

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse  
Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
April 7, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse was held Monday, April 7, 2008. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Smith, Rosso, Kovach, Bring, Huska, Elliott, Diebold, Podmanik  
Attending: Service Director Gardner, Law Director Graves, SUAB Garcia-Gee,  
Concerned Citizens

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

\*Motion by Bring to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2008 meeting with any corrections. Yeas all.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**SEWER CREDITS:**

**5373 Lake Road, \$426.30** – after a lengthy discussion, \*Motion by Huska to approve a sewer credit for \$300.00. ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL: Yeas – Bring, Huska, Smith, Kovach/Nays – Rosso, Elliott, Diebold.

**606 Kenilworth, \$238.14** - \*Motion by Elliott to approve the sewer credit. Yeas All.

**4204 Brockley, \$291.06** - \*Motion by Elliott to approve the sewer credit. Yeas All.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Projects:***

**Ferndale I** – no change.

**Ferndale II** – Service Director Gardner advised we have got 19 encroachments that we have to get letters to the people and we are going to give them until the 31<sup>st</sup> of May to get those encroachments out. There is one encroachment of the 19 properties that I am going to give a variance to and that is the one where the house is built in the right of way which is the corner house there. It actually sits a little bit in the right of way, the corner of Lake Breeze and Ferndale. They have got a rock there so I am going to make them move the rock and not the house. That will be done by the 31<sup>st</sup> of May or the city will do it and bill them. Also Ferndale Phase II is approved and on the list for January of this coming year for actual awarding of a bid. So this winter in January coming up is when that will be bid which is good because that is the period that I wanted because it is the lowest time of the year. Most of the big companies come in and bid low to fill up their stuff. The electric company will be in in July and August 2008 with the gas company to start moving stuff, the telephone poles and things like that are going to get moved. There is one sanitary sewer manhole that has to be readjusted. We should get our money from the state as soon as we get these encroachments taken care of, we are working on them. Mr. Rosso advised Service Director Gardner to be aware that the home that is a little in the right of way on Lake Breeze and Ferndale are an elderly couple in very bad health.

**Walker Road/Phase I** – Service Director Gardner reported done.

**Walker Road/Phase II** – Service Director Gardner reported still needs the manhole lowered and also the striping which I have written a letter to the county to have them do the striping. I haven't heard back yet from them but I asked them to do it as early as possible. We will do the crosswalks ourselves

**Walker Road/Phase III** – Service Director Gardner advised we have the grant but it is up to you guys on the money. We just went to the Transportation Day at the county for the County Alliance and they indicated to us that the Governor is going to seed OPWC with an additional 100% amount of money for the next 5 years, that is their goal. So Ken Carney recommended that we put in as many projects as we could early. Now I can only go back 15 years ago when we started Issue II, the first couple of rounds they gave things out like Pasadena over there where it goes around the curb by Upton's house and in there when they put that in and all those other roads. Those would never get done under the new Issue II project but because it was new and they had a lot of money, cities were legible for a lot of opportunities and Sheffield Lake took advantage of it early. This is such a short notice of this occurring because these have to be in by September that if you guys are serious about wanting to do something bigger, I think money at least grants and stuff like that instead of us being entitled to \$115,000.00 we are looking at \$230,000.00. One of the down sides is that we have 2-Issue II projects out, one of them is Walker Road Phase III and the other is Ferndale. Ferndale is okay because that one came after Walker Road Phase III and that is in its cycle right now and they already knew that we were going to do it in December/January so they are happy with that. So I have got that one covered. But Walker Road Phase III, I do not have an explanation other then we don't have any money and if we use that as an explanation, they are going to say well if you go after this project we're not going to give you the money. So that is my pitch on that. Chairman Smith stated the problem is we still don't have the money. That is something that we will have to look at I guess. Service Director Gardner stated every time that I talk to guys I put pressure on you for timing but the bottom line is by September these got to be in, the engineering has to be done and the engineering is going to take a couple of months on any project we pick. Chairman Smith stated I am sure that we all especially from this committee want to do these projects. We want to do Walker Road and do it in the phases, the problem is the money. So as far as this committee is concerned, I know we all want to do it. The financial part of it unfortunately Rick your committee. Mr. Rosso stated you can send everything there but it doesn't mean anything. Mrs. Huska asked Bill how much money are we short? Service Director Gardner answered we are short \$200,000.00 to do Walker Road Phase III. But the question is do we want to pay for engineering and I don't want to make anybody mad but let's just say Alameda, Dunny, Maplewood (south of Ferndale) – you are looking at \$600,000.00. Chairman Smith stated bottom line is we still got to come up with the money, so your logical place to pull it out of is where? Service Director Gardner stated I have none. Chairman Smith stated okay, then borrow it is the only way to do it because the way I see it is last year, the year before – Walker Road last year, Lake Road the year before. Service Director Gardner added we also had Ferndale. Chairman Smith explained but we all knew

