

**Minutes of the Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equip.  
Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
January 3, 2008**

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The regular meeting of the Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment was held Thursday, January 3, 2008. Chairman Steve Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Kovach, Elliott, Bring

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

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

\*Motion by Bring to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2007 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Service Department building – Chairman Kovach advised you gave us a preliminary estimate on the building and we are no farther with that, so we will moving in the spring on that.

Nature/bike trail – **None.**

Access to lake at Community Park – Service Director Gardner advised Community Park is being accessed, we have got the base in. The side base is in on the second jetty, we have built the steel box for the base of the ramp for concrete pour. It could have been poured yesterday but the weather is a little bit bad so we are probably going to wait until next week as it supposed to be warmer. We are putting the big armor stone on, you know the flags they are around – big stuff and that is being put on the outer ramp right now - the outer wall is up. Chairman Kovach asked is there any projected completion date? Service Director Gardner answered I believe it was the end of May, we will be operational. We could be operational before then. I haven't ordered the floating dock yet but as far as putting boats in, as soon as we get the concrete cured and in theory the base to the road to the street is already in. You can drive down there now. Mr. Bring asked is that going to be all black-topped or what? Service Director Gardner answered so far the only part that is going to be black-topped is the drive-around road. That may change, we are working on a grant which I just got the paperwork today for a county commissioners grant and if we get that then we will be able to pave the rest

of the parking lot. So that part of it we are attempting to get paid. I have had a couple of things that I found that we didn't quite have nailed down with the drawings. One of them is we are putting the serrations in the concrete and we stopped at the 578 mark which is the high water surge mark for the lake which is what they do on their boat launches all around. The problem is we have a 15% grade and I just think it is going to be too sleek at the top. So I am going to go up on that and it is going to cost about \$3000.00 more dollars to put in more serrations up to the 590 level. So for going up another 12-feet it is a 6-1/2 to 1 pitch so you are looking at quite a few of those being put in and that is going to cost about \$3500.00 more than what we originally estimated. The other thing that is more than I originally estimated was the fact that I originally estimated that we were going to take out 8 inches of top soil and there is a lot more than that there. I didn't realize there was that much there, it is pretty much virgin top soil in there. So we will have a little more stone use which I didn't expect. But otherwise, every thing is going fairly well. Mr. Bring asked did we have an inspection? Service Director Gardner answered they didn't come, they are coming next week. They don't care, we did a series of bureaucratic messages. She sent me, I sent her – we sent back and forth and she basically said we are in charge, if we think it is done then it is done. They are going to come look at it either next week or the week after. I think it looks pretty good but who knows what they are going to say. One of the problems we have discovered, you know we have looked at improving the plan by extending that edge. Well that edge is a little shallow I think, we probably need about 3 more feet on top of it of concrete block of some type. That we are going to have to talk about because that was not what it is going to be I know that. It is not high enough. Mr. Elliott stated I guess the Mayor brought up that we are making some changes down there and adding a walkway on the pier there, was that in the original drawing and if it wasn't do we have to that approved by ODNR? Service Director Gardner answered the original drawing showed a cap, the exact extent of the cap if we improve on it is not a modification to the plan as I see it. Just like putting the serrations and I will tell you this because I played the game with her on the serrations and tried to see if I was modifying the plan. There was a brief discussion on what a modification is in conjunction with the plan. Service Director Gardner explained the plan really doesn't go into a lot of detail. So the answer to your question is there is no change. Everybody wants to improve it as much as we can, our goal is to improve it as much we can. The answer will always be we are trying to make it more public accessible – that is our goal.

**Covered Bridge** – Service Director Gardner advised I did send a letter to Mr. Faga asking him to expedite the light pole. I did only for one though on the west side of it with a down drop so we can power the bridge. Chairman Kovach asked we talked about last month about taking dirt over there and filling the base up around it. Do you think we could cut down the weeds and stuff like that so that we can get a view on it this summer? Service Director Gardner answered see I view that as a

sidewalk, if we view the bridge as a sidewalk we are not going to continue the sidewalk parallel to the road over the bridge because it is kind of narrow there. What I plan to do was make the sidewalk and go through the covered bridge back out to the street and thereby be the sidewalk if you will for that area. So in the long run we plan to make a sidewalk, I put in the aggregate base for it already. It has been more then cured, we will actually have to put 1's and 2's down so it is a very solid base. We could pour right over it right now, it has just been a factor of I don't want to pour the sidewalk until I pour the concrete ramps and we haven't done that yet. The guys were taken off of that to do the boat launch, we are going to do the boat launch first and that is where we are. Service Director Gardner advised on the plan of seeding all wild flowers in there. Chairman Kovach asked do you think that maybe we can get a starter project of clean up down there for like Pride Day. Service Director Gardner advised I am excited. Mr. Bring suggested something you might want to think about is maybe find some bigger landscaper or something that wants to donate their time and then they put a sign or something like that. Service Director Gardner advised that is a good idea. There was a brief discussion on the moving of the dirt.

