

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
February 1, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse was held Monday, February 1, 2010. Co-Chairman Dennis Bring called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Bring, Huska, Diebold, Elliott, Kovach

Absent: Podmanik, Rosso, Smith (excused)

Attending: Law Director Graves, Service Director Arendt, Grant Administrator Gardner

READING OF THE MINUTES:

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Elliott to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 meeting as presented. Yeas all.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: Law Director Graves advised I have been as you know in discussions with Mr. Kidder over at Republic Waste/formerly Allied Waste over the last couple of months and I have gotten to the point where I think we have a couple of very, very, very good proposals. In fact that I think that either way we go we are going to have the best rates in the county. In fact if we were to go with the full automated with the carts we are going to come out better than other communities who have actually gone out to bid where Republic won the bid and they are actually closer to the landfill. We have got a very good proposal here. What I need to know from City Council is Council prepared or is Council in agreement with the carts at all because if there is opposition on Council to the cart system then I need to know that because then what I will do is go back and get the absolute best deal I can maintaining the current set-up which will would be the unlimited pick-up and I think we got a tremendous offer on that which would enable us to convert to automated at some time down in the future. I also have a very good deal even better deal to go to the carts but I know that there is strong opinions both ways. I have talked to a lot of residents who live in Sheffield Village and they all swear where they have the carts and there really is a mixed opinion some people love them/some people don't like them. So if it is the opinion of Council is that Sheffield Lake does not want the carts under any circumstances then it doesn't make any sense for me to continue to them about the carts but I need to know if that is something that we would entertain. One thing that is not going to be available is a hybrid plan, I have tried every avenue I can to try to get them to agree to a hybrid plan and they are just not going to be able to do that. I guess I am looking for some feedback and some consensus on the carts. He advised keep in mind when we go to the carts there is the opportunity for the recycle bank program where there would be an average per 800 homes for the weight of the recycle material and that would be refunded in the form of coupons to the residents for use at various local retailers most significantly Apples.

Historically the average has been about \$20.00 per month you would receive as a credit on your groceries. If we go with the current proposal for unlimited there would be no costs increase over what we have right now and it is a really good proposal, if we wanted to convert we could do so at any time to full automated but we would pay an extra .50 (50 cents) per home to go to the recycle bank. If you want to do the carts now we can get everything with no additional costs including the recycle bank. We could have the carts in place by March with no increase whatsoever until May of 2011. Co-chairman Bring polled Committee: Yeas – Kovach, Huska, Bring, Elliott, Diebold. Councilman Elliott advised I think the 2 Councilmen that were against aren't here. I have always been for the carts because we are going to eventually have to go to the carts anyway so we might as well just do it now. I think if we do go with the carts recycling will probably go up in this city at least by a quarter because just by a poll on Council I think there was a couple of Councilmen that don't recycle so I think that recycling would probably explode in this city which is needed. I think we need to go full automated carts. Councilman Diebold agreed. Co-chairman Bring advised unanimously we have it here but I would have to agree with Eric I would think that Alan and I know Rick probably does oppose that. Councilman Elliott stated I think they would be overruled now. Law Director Graves advised just remember if we go to the carts you are still going to have 1 week a month (1 Friday a month) where you have unlimited pickup, you could get multiple carts if you felt you needed that. If we go to the carts it is going to have to be split over 2-days, they are only going to be able to do half the city 1 day and the other half the other day. He recapped – get the recycle bank, we will still have unlimited yard waste in the bags/bio-degradable bags. If we do go with the carts system we do still qualify to participate in future solid waste grant money. He reiterated you would still have unlimited yard waste but it must be in the bio-degradable bags. Grant Administrator Gardner stated if there were a grant that would be probably one of the uses that would be used to buy like brown bags to either give away and the city could also sell them when they do their water bill too if we could get a good price on them so that is a possibility. Co-chairman Bring asked does that place in Avon take that yard waste and stuff over there? Grant Administrator Gardner answered Kurt's Brothers – they do take yard waste but I don't know if they take it in unlimited. Service Director Arendt advised they limit it, they limit the amount that they can take per year. Law Director Graves advised so if we stick with the unlimited pick-up like now we absolutely would not be in the running for any future solid waste money. Now that solid waste money is kind of tenuous at this point but with the carts we would qualify for any money that is available. The opponents of the carts say they are kind of bulky and they are hard to store in the garage and they wind up on the side of the house and also Councilman Rosso said that he feels that there is some reduction in service but with the ability to have up to 2 or even more of the 96-gallon you could put a lot of waste out there in those carts. Councilman Kovach stated I thought his biggest argument was that only a quarter of the city at a time is going to be limited where as the rest would be unlimited. Councilman Elliott stated I think unlimited pick-up for him was a big issue too, he didn't want to see it go down to 1 day a month when you could get it every week this way. I disagree with Rick I think that doesn't hold