that those years when we did the plan that those were the years that that was going to go towards that. I have talked to you a few times about borrowing more money and using that ¼% to pay that back which to me you are going to start getting to a point where you are going to start using all that money coming in through the ¼ % that we have to pay loans. The roads are going to be right back in because we got no money to put into roads for maintenance and that is where I come in, that is where I have a problem with is because we can't use all that money to pay back loans. We still have to have money to put into the roads every year. Service Director Gardner answered I agree and that is why I am not recommending we use 208 money. **Mr. Chuck Camps** stated I am here because of the road that I want repaired but I have emailed back and forth last week with the Mayor about what is happening to this ¼%. Now he said to me that they are using it to patch roads. I thought when this was voted in it was to replace roads not for maintenance of roads. Chairman Smith explained part of it was for maintenance of roads, when we first started we used a certain amount to borrow money which then we went out and we did some roads. We asphalted some, we tar and chipped, we used it for the roads. But the next 3 or 4 years, each year there was a project – like Lake Road which took up all that money from the ¼% income tax increase. We all knew that. Now there is a couple of Issue II projects that we used to put in there but there is still money left over from there to put into the roads each year. Unfortunately like with Lake Road there was none because that was a big project and with Walker Road that was a big project. Service Director Gardner advised we have about \$200,000.00 for this year for roads. Chairman Smith advised we still have that \$200,000.00 to put into the roads each year and pay back the loans that we have taken out. The problem is that we can't keep borrowing, paying back and taking the \$200,000 that we do have roughly to put back into the roads as maintenance, tar and chipping or asphalt – not just patching. We don't to get into borrowing and using all that money to pay back loans so at some point it stops – it is like what are we going to do. We can't do anything until we pay the loans off. So we have got to keep a certain amount of it for repairing roads and whether that is tar and chipping 3 or 4 roads or patching or asphaltting 2 or 3 or sections but it is not just used for patching roads. There has actually been quite a few roads that have gotten done if you look at the whole picture so far through that money. I think when we first took the money out there was quite a few roads, a couple in each ward that actually got paved from length to length. There was a certain amount that got tar and chipped, there was a certain amount that got tar/chipped and bomagged. So it is not just for patching. Service Director Gardner advised the consensus of Council that I have gotten to date is that they don't want to invest in a new construction, they want to use the money that we have left to do maintenance. Maintenance would be in your case, tar and chipping your road. That is the kind of maintenance we would be talking about on Hawthorne and on all the thirteen roads over here and the thirteen roads down there and a few roads in the center of town. Those are going to get tar and chipped, basically maintenance wise that is really what we would be doing. To say that one is more important then the other, we haven't gotten there yet. **Mr. Chuck Camps, 3968 Hawthorne** stated corner of Hawthorne and Stark, its actually Ivanhoe then it becomes Hawthorne as it crosses Howell. That is the problem between

