

Stormwater Utilities Appeal's Board (SUAB)

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The regular meeting of the Stormwater Utility Appeal's Board was held Thursday, March 11, 2010. Chairperson Gee called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Gee, Koerber, Svoboda, Moore, Brady

Absent: Service Director Arendt

Attending: Grant Administrator Gardner

MINUTES: *Motion by Koerber/Second by Moore to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2010 meeting with any corrections needed. Yeas All.

PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Brady advised I brought in some extra buttons, in case somebody wants a button and I put a counter on the Snappy Turtle site. Chairperson Gee asked how many? Mr. Brady answered we are up to like 25. There was a brief discussion on counter. Mr. Brady advised I am going to try to put some more stuff up there, I have just been very busy. Chairperson Gee advised we still haven't heard back from the Law Director as far as. Grant Administrator Gardner advised I talked to the Law Director about the ability of the Board to have fund raising activities. The Law Director of course discourages this but he did say that any money that you got in any capacity from fund raising of any type would have to be approved by Council because it is a gift to the city – that is how they view it. He hasn't written any opinion, we talked and I told him that I have been plenty of places where you buy a book or a bunch of papers from the city and they charge you something for it, a book for like EPA or something like that. He claims that that probably isn't legal and the only thing that you can charge for is copies because he views it as public record. We have a policy that says it is .5 (5cents) a page or something like that and color – I don't know how much that is. But that would be legal to charge but you charge it as a copy, that doesn't have to come back to the city Council but it stills has to come back to Treasury. Chairperson Gee stated either way they get it because it is paying for the copies, so it is still not us getting anything. Well then we know to remove any idea of ever having a fund raiser. Mr. Koerber stated we will just stay broke. Grant Administrator Gardner advised there is \$600.00 in this line.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairperson Gee advised the only correspondence that we had was from Sarah Montgomery, Bill can you tell us what the city did in respect to her concern. Mr. Gardner advised I don't have an answer to that. Chairperson Gee advised Pat Hastings contacted me and stated that he had gotten my message and also had called Ms. Montgomery and I haven't heard back from Pat or Ms. Montgomery but Ms. Montgomery was aware of the death in my family. So I know that is why I haven't heard

back from her. Mr. Gardner stated I will get with Pat on that. Chairperson Gee advised I also forwarded a copy of her letter to Annie. Mr. Gardner advised I have seen the letter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chairperson Gee advised on our last meeting we had discussed finding out about a fund raiser and Mr. Gardner already addressed that during the presentations section. As far as Snappy the Turtle, I do have someone willing to make his costume but we have to be patient. They promised it would be done before Community Days, that was the best they could offer and it is not going to cost anything. My one daughter-in-law we are doing stuff for her Boy Scouts and in turn she is doing this for us. Mr. Brady advised what I want to do is make you a carrying case for that easel back sign, so it doesn't get destroyed. At work I am going to get some cardboard and just make up something. I am going to try to do that before the next meeting. Chairperson Gee advised we definitely will get you a letter of thank you and we will try to address what we can afford. She instructed the Clerk to put Snappy on the agenda. Kay offered to print the pages of the coloring book and we found out that we are going to be able to use the printer over at the city to do the colored ones unless we pay for them out of our budget which is the outside cover. I was at the hospital so I missed the county meeting but I really think there is a way that Nancy might be able to help us, so let's hold on that until the next county meeting. Mr. Gardner advised I think we printed some of the coloring books today. Chairperson Gee asked how much are you guys charging us because you know what you guys charged us. Mr. Gardner advised we are charging .2 (2cents) a page – that is what they bill the city. We are trying to balance it out but there is no real way to balance out. Chairperson Gee advised I understand but here was the issue, we really were going to wait and address this over budget. Someone called me and told me that we had gotten a lot of copies from over there and that wasn't true. Mr. Gardner stated I called you about that. Chairperson Gee asked did you find out about that? Mr. Gardner answered I told them you didn't do it. Chairperson Gee asked did they correct that? Mr. Gardner answered I don't think they ever charged us, they were just to find out why they had such a huge bill for colored copies and when you told me that we didn't it. Chairperson Gee advised Pride Day was the last time we made copies and it was the May Pride Day. Mr. Gardner stated I don't know what it was because nobody has found out why but there was a huge number of copies run like 1300 or something like that. But I told them we didn't do it and that was the end of that.

OLD BUSINESS:

SUAB Web-sites – Mr. Brady advised I think there was 24 or 25 visitors on the site, so I am hoping to get up to triple digits sooner or later. I hope to add more stuff to it too. Chairperson Gee asked do you want to address the Facebook one – Snappy's fan club, how many members do we have there now? Mr. Moore answered yes there is quite a few but I can't tell you how many it is though. Chairperson Gee advised I know last time I logged on, there was 25 I think but I haven't logged onto that one. I haven't been on the city's myspace for the last 10 days. Mr. Gardner advised I think we are redoing our system. Chairperson Gee advised that would be nice and then we could have links to all of sites on it. Mr. Gardner advised I believe they are redoing it, somebody is redoing it.

