

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse  
Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
October 6, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse was held Monday, October 6, 2008. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Smith, Kovach, Bring, Elliott, Diebold

Absent: Podmanik, Rosso, Huska (excused)

Attending: Mayor Piskura, Members of the Media: Avon Lake Press

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

\*Motion by Elliott to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2008 meeting as presented. Yeas all.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**SEWER CREDITS:** Mayor Piskura submitted requests for credits and advised I have already reviewed them and Lisa has already reviewed them and I recommend that you pass all of them.

**500 Elm Street - \$202.86** – after a brief discussion, further investigation needed. Leave on agenda for next month.

**4459 Tennyson - \$378.95** - \*Motion by Elliott, Second by Diebold to approve. Yeas All.

**829 West Drive - \$94.08** - \*Motion by Bring, Second by Elliott to approve. Yeas All.

**709 East Drive - \$92.75** - \*Motion by Elliott, Second by Bring to approve. Yeas All.

**Unpaid utility charges to be put on Tax Duplicate** - \*Motion by Bring, Second by Kovach to approve and apply to tax duplicate for non-payment. Yeas All.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Projects:**

**Ferndale I – None.**

**Ferndale II** – Mayor Piskura advised the only thing that I have on Ferndale is that the last of the right of way acquisitions, we should actually sign tomorrow. I know David had reported earlier that they were all done and over with and they have been but there is one particular that we are hoping to have come to a close tomorrow. That is the only thing of significance to report other than very shortly here we are going to have to start talking to the state about bidding the project for the first of the year like we did with Phase I.

Chairman Smith advised as far as Ferndale, we are not behind schedule because they are putting the electric and gas in. Mayor Piskura advised everything is going as it should.

**Walker Road/Phase I** – Mayor Piskura reported everybody knows that that drainage issue was taken care of. It has been re-striped, there are no complaints over there that I am aware of.

**Walker Road/Phase II** – Mayor Piskura reported as far as Phase II is concerned, we are

delaying the project. We have been delaying a couple of months every project in order to afford them. I don't know if you are aware them, I don't know if you are aware of this or not but the Issue II money that we get in we have to match and we were so aggressive over the last couple of years that we got every project that we wanted and have to be careful about being able to make our match. So we have delayed Phase II until next year.

**Walker Road/Phase III** – on hold.

***Infiltration:***

**Flow Monitoring analysis** – **None.**

***Future Projects:***

**Sidewalks** – Mayor Piskura advised we are pouring a bunch tomorrow but there is only one that you may be aware of that was a complaint was on Sunset on south of Ferndale that was a water break where we had to go and repair a couple of times and we messed up the yard a little bit. That has all been formed up, that will be taken care of tomorrow along with several others. Chairman Smith asked the sidewalk over where the house that we demolished going to be done. It has had the forms up and post sticking straight up in the air and a cone right in the middle of it. Mayor Piskura asked David are you aware of anything? Law Director Graves answered yes, I don't what is going on with it. Mayor Piskura asked there is a cone on it? Chairman Smith answered well the cone is right in the middle of it but it has been like that for quite a while and they have got the framing up but there is these. Mayor Piskura asked is it our cone? If it is our cone I am assuming that it is going to be poured tomorrow. If not, then I need to look into it. Chairman Smith answered there has been a cone there for a while, my only thing there is safety because they got the forms in and there is these rods sticking up to hold the forms in and they stick up this far out of the ground. If someone falls there, they are going to be hurt. Mayor Piskura asked where is this at? Law Director Graves answered this is the house that was demolished on Richelieu between Oakwood and Alameda, the yellow one that was leaning. Chairman Smith stated there is just one little section there but I am more worried about the posts that are sticking this far up above it. Law Director Graves stated didn't they have to tear that sidewalk out for something? Mr. Bring answered I think they did when they ran the equipment over it. Chairman Smith advised if that is not part of the list they probably need to do because that has been formed for months and them things are sticking up and I would hate to somebody fall in that. Mayor Piskura advised I will look into that. Mr. Bring added especially with Halloween coming up.

***Misc:***

**Water meters** – Chairman Smith stated the last we knew that they were trying a different company's meters, they wanted to wait and everything seemed to be doing good and they were going through the freeze of last winter to see how they performed, whether or not they were going to get more meters, no more meters, if the computer system was going to work? Mayor Piskura answered we are not likely to get anymore meters from the current company

at all. However what we are entertaining and you are not going to get anymore information on this probably for at least another month or two, is retro-fitting the ordinances that are radio-reads right now and continuing on the replacement of schedule or idea for the entire city. But outfitting them instead with a wireless transmitter much the same as you would get like a laptop wireless. There is a system that we are looking at in conjunction with the energy audit and the whole retro-fit for energy efficiency to put wireless throughout the city and that would enable the girls in the water department to real-time read the meter and have less guys on the roads spot checking. Much, much more reliable real-time and that is something that we are looking into. I know there is a bad taste in everybody's mouth with the water meters but never the less, you will be getting information on that soon just as an idea. But as far as the water meters that are in, I think that we still have 2 unresolved issues that the people have been pretty patient with us and at the moment I am not ready to report of those but don't forget that they are out there. Mr. Bring asked are we going to get any money back from that one company that actually went out of business and they don't make that one anymore? Mayor Piskura answered I am not aware of any way that we can. Mr. Bring stated I was talking to Tom over there and he said that that company made a certain one and now the ones do not fit. Chairman Smith stated I don't think we paid them though did we? Mr. Bring answered we did. Mayor Piskura stated we took out a \$365,000.00 note and we have paid I think to date we have paid a good portion of it. I will find that out. Chairman Smith advised the last we knew, Bill kept saying that we still didn't pay for them. We still had the money in the bank. Mr. Bring stated well we did. Mr. Kovach stated I thought he said that the money was appropriated but not completely spent. Mr. Bring stated that that was not completely spent was not that much because that is what I found out. Mayor Piskura advised I will look into that.

**Pole for lights on bridge** – Mr. Bring advised we will wait for the new Service Director. Mr. Diebold asked Mr. Kovach, that Pride Day is November 3<sup>rd</sup> or something? Mr. Kovach answered it was originally schedule for this Saturday but what I saw on my water bill this month was that it is set for November 8<sup>th</sup>, is that what we are doing John? Mr. Diebold advised this late in the year, it is about a \$1500.00 costs I was just curious on what you guys think about it? Chairman Smith answered I think Pride Day is a great thing myself, when it was so it can be advertised so everybody knows when it is. Mr. Kovach advised it was on the water bill, the weird part I thought was that they had stamped on the part that gets returned or at least on my bill. Chairman Smith asked are we having it November 8<sup>th</sup>? Mayor Piskura answered I have got that as another thing to find out about. As far as the water bills go, you are aware of the fact that we are looking at a new company for that. There was a brief discussion on date for Pride Day.

**SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mayor Piskura advised not as it pertains to Roads & Drains other then a simple comment, that at the next Council meeting I intend to bring at least 1 if not 2 more applicants for your review. I will make sure that you have resumes by the end of the week and quite frankly, it is getting so out of control that I got to hire somebody very soon. I think that we actually have seen the bulk of the applications and the

resumes come in and we are going to have to make a decision very shortly and I may even go so far as to appoint somebody on Tuesday after you have had the opportunity to look at everybody. If not, I think I will be asking for a Special Council meeting in between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays to get somebody in there because we are starting to not keep tabs on everything.

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, \*Motion by Kovach to adjourn at 8:02 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 October 6, 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*

*and/or*

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**COUNCIL PRO TEM**

*Richard Rosso*