Howell and Oliver. Chairman Smith clarified we have pretty much kind of kept to the plan that we have had without veering off to often. It is just like this year is the year that we can put the \$200,000 in, we are paying back our loans but we will still have some left over and when he is talking about other projects we don't want to borrow money and take \$80,000 of the \$200,000 to have to pay back more loans because that is less that we can put out. I don't want to end up getting to that point. Chairman Smith asked we did push it back a year didn't we? Service Director Gardner answered yes. Law Director Graves asked we you suggesting that this would be the only time that we could get Issue II money for some tertiary roads or are you talking about submitting for extra money for additional larger projects like Walker Road Phase IV and V? Service Director Gardner answered that is up to you what we would do it on and I am not putting anything out as a suggestion but if we wanted to do like Elyria does and Lorain does and say okay we want to resurface certain roads in our city and we are going to put a million dollars up and we want to borrow \$500,000.00 – that is how they do it and then they take it and they do whatever road they want to do. That has been allowed by Issue II, we have never tried to do that we have always done it by road by road because we don't have the clout that Elyria and Lorain does. But we could do it I believe this time because I think there is going to be a lot of money and they are going to want to put it in play but if we wanted to borrow a million then we are going to lucky if we get 2 grants of \$250,000.00 each over a 2-year period to do those roads with and a million dollars would only do 5 of those streets south of Ferndale if that is what we chose to do it or if you are looking at it that is 5 city blocks done with curbs, gutters and everything done right and engineered. That is what you are looking at for a million dollars. We could pick them out but don't forget that the city when I first came here borrowed \$500,000.00 and paid for it out of the general fund to fix Treadway, Pasadena – we put asphalt down. We took one in each ward and fixed it. So, the city has done it with the general fund before and that is purely your domain, not mine – I can't talk about that. Chairman Smith asked I know a while back we had talked quite a while ago we are kind of running out of Issue II areas that we are going to eligible for grants aren't we? I mean Walker Road was kind of like close to one of the final. Service Director Gardner advised Issue II was really contracting, they were down to saying look, you got to match it with 50%. When we first started there was 100% grants given out, I got 100% for our bridge down there. Now you couldn't possibly get that but this just happens to be a one time, one time being a 5-year slot where they are going to double the money. So for a 5-year period then we can do it but if we went out and did engineering on say 3 projects which will costs about 60 or 70 thousand dollars. If we did that and we put those 3 projects in the hopper they gain points by sitting there and not getting funded – 3 years from now we might get them all because the points will have built up and we will still be in the money pole. But I have found that as we this grant process goes along everybody gets smarter and when they get smarter it gets tougher and that is what I have seen. I think this will be a big balloon and it will be easy money and the state wants to get rid of it because it is part of the recession issue and all this stuff – they are going to want to get the money out in the system. So it is going to be easier to get it. I don't know how long it will last and I may be wrong but that is

how I see it. Chairman Smith stated well we all kind of got the idea of where you are going with it. Mr. Kovach asked what do the Mayor and the Law Director say? Service Director Gardner answered I haven't talked to either of them, their not here and the Mayor is working tonight, I know that. As far as what – paying it back? Mr. Kovach advised all we have the authority to do is legislate it. Service Director Gardner advised all I can tell you is the 208 funds are done, they are not going to pay it back and we haven't gotten any increase in taxes, if anything we are under collecting a little bit which is normal with the recession. So I wouldn't recommend that you use that money. Chairman Smith stated well you have done your job, you put it out there in the open and we have all heard you. Unfortunately like anything else in the city money dictates everything. We all know it is there and it is just if we can figure out a way to come up with some money then we could start moving on some of this stuff.

***Infiltration:***

***Flow Monitoring analysis*** – Service Director Gardner reported I talked to the engineers and got them back on board to monitor the systems so they are going to be doing that. Chairman Smith asked during the rainy season like we got now? Service Director Gardner answered yes. Chairman Smith stated so they are going to do some more monitoring? Service Director Gardner answered yes. Mr. Rosso stated how do they monitor, they don't create a report? They don't do anything. We move them from one pit to another pit and we never collect any information or do anything with it. Service Director Gardner reported last month we discovered 2 cross-connects. Chairman Smith replied that is where you are wrong there, there is information there. Mr. Rosso asked how can they do anything with it? Chairman Smith answered because of the way the engineers work, the engineers don't work for free – they get paid to do it. So until we come up with the money to actually physically hand them to give us a full report they won't, what they will do is Bill has got them to keep collecting data to add to the report. Mr. Rosso stated collecting information is not the same thing as monitoring our flow. Flow monitoring analysis implies that they are taking the information and running it through some analytical process and making a determination, continuing collecting information is great but they are not doing any monitoring. Service Director Gardner stated I won't argue with you on that, I don't it giving me any more information then what I already have. But I have the capability to read them myself, I just don't have the time but I have the capability. Mr. Diebold asked after it is monitored then who comes up with the plan to take care of the problems that they find by monitoring the analysis, what is the next step? Service Director Gardner answered we already did one and that was on the Knolls and we came up with a plan that was 3.1 million dollars which I introduced to you guys I don't know a couple of years ago. That would be the next step and we are going to get them all over the city because that is an issue; Belle, Brockley, Holl and Knickerbocker is an issue. I know that the Knolls have lots of houses where they drilled through the heating vents to get into the sanitary sewer so they could drain their heating vents because they were leaking or water was going into them. I know that happened, so I guarantee out of those houses over there I could probably find 300 of them that are in