The Mayor mentioned that but I just don't remember who and when it was going to be done but they are doing it. Chairperson Gee stated hopefully, Bill if you find out before we do – we can give you links to all of the sites that have been created for you to put on. Now our You Tube site, I had a family member that was going to shorten this, I need each section of it to be divided into 4 minute sequels – to do it in so many parts and I no longer have a person to do it for me. So if anybody knows of someone that can do this if they can please let me know. Mr. Gardner advised I will ask Joe, I don't know if Joe knows how to do it or not. Chairperson Gee advised before I went to Terrence, I went to Ed and Ruth and they weren't able to do it and then I handed it to Terrence for him to do. I have got a grandson that can do it but he lives out of state, so it is not worth me sending it and we might get some rap music or something in there that I wouldn't trust. But we do have our You Tube site up and running and there are video's on it, we just need to have video's of our own on it. Bill anything that is roughly 3 minutes long, if you are near a ditch and if your cell phone don't do it then mine does. Mr. Gardner advised we have that thing that I made up that was 9 minutes, a long time; you know that thing. Chairperson Gee asked why don't you make sure that I can pick that up some time this week. Mr. Gardner answered as a matter of fact we have 2 different ones. Chairperson Gee stated I have got stormwater management phase II – calming the waters. Mr. Gardner continued then we have the original one which was the thing that we shot out all that stuff. Chairperson Gee stated I thought that one was shorter, I might actually be able to get it onto You Tube if it is the right format. Mr. Gardner advised we have got it over there though if you want to come get it.

PIPE (public information, public education) – Chairperson Gee advised by May's Pride Day I am hoping one of the papers we give out is a flyer with all our site links. I am also hoping that we can get the library to possibly let us put up a small area because our paperwork that we put at the library is being used as scratch pads for numerous people. So maybe if we had something like what is out in the hall here for example to have at the library with a sign above it. That might work out a little better. Mr. Gardner stated we will see if we can find a stand some place. Chairperson Gee asked I was wondering if the attic?

Budget – Mr. Gardner advised the only thing on here is gasoline, PERS, the audit which is the gap conversion which every group gets charged something of that. That is pretty much it.

Proper/Improper Expenditures – None.

100% completion on projects – Chairperson Gee asked so how is Walker Road doing? Chairperson Gee stated well under budget, how bout if you talk to us in respect to Walker Road, I am getting a lot of phone calls. Mr. Gardner answered well it is becoming spring soon and I have talked to the contractor and he believes that he can come in and finish off the drainage pipe within the next 2 weeks. So he thinks he will be in within the next 2 weeks assuming the weather is good, it is supposed to rain. He is aware of the fact that he has to keep the ditch pumped down. Chairperson Gee asked is he also aware of the runoff, if we get the rain we are getting then it is going to happen?

Mr. Gardner answered one of the reasons why we wanted to do Walker Road is because that whole area in there is a swamp and so the runoff is not unusual, the water in her yard is not unusual really and monitoring it everyday and we have been there everyday. Can't really do a lot of disturbing of what we have already done because of the fact that it is within that project and has already been pre-imposed construction and all that other stuff. Chairperson Gee asked how much of the land to the south of Walker in that area, how much of it is owned by the city? Someone keeps trying to tell me that the city owns a large part of that? Mr. Gardner answered no there is 5 people that own 60% of that, used to be – I don't know if they still are. There was a brief discussion on owners of property/possible grants/drainage and runoff issues.

Requested update fees for city businesses – Chairperson Gee advised asked do we have all of those yet, we don't have those yet do we? Mr. Gardner answered no. Chairperson Gee asked maybe next meeting? Mr. Gardner answered okay. No wait, they are all in place. Chairperson Gee stated well we are supposed to get the print out as to who is paying what. Mr. Gardner stated yes, I will see if I can get it. Chairperson Gee advised under that exact same headline, I had requested what the car wash was paying. A resident questioned exactly where does the car wash water go and what is going into the storm drain and what is going into the sewer line. At the same time a resident asked me that, they asked me were we sure that that wasn't part of our infiltration was really us misreading the car wash as infiltration from stormwater. Mr. Gardner answered we did find that we had an open pipe in the ditch that we just closed off. Chairperson Gee asked which one? Mr. Gardner answered into Day Ditch, we found a pipe which nobody has ever seen before. I have been there 15 years and I never saw that pipe but when the water came down and washed it away, there is a sanitary pipe that comes from the manhole on Brookside down to that ditch and it never has been functional but we had a plug up on Brookside there and we never knew there was a plug up there because the doctor and Caster's are closed – so nobody uses them. So there was never any water running down it but what was happening was there was a plug up in there and it was bypassing and going into the creek. We probably drilled out that pipe that was plugged for many, many, many years because we never saw it and now we plugged it back up. It was a root plug that was in the main sewer, we got that out and so now the sewer runs right but when we shot it up it backed into the apartment complex of Jordan's when we were trying to clean it out because we didn't know what was causing it. The only reason why we knew it was a sewer plug was Tom who lives down there went out to the creek and saw water coming out of that pipe and he said I never seen that pipe before. Chairperson Gee stated there used to be a big, blue house there and I think it was gone by the late 60's maybe. One of the daughters still lives here in town because I see her once in a while. Mr. Gardner continued well we plugged it off, we have cleaned the plug out and we did everything but that would be a sanitary issue actually. I don't know that it ever ran before because nobody ever saw it. We have another pipe right next to it – a water line but we all know about the water line because it is there and we have seen it. But this thing just came out

of nowhere. It only goes to the creek and stops so it probably was, it is orange type pipe and it has probably been there for years.

