

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse  
Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
January 5, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse was held Monday, January 5, 2009. Co-chairman Bring called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Podmanik, Kovach, Bring, Elliott, Diebold, Rosso

Absent: Smith, Huska (excused)

Attending: Law Director Graves, Service Director Arendt, Concerned Citizens

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

\*Motion by Rosso to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2008 meeting as presented. Yeas all.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**SEWER CREDITS:**

**500 Elm Street - \$202.86** – further information needed. Co-chairman Bring advised Joe, you are going to have to get information from Lisa to find out what exactly we are going to do with this. So the next meeting we will come back and take care of this part. Leave on agenda for next month. Mr. Rosso asked do we know if we ever moved the water meter or got the reading? Co-chairman Bring answered actually I talked to Lisa and she said that it actually was read when it was uncovered. The water meter was an actual read and that is how they came up with this figure, so that is what I was told. Mr. Rosso stated so it is not under the sidewalk? Co-chairman Bring answered no, like I said Joe will get the information and we will get that.

**4414 Edgewater - \$166.95** – clerk read the request, after a brief discussion which included the recommendation for approval from Service Director Arendt - \*Motion by Elliott, Second by Rosso to approve. Yeas All.

**550 Abbe Road, \$302.78** – clerk read the request, after a brief discussion which included the recommendation for approval from Service Director Arendt - \*Motion by Elliott, Second by Rosso to approve the credit. Yeas All.

**4865 Lake Road, \$1,001.70** – clerk read the request, after a brief discussion which included the recommendation for approval from Service Director Arendt - \*Motion by Rosso, Second by Kovach to approve. Yeas – Rosso, Diebold, Bring, Kovach/Nays – Elliott.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Projects:**

**Ferndale I** – President Podmanik asked isn't Ferndale Phase I completed? Co-chairman answered I don't know, it was still on here. I thought we took that off last time. President Podmanik answered I believe we did, I thought Ferndale Phase I was completed and we were preparing for Phase II. Clerk advised it wasn't formally removed. Co-chairman Bring

asked all the property and everything else is done on that? Mr. Diebold stated they were working on the aprons I believe, that was it that was left. President Podmanik advised all I remember from Phase I is we had some problems with the blacktop which the contractor was going to correct. Co-chairman Bring stated I don't know if Bill ever took care of that unraveling along the aprons and stuff. Law Director Graves answered from my understanding there was 2 issues at Ferndale Phase I – the first was some of the corrections that had be done, the repair work and then the second one was the ultimately the potential reimbursement to the city for the sewer bill for when they put in the uncured slag and we had to convert the storm sewer through our sanitary for a month and probably incurred about a \$25,000.00 sanitary bill as a result of that and ODNR and Underground and Steiner they were all battling and pointing fingers at each other. President Podmanik asked that is not resolved then? Law Director Graves answered the last I talked to Bill, I don't think it has been resolved. Co-chairman Bring stated that is something probably you and Joe will have to sit down and discuss. Joe can be brought up to speed and then he can make a determination and then we can either bring it up or get rid of this. Mr. Diebold stated Joe needs that information I believe. Service Director Arendt stated I will be with Bill tomorrow and definitely find out.

**Ferndale II** – Service Director Arendt stated I did talk to Bill about these a couple of weeks ago, I think I mentioned at another Council meeting – we are going to be sending out bid packages at the end of this month for all the projects. Mr. Rosso asked on the corner of Ferndale and West Drive where they moved whatever lines, it looks like they replaced those sidewalks with asphalt, both on the east side to the north and to the south of Ferndale? Both those sidewalks appeared to have been tore up and then just put down an asphalt path? Mr. Diebold stated I think that is temporary. President Podmanik concurred. Service Director Arendt answered I will check that. Mr. Rosso stated anyways can you take a look at it and make sure that is a temporary thing and that it gets resolved. Service Director Arendt answered I will do it tomorrow. I do know that I had to call the gas company and make sure that they covered some exposed holes that they didn't plan on until spring and they were on corners and sidewalk areas and stuff like that.

**Walker Road/Phase I** – Co-chairman Bring advised actually there was a problem with part of the road that I had taken Bill over, part of the road was actually coming apart. Bill had actually spray painted a circle around that and he was supposed to contact the paving company on that. So we might want to follow up on that? Service Director Arendt stated okay. Co-chairman Bring stated the striping I thought was supposed to be, after we redid it the one time, was supposed to be redone again wasn't it? Mr. Elliott stated yes, I think we were in a deal with the county or something, the county was supposed to do it for us. Co-chairman Bring advised you might check that too Joe because I know that when we took out that middle stripe there I think it was supposed to be redone. Mr. Elliott stated the county was supposed to do a couple of roads for us. Mr. Eberschweller asked can I speak on Walker Road? On the Ferndale project and the Ivanhoe project where they did repaving the streets – Cove Beach. 903.05 – construction of material specifications for driveways, aprons were put in but they didn't do that on Walker Road and we are having a problem