water. Co-chairman Bring asked when do they want to actually start this program? Law Director Graves answered I can talk to them tomorrow we can get an agreement hammered out and I think that we can have to carts in place by March and like I said with the full recycle bank which is the up to \$20.00 a month credit for Apples groceries and no additional costs to the residents we wouldn't see any increase until May of 2011. Service Director Arendt advised that \$20.00 is not only for Apples Groceries they are going to solicit other businesses as well. Councilman Elliott advised if we do go with this I would also like to see as soon as possible a breakdown of what the garbage pick-up days would be so that we can actually tell the residents this is what days it needs to be out. Law Director Graves advised I think that Allied send out themselves don't they? Service Director Arendt answered they do all the notifications. We should put it on the water bill, we still have 1400 people that come in approximately a month and we will put a sign out there. We will have to do it 10 different ways just to cover ourselves. Councilmen Kovach advised I am going to guess they are probably going to have to make some additional runs in the beginning anyhow. Law Director Graves advised he has been very clear on that too. He said there is always a period for about a month where there is that transition and you know if someone has got something out on the wrong day they will pick it up and work with us while people get up to speed. Councilman Bring stated especially if you are going to have 2-day pickup in parts of the city. I don't know how they are going to break it down in streets but if somebody sees it out there they are not going to pay attention they are going to go out and throw it out there and then they are not going to pick it up and there will be calls. It will probably be a little strenuous for a couple of months. Councilman Bring advised Service Director Arendt you may want to take those carts over to the Water Department and put a note on them saying coming soon. Councilwoman Huska asked you couldn't talk them into the hybrid? Law Director Graves answered his position on it is, let me just give you a little background – they can't do the automated pickup all in 1 day and what I had proposed was we continue with the unlimited trash pickup and we also get the green recycle carts, I think that would be outstanding. So that we get the best of both worlds. What he saying is I don't have a spare crew to do the unlimited trash pickup, you know to run a standard truck with a standard crew 2 times a week for Sheffield Lake, I just don't have it. So what you would be doing is breaking it up on 2 days and what I proposed was a Thursday/Friday where you put everything on Thursday and half the city would get their recycles picked up on Thursday and the other half would get their recycles picked up on Friday and everybody would get all their trash picked up on Friday. He took that back to his superiors, I think he was intrigued initially and then he came back and said well it is not going to work and that is when he gave me this better plan for the automated which for the first time he knocked the .50 (50 cents) off for the recycle bank but his position is that the county has mandated volume based trash collection and with unlimited trash collection that is not volume based and I said well wait a minute if you have got the green recycle cart that is necessarily going to increase the per family recycling and that is going to reduce the amount of trash which is going to accomplish their objectives. But he said no what they have found is if the residents are still allowed unlimited trash collection they are just not going to use the recycling

container to its full potential. Now I don't know if he has really tried that anywhere but he might be basing it on the blue bags, you know if you have got the recycling opportunity with the blue bags people just don't do it they still put everything out in the trash. His position is that their studies have shown you have got to limit the amount of trash in order to force people to recycle more. That is where he is going with that. For whatever reason they won't do the hybrid plan. I think we have got a really, really good proposal on the table – like I said we are going to be by far the cheapest in the county. Mr. Gardner stated Ridgeville went out for bids and Allied won it and they are going to pay more then we pay.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Projects:

Ferndale II – Service Director Arendt advised still waiting for state to come out, they haven't reappeared or called or given us a date. Councilman Bring asked is there anything outstanding as far as bills or anything that we owe on that? Service Director Arendt answered no. Mr. Gardner advised no it is just our money coming back, well there is \$1500.00 or something like that to the engineering firm that is owed but their not going to get their money until this is done. Councilman Bring stated so after they inspect we get our money back then? Service Director Arendt answered yes and we don't even pay the engineering firm until we get ours.

Walker Road, phase III – Service Director Arendt advised we are still in the same situation we were last time. I did get a letter from Don Mould, he did explain his situation and I did talk to him on the phone and he promises as soon as the weather is stabilized he will complete the job as quick as possible.

Infiltration:

Flow Monitoring analysis – Service Director Arendt advised nothing has changed until we decide to move it up to Lake Road and that won't be until we get some development projects going.

Future Projects:

Sidewalks – Service Director Arendt advised nothing until spring.

Misc:

Water meters – Service Director Arendt advised got a meeting tomorrow morning to talk about possibly getting somewhere where we can sell our master meters that we have and then have a meeting Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 with Badger and have a meeting actually tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock with Census. So 8 o'clock tomorrow and 10 o'clock tomorrow and 1:30 Wednesday to try to wrap up what we think would be the best solutions. Councilman Bring advised did you try advertising those other meters at all or just word of mouth right now. Service Director Arendt answered just word of mouth, we are going to try

to re-talk to Amherst and get some ideas and see if we can sell them and then if we don't have any success with that then I will have to come to Council with some type of legislation that allows to sell that many meters over the internet or through advertising. Preferably over the internet because it is basically free.

Pole for lights on bridge – Service Director Arendt advised Joe Faga called me and the latest date will be February 13th.

SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Elliott to adjourn at 7:52 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.

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 February 1, 2010.

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