Community Days – Chairperson Gee advised we have already established the fact that we will be giving out Snappy’s coloring book and numerous items. I am aware that we have education money. Hopefully we can really try to think of a way to get some sort of matching fund of some kind, maybe through county PIPE/maybe through anything to help us get more things out to the public with that money during Community Days. Bill, are people allowed to donate or do we still have to go through? Mr. Gardner answered yes they can donate but Council has to approve a donation. Chairperson Gee asked so we still have to go through all the paperwork of approving it, just like a fund raiser? Mr. Gardner answered yes, anytime anybody gives anything to the city now and frankly we never did this until 5 or 6 years ago – the law changed and now it has to be very clear. Chairperson Gee asked what about our in-kind contribution on our time, do they want that counted because if they want that counted then we can claim it on our income tax? It is true, it is true. Mr. Gardner answered I am not going to comment on that because I don’t know but I don’t believe – I don’t believe Council has to approve an in-kind contribution. Chairperson Gee asked could you ask the Law Director for the next meeting? Mr. Koerber stated that is not going to work. Chairperson Gee stated well it is better to say we asked then for us to have never asked at all. Mr. Gardner stated I can do that. There is \$600.00 in the budget line. Chairperson Gee stated let’s keep it there, everybody is so anxious to blow that and that \$600.00 isn’t even enough to even start Snappy on his feet. While we are on Community Days, someone needs to be Snappy. I thought maybe a prisoner that really through a lot of trash in a ditch could stand out in front of the booth being Snappy because he is not going to be air conditioned. Mr. Koerber advised I don’t think that is a good idea at all and gave reasons why. There was a brief discussion. Chairperson Gee asked you wouldn’t happen to have the exact date of Community Days this year? Mr. Gardner answered no, you could ask Lisa.

Lorain County PIPE: Chairperson Gee advised I was unable to attend this month’s meeting. I had good reason, Nancy sent me her condolences and said she would send me all the minutes so I should be probably getting them sometime this coming week from her. I don’t have any new paperwork from county PIPE but it is back in the soil office and running out of the soil office again. That was a blessing.

Chairperson Gee advised I haven’t made a third trip up to the attic but the paperwork that we have gotten so far and I have straightened, we really do have some important storm issues. There was a brief discussion on **putting paperwork on CD**.

Chairperson Gee advised a surveyor knocked on my door to look at the maps because somebody over at the Water Department sent him over and he said thank you. Whatever I had that he looked at, he was happy. Mr. Gardner advised **somebody cut a hole in Lake Road** and nobody in any of these departments knows who that was. Chairperson Gee advised **between Sunset and Kenilworth**. There was a brief discussion.

Mr. Gardner advised I asked Pat about the banner and he claims the banner is upstairs and he said he would go up and look. Chairperson Gee advised I have the banner so Pat

obviously really wrong. I bought and paid for that with my own money, I will never let them take it upstairs. We are looking for the tent. There was a brief discussion.

Chairperson Gee advised my grandson in Kentucky Cub Scouts, they got bottles with corks donated to them. They rolled little tiny flags, put water in them and gave them out and they also brought me some. We might consider doing something on that order as a raffle item because I can't afford to buy the flowers no more – that isn't happening anymore. They did them with their Cub Scout Troops and they also did them with military flags and they are really cute.

MS4 report – Chairperson Gee asked are we up to date on that? Mr. Gardner answered I don't know. Chairperson Gee asked who handles it now, someone told me Tom? Mr. Gardner answered yes Tom would handle it. Chairperson Gee asked how do we get reports from him? Mr. Gardner answered well I asked Tom the other day. Chairperson Gee advised the last ice, I guarantee the corner of Kenilworth and Richelieu doesn't need salt probably for 2 years. He made sure no one slid through that intersection ever. There was a brief discussion.

Mr. Gardner suggested that we start sweeping soon and today we talked about what to do with the *street sweeping*. There was a brief discussion on disposal. Chairperson Gee advised Chemlawn was going around the city this week getting people to sign up. When I asked the guy if he had seen the new EPA regulations, he goes there haven't been any new EPA regulations for 25 years and this man was really trying to get people to sign up. There are new regulations. There was a brief discussions on certifications.

Chairperson Gee advised I emailed the paperwork that the Building Department was supposed to give to contractors, I emailed her that stuff so now the MS4 – she really has that stuff sitting in her office.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

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

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

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Rosa Gee

and/or

Of March 11, 2010.

CO-CHAIRMAN

Bruce Koerber

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

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