violation. Now the issue is when I find them they are going to have to get off of it but without a storm sewer of adequate capacity they are not going to help themselves much. Now it will lower our sewer bill but it won't keep them from flooding. So the question is do we want to go in, the engineers did a rough engineering estimate for me including doing that and it was 3 million dollars to do those 16 streets and Irving Park. So you know the numbers and we are going to find that out, if we go down to Sheffield Road which is what we have been looking at. I will bet you there isn't a house on that road that doesn't have a cross-connect on it except the 2 that we already found and we have had the plumbers come in to do it. That is costing those people a lot of money and everyone of those houses in this city, if I jump back or ahead or whatever, we got \$108,000.00 sanitary sewer bill last month from the City of Lorain and we only collected \$72,000.00 last month from the residents so we are \$36,000.00 short going into this year on that sewer bill. Chairman Smith asked so what actually are we doing with the flow monitoring then are you going to put them in the pits? Service Director Gardner answered yes, we put them in the manholes. Chairman Smith asked what are going to do? Service Director Gardner answered they will measure the flow; high/low/average flow. They will tell you in the areas that have the highest infiltration but we already know. Right now we get 16 million gallons, last month we had 64 million gallons more water go through the sewer then came from the spouts in your faucets because I have looked at it. That is a lot of money and to correct that problem is going to costs millions, so don't be surprised when it is millions – probably 20 million to do the whole city. But those are numbers that are going to come up with and you have to remember these totes bought to stave off the ever increasing, and Rosa is here, the ever increasing movement by the EPA and the Clean Water Act and everything else is moving for the cities to reinvest in the infrastructure of their city and that in this case is taking houses off of the sanitary that are cross-connected. That is going to costs lots of money, that is the direction they have been going for the last 20 years and they are going to continue to go that way. Depending on who is President then it may accelerate.

### ***Future Projects:***

**Sidewalks** – Service Director Gardner reported we will start May 1<sup>st</sup> to put in all the money worth of sidewalks that we got left. Chairman Smith asked how much roughly we got left? Service Director Gardner answered I don't have the budget but I am going to say \$48,000 or \$49,000 of sidewalk money. We will put in at least \$30,000 again this year and that doesn't include by the way when we start Ferndale, that is going to be all new sidewalks. When you look at it, you guys have done an outstanding job putting sidewalks in considering we didn't go out and muscle people like some cities do. It has been a natural flowing thing.

Service Director Gardner reported I walked Shoemaker Ditch on Saturday because I had a complaint from 560 Buckeye which I went and parked in the guys yard and he talked to me and said he didn't flood. But it was about his sister that lived at 500 Buckeye who said we haven't done anything in 15 years. I had parked my track machine in her yard for 6 weeks and we cleaned her whole ditch out behind her house. But in fairness to her that isn't going

to work with the amount of water that we are getting out of the Village and everything else unless we do Shoemaker Ditch. That is our next big project – sewer but it is not any closer now than it was 3 years ago. The ditch behind Buckeye which is on our stormwater plan to be the next big project, we are going to lower that ditch by 5-feet and it is needed. They are all complaining in the Buckeye area.

***Misc:***

**Water meters** – Service Director Gardner reported we installed some this week, we had the guy out. We read the ones that were in there and they were working fine. We opened all the pits up and none of them had water in them to speak of so we went over and put some in pits that were full of water. So we will tech that out now to see how that is working. We already put some in those pits. Chairman Smith asked no problems over the winter time? Service Director Gardner answered none. Chairman Smith asked how close are we to coming up with a program, the right meter? Service Director Gardner answered we are going to put them in this summer, we have 400 of them sitting in our office. Chairman Smith asked no I mean do we seem like we are happy with the software and everything that we have got and compatible with the system and everything is working? Service Director Gardner answered so far. Mr. Rosso stated it was just last month that we talked about how they were having issues with these huge bills because they are not reading right. Service Director Gardner replied that wasn't last month, that was before - that is old meters. This company will not only read the form that we have upstairs that we are going to put in, they will read the touch reads that we have about a 1000 of them over in the other end of town which are working fine. I still want to see how they survive in the environment of being in the water. Chairman Smith asked how long we going to do that? Service Director Gardner answered we are going to be putting more meters in all summer, when we get summer help.

