

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
Sept. 13, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, Sept. 13, 2021. Councilman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Wtulich, Rosso, Kovach, Gee, Cizl, Radeff, Erdei, Mayor Bring, Superintendent Hastings.

Attending: None.

Excused: Stark.

*Motion by Cizl/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2021 meeting with any corrections noted. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE: None.

854 Idlewood Ave. requesting a credit of \$411.28. After a brief review, Superintendent Hastings recommends approval. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the credit. Yeas All.

755 Idlewood Ave. requesting a credit of \$104.76. After a brief review, Superintendent Hastings states it is my opinion we should hold the standards of receipts and credits being issued as a result of proof of work being done. I do not recommend this one. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to deny the credit. Yeas All.

720 Lake Breeze Rd. requesting a credit of \$170.72. Superintendent Hastings states this is unfortunately a situation where a hose was left on. Again, the report does not show anything except a leak occurred. I can not verify and as a result, I would not recommend. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to deny the credit. Yeas All.

MAYOR/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Hastings reports on the roads, we are currently working on all the projects for 2022, many of which have been predominately funded through grants. We do have some matching dollars which include Lake Rd. repaving and the culverts being replaced, Alameda being replaced including new water lines and we recently submitted Ivanhoe Ave. between Maplewood and the shopping center. As far as drains, the city has been working internally by installing 12in. sewer lines throughout the streets with open ditches still and are on our third order of pipe. Our most recent job we finished was a CDBG project a couple years back on Roberts where the ditches were about 2ft. deep. We

were able to close those up. Our next earmark is for the 700 block of Idlewood. Depending on the weather, we have our eyes set on Lafayette as well as some work on Maple. We received one of the engineer reports on the water tower, a survey/in depth analysis of the existing asset and summary. The refurbishing of that is coming in between \$7-800,000. In the meantime, we are still doing a hydraulic study on the water system to determine the pressure and need for a tank and best location for it. We have submitted grant requests for the full replacement at around \$1 million. We have been doing sewers with our new camera. Most recently we have been using it to identify laterals on the new constructions. We hope to start a program to identify egregious I and I areas for repair. Refuse, despite the hiccups, does seem to be back on track. The mayor has decided to move forward with the purchase of a chipper. One of our suppliers had one left, with a waiting list of about half a year for a new one. The mayor authorized that which came in at about \$45,000.

Mayor Bring reports there is a person at the end of Alameda who has been complaining about the ditch back there. It carries all the water to day ditch. It is almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile long and he says there is standing water there. There is water in there almost every day, like day ditch. He claims it does not drain. We had a rain event recently where there was 3in. of rain and the water flowed through the ditch no problem. There is always a little water there. He says we don't mow it, but we have mowed there 4 times that year. He complains about that cat tails, which are needed to filter the water, etc. He threatened to call the senator, ODNR, EPA, etc. The complaints are completely unfounded. The ditch works exactly as it was engineered. The EPA was out there a year ago and could not find a problem. One of the most egregious water bills that we put on the taxes has been sold for roughly \$2,000 and we will get our money for that bill now. Member Cizl asks the ditch you are talking about runs east and west? Mayor Bring replies yes. He says we violated an ordinance, but Law Director Graves said there is no ordinance. He never got a point of sale and never put sidewalks in, so he is actually in violation. Member Erdei asks did we have mosquitoes sprayed this year? Mayor Bring replies yes, the county did. Member Erdei asks is it cheaper to get a new water tower or refurbish the old one? Superintendent Hastings replies I believe the best route given the cost of rehabilitation, is a new one. Member Gee asks you mentioned Alameda for 2022, what part? Superintendent Hastings responds 600 block. Member Cizl asks someone commented about our envelopes having a misspelling, those come from Cincinnati, correct? Superintendent Hastings replies those come from a third party and we have corrected it. Member Cizl says I had someone ask me if they could have the ditch in front of their house filled in and if there was a cost to it. I know the city is doing some, but I wondered if the city could put them on a list, etc. Superintendent Hastings replies the city doesn't have a program anymore where you apply and get on a list. The homeowner has every right to do it with a building permit that comes through me

to verify grade has been set. If their street has all open ditches, it is probable we will be there at some point, it just takes time. Mayor Bring states to clarify, on Oster Rd. we did not put the lines down, that was the village. They made them redo it.

Chairman Wtulich asks did the new woodchipper come in already? Superintendent Hastings replies yes. Chairman Wtulich asks what would the cost be to just tear the water tower down? Superintendent Hastings responds with past practice, when they took down the other one, the cost of the demo was almost equalized by the value of scrap that they realized. That number was about \$40-50,000, depends on the market, etc.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

Lincoln Blvd; nature trail from Oster to Lake Road proposal/wetland study-

Superintendent Hastings reports I finally received an answer from USACE. I have taken that info to ODNR, and I have something for the mayor to sign for those plans. The challenge now is getting this built before the snow. I hope to have it out for bid in the coming weeks and to have it done before December. Member Gee asks what if the weather gets us and we don't have it done by then? Superintendent Hastings replies I can apply for an extension, but I don't want to because then you are penalized for up to 3 years on future grants.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: *Chuck Nowak, 335 Maple Ave.* states I gave pictures of my flooded yard in January, and I was wondering how my request (inaudible) is coming. I have cleaned all those lots. (inaudible) Superintendent Hastings replies originally, we spoke, and I allowed you to bring it out where you are, but I can revisit it now. You said you did some grading? Mr. Nowak replies yes, we completed the east side back to Hawthorne and the north side to the railroad track. It's all cleaned out to that. Superintendent Hastings asks and you are still flooding? Mr. Nowak responds yeah, in spring and winter. Superintendent Hastings responds the dilemma of the city is we have miles of paper streets, which is the case here. Hawthorne is an undeveloped street that their houses abut to. We weigh that against open ditches and streets we are doing.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:24 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 Offices.

CLERK OF COMMITTEE

Brandy Randolph

CHAIRMAN

William Wtulich Jr.

I, Brandy Randolph, duly appointed Clerk of Committee certifies this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Roads & Drains Committee of September 13, 2021.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Richard Rosso