**General maintenance in city buildings (lights, furnace, filters, ceiling tile, hot water tank)** – Service Director Gardner stated we have moved some of the stone out if you have noticed. We have been tearing down our pile over on the side of all the rip/rap and all that stuff. We have taken it out to the breakwall. I am still sifting through it, we can't put some of the asphalt and stuff like that out. We will take the asphalt over to Kokosing as soon as they open in the spring. I have looked to put a new pole in the back and run it off the dog kennel so I can get light in the back. Last year we put concrete down behind the building and I do have a pipe that I started down the yard. If time is available and we have the opportunity, we have the pipe but have not had the time to do it. The first project is the boat launch. Mr. Bring stated since we are still talking about the buildings, at the Service Building we sold the following – the Ford F350, the Olds Cutlass Supreme, we got rid of the generator, we got rid of the hitch, the Wisconsin air cool motor, all the bikes. So we still have a Ford ambulance, the GMC truck with vac and 2 Crown Victoria's. Are we going to do something with those items? Service Director Gardner advised John had indicated that he turned some bids. We turned them down and he indicated that we were going to have another auction afterwards. I would like to get rid of them – yes. Mr. Bring stated that way we can get everything else cleaned up around here. If you get a chance ask John when he wants to do that so we can get this clean up going? Service Director Gardner explained our problem was we had people that would have bid on it in the meeting that came to the meeting that had not put in bids. Well we didn't really have any mechanism in place to do that and I think John wants to do that but I don't know when that is going to happen. Mr. Bring stated I guess there are some items that are broke like the TV and stuff downstairs that we can just throw that stuff away if

less than \$100.00. Law Director Graves advised in order to dispose of anything you are going to have to have a resolution of Council to do that. (Submitted list is attached to these minutes). Mr. Elliott asked what about these light in here Bill? Mr. Bring stated also downstairs that one ballast is burnt out. Service Director Gardner answered alright.

***Fire Station needed repair*** – Mr. Bring asked they didn't do anything to those side walls did they? Service Director Gardner answered yes they did, they redid the whole thing. The only thing that is wrong is we need to replace the roof. When we were going to replace the roof I wanted to make it bigger. **REMOVE.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

***Leaf pick-up truck*** – Service Director Gardner advised I haven't got the final quotes from them yet. They are still working on it and I have went Judco to get 2 different ways. I talked to Avon Lake and what they have done, their truck was about 150,000 and I have looked at another truck/a combination truck – we have looked at the county to see if there might be some money to help us with a county administrative grant that is a 50/50 grant. If that were to the case and we went after a truck and trailer mounted system because one won't do it – we have got one and that isn't enough. We can't possibly do it with one system, I talked to Avon Lake and they do their thing from October to the end of December. They use like 5 crews and they have 7 systems. If we did 2 systems, we would probably have the equivalent time frame. They hire 6 part-time employees, we would have to hire probably 4 part-time employees. We would want to work 6 days a week so there is overtime issues but we definitely need a truck and a system whether it be in one system or whether it be a truck separate with a pull behind 25 yard system. Those 2 items I am getting pricing on both of them and as soon as I get them I will give to you. If we are thinking \$5.00 a month for all the residents for 3 months or something that we do this every year that we do it then that would be \$15,000.00 per year. Now, our sewer vac will come off in 4 years instead of 5 so that is \$2.00. I am thinking if you wanted to wait until that comes off then we could do it. We bought a \$250,000.00 machine which is about the kind of number you are going to look at probably for the whole thing and we are doing that with the \$2.00 a month year round so maybe that is what you do. Those are things that you guys have to talk about, I think the number would be something like that - \$45,000.00 a year kind of number. Mr. Bring asked you are also looking at just doing the trailer thing in the back? Service Director Gardner answered we have a small one, I mean it is a 30-yard unit. That thing will work but you know what we would kill our trucks with that thing. So you really need to have a 550 kind of truck pulling it because of our roads. Avon Lake has curb, gutter streets – they are good roads. When we get back on Holl, Knickerbocker – they are okay but if you go back into Oakwood and Hollywood on the south end – those ditches are tough to go through. They are really soft and it really wrecks the trucks pulling those big leaf machines through them. Now I have talked to them about getting extended things and that one truck

they got – the round one that you saw in Avon Lake, that thing can run with 3 guys and that is really great for leaves but it has nothing to do with anything else.

**CITIZEN’S COMMENTARY:**

*Andy Belaska, 4014 East Lake Road* stated about that leaf truck, I don’t think we should have one. I think the Sheffield Lake has been doing fine for the last 15 years. As far as residents pulling their leaves out and throwing them in the garbage, if you need to suck the leaves out of the sewers then I think our taxes should pay for that as far as getting in there and sucking them out. As far as bringing all them leaves up to the front of the street, I think you may have more leaves then what you think you have. Then you are going to have a bigger problem. The other thing was trucks, going up and down Lake Road putting in that ramp. You got big trucks that are running up and down that road and they are going faster then what they should be doing. I think it is a safety issue, I know they are trying to make time, I know the city is trying to make money on it. Not money as far as getting it done, I can understand that but the one thing is them trucks got to slow down. They are going up and down in front of my street and they are going fast, too fast for carrying that type of load. It is a big load and don’t want no accidents. People pull out and they can’t stop – it will hurt somebody. Chairman Kovach advised we can hear that here but there is really nothing we can do about it. Have you called the police when these trucks have been moving like that? Mr. Belaska answered no I haven’t but I am just giving it to you as a commentary as far as what is going on there and I am sure that Mr. Gardner can go down there and talk to them truck drivers. Hey you guys are going too fast, just to throw it around a little bit. That is all you got to do.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, Motion by Bring to adjourn at 7:31 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*

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CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE  
*Steve Kovach*

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 3, 2008.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL  
*Edward R Podmanik*

*and/or*

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COUNCIL PRO TEM  
*Richard Rosso*