**Pole for lights on bridge** – Service Director Gardner reported I talked to Ohio Edison and they are still out. The pole movement on the boat launch, they are still out on that too. The light on Queens Court, I had the engineer out and we went out and looked at it and we have to put it on the west side of the road. It has to be, according to their engineer, it has to be a decorative light similar to that because the whole system is underground and they would have to bring a line in like underground for 250 feet. We would have to trench it and it has to go down to Queens Court and around the corner and going to break everybody's driveway up and I am not going to do that. This way we only have to move it about 30-feet. So that light will go in when they bring it. That is up to Ohio Edison of that too, that is totally in Ohio Edison's lap. Mr. Bring stated it was brought up at Safety Committee and the Police said there hasn't been any problems over there. Service Director Gardner stated it is just going to be one light but we are going in the summer now. There was a brief debate regarding the decorative pole being put in versus just a telephone pole. Service Director Gardner shared conversation with Ohio Edison Representative Joe Faga – I said the reason why I want a telephone pole over a decorative pole is that you guys pay when sis

not true, if the telephone pole gets broke – you pay too. I said to him, the other reason why we don't pay is because the car is always there when they hit a telephone pole. Chairman Smith asked like I said I have been out for a while but why are we talking about the same light we talked 3 or 4 months ago that we said we weren't putting in, how did we get here? Service Director Gardner answered oh no, you guys said to put one in. Mr. Rosso explained he came back and said he would a regular telephone pole and a light there. Service Director Gardner clarified I never said that I wanted to. Chairman Smith stated so we said we were going to go ahead and put a pole with a light, so why are we talking about a decorative pole? Service Director Gardner answered because the electric company said that a telephone pole would have to be brought from the different transformer which we have to pay for because it is an underground system. Mr. Rosso stated we have had this discussion before, it wasn't part of that PRD – they are responsible for all their decorative poles and lighting, so why are we doing it? Chairman Smith stated exactly, I don't understand why we are talking about putting a decorative pole in? Service Director Gardner answered if you are going to put a telephone pole in, you are going to pay more then if you put a decorative pole in there. Chairman Smith answered I understand that. Mr. Rosso stated then we are not putting anything in then. Chairman Smith concurred. Mr. Elliott stated I remember saying we didn't have to do it. Service Director Gardner stated okay fine, I will call the electric company up and tell them forget it. Mr. Rosso stated if they want a decorative pole in there then they are supposed to pay for it, do they want one bad enough to pay for it. Mr. Bring stated they wanted a light and we said we would put up a light. Clerk Fantauzzi added they submitted a letter requesting a light. Service Director Gardner added they actually said they would take a regular pole. Chairman Smith stated if I remember right, we said we will put the pole in but if it gets torn down again they are responsible for it, not us – that is what that was. Mr. Bring concurred. Chairman Smith asked if we put this in, are they going to be responsible for replacing it? Service Director Gardner answered this pole will be on the west side of the road which is a different group then the east side of the road. Chairman Smith explained to members this is a second lighting issue in that area that we have. So you are saying the costs of putting the pole up is going to be more then putting a decorative pole up. So if that is the case then we know we are not going to put a pole in right? So we are back to the same place we were 4 months ago, are they going to be responsible for the pole if it is tore down, if somebody takes it out are they going to be responsible for putting it back up? That was the agreement we had the last time and they refused, they said no so we said okay end of story. Service Director Gardner explained that pole was on the east side of the road, the east side of the road is not the Association of Condominiums – it is the greater Association. We are putting it on the west side, which puts it into that condominium's which is different. President Podmanik asked what difference does that make, isn't this all the same PRD? What difference does it make, east side/west side – it is the PRD. I believe the original agreement they want the special aid, it is their costs – not ours. This is what we discussed 4 months ago, it is their baby. Service Director Gardner stated we agreed to put a pole in, when I brought the engineer out for the pole he said this is not how to do it. Mr. Elliott stated well then that releases us from the whole agreement is the way I look at it. We



told that we would put a pole in and now we can't put a pole in. There was a brief discussion on costs which concluded with Chairman Smith requesting Law Director Graves to investigate who is responsible for the lights in that PRD. Service Director Gardner advised if you guys hold up Ohio Edison then they will never come back here. Mr. Rosso advised tell them to replace the light at Lake and Howell then we should have an answer. There was a brief debate on canceling the light with Ohio Edison. Law Director Graves advised I will look into this as far as whose responsibility it is but even if it is it is still discretionary. There was a brief discussion on issue. CORRECTION: The light was requested for Abbotsford not Queens Court.

