notifying people at the time of night is not easy too. Councilman Elliott advised it was a quick response and you guys did what you could – all the city services worked well together. I thought you guys did a good job and I am sure you don't hear that enough. Service Director Smith stated every situation identifies bugs in the system and you try to fix those once you identify them, this situation identified some internal issues. Councilman Elliott stated it happened on a weekend so I am sure that everybody had plans but everybody dropped what they were doing and took care of what they had to. Chairman Bring advised area of concern – Lake Road at Sunset; Lake Road is starting to get those big cracks in it. Are we going to try to seal those at all? Service Director Smith answered if I can get a crack machine yes. Chairman Bring advised I am worried about it before it starts falling apart because the rest of the road really looks good – just that one area right there. There was a brief discussion on possibly getting a crack machine again.

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Elliott to adjourn at 7:25 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.

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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 October 3, 2011.

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**CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE**

*Dennis Bring*

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**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

*Edward R Podmanik*

*and/or*

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**COUNCIL PRO TEM**

*Richard Rosso*