now with gravel coming into or getting washed down into the sewer system and also a hazard for traffic and I brought it up at the Park Board meeting the other night because they are affected as well because they don't have an entrance and egress there. I asked about a center island that they can determine in and out and the city would have to put that in there too. The question is why on that project weren't the aprons automatically in. Co-chairman Bring answered that would have been from the old Service Director on how he bid that out I don't know, so we would have to find that from him. Mr. Ebenschweller asked wouldn't we have to adhere to the same ordinance as any other one? Mr. Diebold answered evidently when the bid came out, they didn't specify exactly what it was going to be done when they paved the road, they put the curbs, they put the storms in, they put the catch basins in – they didn't specify on the aprons. Now if they did on the contract, we can go back on the contract that the city paid which is thousands of dollars and we will see if those were supposed to be put in. If it wasn't put in then we have a beef. Mr. Ebenschweller stated if you remember there were issues made on that as we went along, there was a difference in putting the sewer pipe in across the road, they took the sidewalks out, they took out the east-end storm thing. So we didn't adhere to the original contract that was approved, they made the changes. I looked at the original contract and I didn't at that time I didn't look at whether the aprons were in there or not but I am looking at our ordinance and it would seem that we would have been obligated to put them in. Mr. Diebold stated Joe wouldn't know, he wasn't even here then. But if we look at the contract and if they would do the way the contract said, so we don't know and there is no sense in arguing about it. Co-chairman Bring stated Joe, if you could find out and Joe will find out. He will talk to Bill about this and then we can come back to the next meeting and have an answer for you and have an answer for him. Let him do a little research because honestly I don't have an answer for you. Service Director Arendt advised I actually have a copy of the contract. There was a brief discussion on interpretation of 903.05. Law Director Graves advised I think this is for brand new construction, the standard that the city has always used is if in the course of paving a road or doing other construction/an apron is destroyed and it gets replaced with the same materials that were there previously. If someone had a concrete aprons, they get a concrete apron and if someone would have gravel then they get gravel. Mr. Kovach advised you would have Holl as an example of that because that is how it was done. Service Director Arendt stated it is not just in this city, it is in other cities – issues are the same thing. Mr. Rosso stated I think that means new construction on that property. Law Director Graves concurred right. Mr. Rosso stated new construction being a road got reconstructed. Law Director Graves answered yes, the project is for the road and if we disturbed aprons, we replace the aprons with material that was there before – we don't give them a brand new concrete apron. Mr. Rosso stated but you had a gravel apron and somebody puts in a road, we don't have to put a cement apron in but he builds a house on that then he has got to put a cement apron in. Law Director Graves stated yes.

**Walker Road/Phase II – None.**

**Walker Road/Phase III – None.**

***Infiltration:***

**Flow Monitoring analysis** – Co-chairman Bring advised I am sure Joe hasn't gotten anything on this. Mr. Rosso stated I think they have been obsolete, they have been worn out. Co-chairman Bring advised I know we paid a lot of money for these things, we paid off some of that and they are not working and we were supposed to get new ones in to replace them. The one place went out of business. Mr. Kovach advised the infiltration is where they had put some meters in different areas of the city primarily Irving Park and they monitored the flow of water that ran into our sewer system as opposed to. Mr. Diebold stated seriously this is no big deal but how many new meters have we bought and how many new meters have to be installed? Mr. Rosso advised we haven't got to water meters yet, we are talking those flow monitors.

***Future Projects:***

**Sidewalks – None.**

***Misc:***

**Water meters** – Mr. Diebold asked we had a serious problem on all the water meters, this lady on Elm Street or whatever. Do you know how you would take care of that one or what? Service Director Arendt answered I have got to get further information on that one. Mr. Diebold stated she has had a \$500.00 water bill for the months that I have been here, do you know how you take care of that one or what may I ask? Service Director Arendt answered I have got to get further information on that one. Mr. Diebold advised she has had a \$500.00 water bill for like the 4 months that I have been here I was curious. Service Director Arendt answered I will get more information on that from Lisa. Mr. Diebold asked just curious Joe, do you have any game plan? Service Director Arendt advised it is an absolute nightmare. Mr. Diebold stated he has got meters going here and he has got meters going there. Service Director Arendt answered in fact the meters that they have that are working now even have a problem. When the water gets high, it actually coats the cover. Mr. Diebold asked what do you mean when the water gets high? Service Director Arendt answered the ground water, it is preventing them from being able to read that. Mr. Diebold stated they can read meters through a full vault with their, they just stick it down, they have a plunge and they just put it down and they can read the meters. It doesn't stop reading meters. (inaudible, too many voices) Service Director Arendt stated I think we are on 2 different meters, all I know is that it is a nightmare because they have several different meters there now. I will look into it. Mr. Rosso asked wasn't it, September/October every meter in the city was read? It hasn't been that long ago? Mr. Diebold stated I just want to get the meters read in this city on a schedule and get it done. Co-chairman Bring stated I think Bill was having them out there reading.

**Pole for lights on bridge – None.**

**Holl & Knickerbocker** – Mr. Elliott advised Holl and Knickerbocker seem to be cracking prematurely, I mean it is pretty bad. I was just wondering if you could drive around and take a look at it and Holl and Knickerbocker – it is on the out-skirts of the road near the

gutter. If you can take a look at that, I mean the road isn't that old and it is really cracking. In some places it is actually starting to lift in chunks. Mr. Kovach asked wasn't this brought up as an issue like shortly after the project was complete? Mr. Elliott answered it was but now since we have a new Service Director I would like him to take a look at it and maybe give an opinion on what we could do. Service Director Arendt advised absolutely.

**SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, \*Motion by Kovach 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.

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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 January 5, 2009.

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**CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE**  
*Alan Smith*

*and/or*

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**CO-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*