**Pot holes on Belle** – Chairman Smith advised we might as well move into all the streets, we all know the pot holes on Belle. Service Director Gardner advised the first roads that are supposed to be redone are the ones tar and chip off of Lake Road – that would be the whole from end to end of streets that are off of Lake Road. Chairman Smith asked which is? Service Director Gardner answered Parkview, Beach, Oak, Elm, Clifton – those streets. That is what was in the plan for the next things to be done. Belle is something that you guys had indicated you wanted to have redone, at least the west end of it. Mr. Rosso stated I went down Belle a couple of weeks ago and it has got to be the number 1 street on the list. Chairman Smith advised no, I drove every street in this city yesterday and in all honestly – the roads aren't in that bad of shape. There is a select few that are terrible, there is a lot of streets that have been paved, there is a lot of streets such as: Maplewood, Buckeye, Maple – we bomagged, tar and chipped and those streets have held up. But if anybody go over there and drive Hawthorne – good luck getting through the whole thing, you can't. That section over there cannot be patched – it can't be patched. **Mr. Chuck Camps** advised it is just that section. Chairman Smith continued there are parts of the street that are good but you have sections from maybe here to the wall that are just terrible and then you get through those and the rest of the street is great. That one is terrible, Belle is probably number 2 (section of Belle), South Street is not the greatest. But if you take a lot of the streets – there is only sections like my street Hollywood – if you go from Richelieu to Ivanhoe, there is just one section and it is in front of the houses that Gilfeather built 4 years ago that I told you we are going to have a problem with but we didn't make him do anything with it and there we are with that little section where it fills up with water. But the roads itself are not in that bad of shape and there is a lot of them that have gotten paved. There is a lot of the bomagged roads that have held up. Now if you go south of Ferndale, there is Hollywood which is probably third. Service Director Gardner advised Dunny and West Shore on south end. Chairman Smith stated wards 2 and 3 have probably suffered the most because we have put everybody off for the Ferndale projects. He stated Rick I think there is only like 4 roads in yours that hasn't been done. Service Director Gardner advised Stark, Oliver, Roberts and Hawthorne are bad areas. Mr. Rosso stated the problems with those is like you said originally, the issue is the drainage. Until we get Ferndale down, so now we can take care of the water off of your street then we can go in and redo the street. Chairman Smith stated I disagree with that. **Mr. Chuck Camps** advised all I want is fixed so I can get to my house. Chairman Smith advised that drainage has been fixed, that is why they put all the piping

down there 2 years ago all the way down to Howell. There was a brief discussion on drainage at corner of Lake and Howell. Service Director Gardner advised the real bad drainage on Stark and Oliver is on the corner of Ferndale. Chairman Smith stated some of the streets I would have to agree with you as far as drainage Bill but I am starting to think that drainage, some of it is being used as an excuse not to do the road. Because I will tell you Maple and Buckeye since the day I heard every time we go to do those roads – you can't do them roads, there is just no drainage and it is impossible. We have to lower that ditch 5 feet in order to do that, you are never going to get no water through there and them roads are not going to hold up. We are just throwing money away. You went in there and tar and chipped and bomagged them streets and those streets have held up for over 4 or 5 years, 4 or 5 years with no drainage. Service Director Gardner advised yes but I did Buckeye twice. Chairman Smith continued I am just saying those roads have held up and they don't have any drainage. Service Director Gardner advised if we go in this year and we spend \$200,000.00 on doing the streets that you have talked about. Chairman Smith stated I don't mean pave them, if you were to go in and tar and chip and bomag that section of that street – those people would be happy because they can go through there. Mr. Rosso stated the key is the bomag. Chairman Smith agreed the key is the bomag, you can tar and chip and it just comes back up. Service Director Gardner stated I understand what you are saying and again that is operational maintenance. When we did it originally we said we need \$180,000.00 to do it, we have about \$200,000.00. That was based on pricing last year, it will be a little bit higher. Chairman Smith stated just from driving every single road yesterday, I realize that we have done a lot of roads – they are in pretty good shape and as far as the drainage goes, you don't have a drainage issue in a lot of places. You know what you have – you have driveway culvert pipes that are clogged, broken, up 3-feet higher then the ditch/down a foot in the ditch, there is your drainage problem. Rosa is exactly right because the ditches are the problem. Service Director Gardner advised but the drainage that is higher is because of improper placement of the ditch elevation. Chairman Smith advised no it is not Bill, go drive and look at all the ditches right now that have got water in it and it is because driveway pipes are a foot higher this way, they are a foot down this way, they are collapsed, they are broken, they are run-over – Rosa is exactly right because she has been about people getting the ditches cleaned out. Service Director Gardner advised why do you think those things float, they float because they are not deep enough – the ice lifts them. You can drive down Lafayette and see how it is. Chairman Smith stated this is my observation of running through the streets and if you let me finish I will be done. Some of it is correct but a lot of it is not and the houses down by my house that Gilfeather put in, but if you look at the ditches 3 houses north of me – the ditch has got to be 3-feet deep but down where Gilfeather's at, the elevation is not there to drain that little section because nobody went over and actually showed them people where to put the pipe in it. They left that pipe set there and the pipe come up like this and they covered it over and somebody else connected to it. That is why you can't get the elevation, you can't go from my house all the way to Tennyson and tell me you go from a 3-foot ditch up to a 1-foot ditch and there is not enough room to get rid of piping. That is the problem with the drainage in this city, if you

don't know where the water is at because the ditches go all over the place and the driveway pipes are clogged, they are smashed, they are broken up – water can't travel anywhere. The person that was here at your meeting complaining about her street flooding over on Roberts Street, I think it is 778 – all you got to do is walk over there and you see a plastic culvert pipe that is supposed to look like this – it is just smashed with plastic sticking up out of the thing and water can't travel through it. All you got to do is fix those pipes, there is the elimination of that issue right there. That is all it is throughout the city. That is why you have a list of driveway pipes that have been there for 6 years that nobody has done. **Mr. Chuck Camps** advised to say what your saying about the drainage, when they did that other side of the road by my house, they brought a drain across the street and stuck it in the bottom of my ditch. He demonstrated – they sat it in like this, you can see it right now, the cover is off of it. I email him (Mr. Camps indicated Service Director Gardner), I call him and never got an answer and never got a response. This was last year and it is still sitting in there like that, the green plastic. Now, nothing can come this way and drain until it gets this high up over that drain. Chairman Smith advised I am not saying it is all his fault, a lot of it is just from lifting up – people just throw it in there and they will do it on a Saturday or Sunday or whenever. Service Director Gardner advised no, it is the depth of the pipe, you got to have 2-feet of cover on a pipe. I am sorry, that is what the manufacturer says and the ditch is supposed to be 5-feet deep – not 15 inches deep. Chairman Smith advised my point being that the ditches are a big problem and I understand it is supposed to have 2-feet but can you explained to me how 2 houses down from me you have a 3-foot ditch and go all the way down to Tennyson and tell me that you can't get a pipe that goes down and gets covered over with 2-feet and the lay of the land does not go like this – it is a straight shot. So how do you go from 3-feet to not enough to cover the pipes down there, it just doesn't make sense. SUAB Chairperson Garcia-Gee advised every street in the city is like that almost. It depends on how old each house is as to how deep their ditch in front is. Chairman Smith advised yes, I mean there are driveway pipes that are clogged and broken and leaves and garbage. That is where she is doing a good job because she is trying to inform the people that it is their responsibility to clean the ditches. Mr. Rosso stated on Roberts, once you get Ferndale piped – you can pipe Roberts into the Ferndale sewer and then you will have drainage. Chairperson Garcia-Gee advised but if they don't level them out and don't keep them cleaned out then it is not doing us any good at all. Mr. Rosso advised you won't have ditches, we will have to go in there and pipe that whole street – pipes all those streets and get the sewers in right, you have to put them in right. Chairman Smith advised what is going to happen is that you are going to end up with the same situation that you have on every street between Harris Road and Sheffield Road. You put Ferndale in and you put entrance ways and you put grates in there to take the water. The only problem is all those ditches flow north, they don't flow south – you have to correct the ditches to come to Ferndale. Mr. Rosso stated I am saying that at some point after Ferndale is all the way down then we got to start putting storm sewers pipe off the side roads to feed into Ferndale because that is where it is going to carry it all – it is not going to be just all ditches anymore. I mean it is not going to be done in 2 years but that is

the plan and it is the only way to resolve it. As long as you have ditches you are going to have this problem. Chairman Smith stated this is pretty simple, you take every road south of Ferndale – you have Ferndale storm sewer, you have the big ditch on the other end. You have got 2 main places to get rid of water but we have no drainage on any of those streets and that just doesn't make any sense to me. Either you split the street up and one has got to Ferndale and one goes this way, the only way you can do it is to re-grade the ditches and everything would be fine. The ditches are the key to all the drainage problems, you can redirect water any way you want. Mr. Rosso stated until it becomes the city's responsibility to maintain those ditches, they will not be maintained. SUAB Chairperson Garcia-Gee stated the city needs to start ticketing the residents that aren't following the code, we have an ordinance. Chairman Smith stated actually right now if you got smashed driveway pipes, there is an ordinance that says that you notify the residents that they have to repair their driveway and if they don't then we go and we do it and we charge it to their water bill. Service Director Gardner advised that may not be true. Chairman Smith stated that is what I have been told since the day that I have been here. Service Director Gardner stated well that is what I have been told but that may not be true. SUAB Chairperson Garcia-Gee stated you got one neighbor that will dig theirs out real nice because they think it looks better to go deeper than the people beside them and then we end up with a mosquito pond and the water not flowing then the next one is filling theirs in because of that. No one is following standard orders that there is an ordinance form and when we hand those ordinances door to door – no one is going behind us and enforcing them. There is certain residents that scream a lot and they are some of the biggest offenders we have and I keep handing the ordinance, handing it and handing it. As long as their not getting punished for this, they are going to keep screaming but then what about the people that live next door to them – it is not fair to them. Lately at our meetings we have been trying to get the neighborhoods to get together and we will help them clean out the area and that has worked in a couple of places but it is not going to work at very many – most of the neighbors don't get along over flooding issues. The piped in ditches, in some spots for example like Fran Moore's it really did make matters worse. When she had the open ditch, at least the water couldn't get as deep as it does now. The flow is just naturally not going towards the openings. Chairman Smith stated my whole point was our roads are not in that bad of shape and there is just key areas that need to be addressed and I think probably everybody ought to kind of take a look and maybe if you get a chance drive around and you will notice that there are certain areas that are really bad and if you get those taken care of. And Bill I am not putting it on you, this is over years and years of you know the old concrete pipes that are cracked and smashed and all different size pipes. Mrs. Garcia-Gee advised all different types, I have seen anything from tin to you name it I have seen it. Chairman Smith advised that was my only point, I just think a lot of these drainage issue could be handled if the ditches were regarded and driveway pipes cleaned. The people on Belle and the people in his area (Mr. Camps) they do have a gripe because those 2 sections are just terrible - they are almost impassable.

**SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Service Director Gardner reported we will have a

stormwater ordinance that will be coming out that will have to be passed evidently for the new SM4 which will require that we do a GPS finding of every outlet in the city of every curb, drain and everything else. That will take a couple of years to do but that has to be done. Of course I told you about the sewer, water remains the same, we are replacing those hydrants on Lake Road that we talked about getting money for and I just bought 9 more hydrants to replace. So we will be gradually replacing the steamer less hydrants. If you notice, our hydrants have a big thing on them, if they don't have a big thing on them like Lake Road that means our big pumpers can't hook up to the big fitting to get the most water out of them. So we are gradually replacing those on Lake Road and we have done 2 already in the last month. Chairman Smith asked Service Director Gardner to repeat figures for our sewer bill again. Service Director Gardner answered I believe it was \$108,000.00, it is the most water we have ever taken in a month. Chairman Smith asked we only collected \$72,000.00? Service Director Gardner answered yes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***Request for new Parkview old/new sign*** – Service Director Gardner advised if we put a little yellow sign underneath that says old. There are some streets that I am sure you have seen it. There was a brief discussion.

***Deer issues on Lake Road, west end*** – Service Director Gardner advised we have deer issues by Norton's house and I want to put a couple of deer crossing signs up. He continued I have heard we have a problem at the other end of town also. Mr. Bring advised across my front yard then across the street (Lake Road). Service Director Gardner advised I would like to put deer crossing signs at Mariners Watch drive to the city limits, put one on one end and one on the other. Now whether we need to go on the other end of town by Dennis's, I don't know.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, \*Motion by Kovach to adjourn at 8:24 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 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 April 7, 2008.

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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*

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*Richard Rosso*