

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
July 11, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse was held Monday, July 11, 2011. Chairman Dennis Bring called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Bring, Huska, Kovach, Stark

Absent: Podmanik, Rosso, Elliott, Smith (excused)

Attending: Service Director Smith, Concerned Citizens

READING OF THE MINUTES:

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2011 meeting with any corrections. Yeas all.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:

- 1.) Unpaid water bills for tax duplicate - *Motion by Bring/Second by Huska to approve and send to county. Yeas All.
- 2.) 821 Lafayette for \$1,387.68 - *Motion by Huska/Second by Stark to approve credit. Yeas All.
- 3.) 755 Idlewood for \$120.54 - *Motion by Huska/Second by Stark to approve credit. Yeas All.
- 4.) 933 West Drive for \$102.90 - *Motion by Huska/Second by Stark to approve credit. Yeas All.

OLD BUSINESS:

Projects: None.

Future Projects:

Sidewalks – None.

Misc:

Water meters – Service Director Smith advised still working on getting them on gov.deals.

SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Service Director Smith reported the following:

- 1.) Patching – we still have patching to do but the amount of it is limited and we will finish up after this week. Shoreway is done, all the pot holes at least are filled. The catch basin is repaired and everything looks good as far as pot hole

filling/patching. Chairman Bring asked at Shoreway where the concrete was between the buildings there, did we patch that? Service Director Smith answered yes we patched that because that is all going to have to be ripped up anyways. That is just a temporary patch.

- 2.) Howell to Tennyson pipe – will be started next week and if all goes well we should be working through that and that will take several days.
- 3.) Kenilworth; sanitary sewer – we are still working on on-going issues.
- 4.) Tennyson School – we had found out through old maps and drawings and the help of their electrician over there that there was an old septic tank that was out in front. It was not disconnected via its drainage but it was disconnected by its main pipe. So in other words when it filled up to a certain point then it would roll into our sanitary sewer. So as the ground table filled up with all rain water it would roll to our sanitary sewer. Although the main connection went through the tank, the school system had their plumbing company come out and dig it up and they capped any open lines and collapsed the tank like it was supposed to be and everything is good there. One less septic that no one knew about and it is gone, so put that on the MS4.
- 5.) Lake Road on Tennyson – I have requested a letter from Cory Timko; Lorain’s Utility Director about the re-routing of 2 sanitary sewer lines. They are currently connected to a 3rd residents sewer line so we basically have 2 private lines going to another line. Over the last year and a half the resident who has the line that is connected into Lake Road has denied access for a faulty broken sewer system to be repaired because it goes too close to his house and garage. It comes within a foot underneath his foundation so he is denying access. Tis a civil issue, the county got involved – the late Mrs. Sally Upton was trying her best to get the county to pay for and establish a new line for her house. It is very sad to say that she passed away before things were done. The other gentleman in the back who is Mr. Casterline, he also has the same issue. It goes to a crock before it goes to the 3rd residents house. This crock overflows with raw sewage and I have had to several times now declare an emergency and send our sewer truck onto private property to suck it out. So I have requested a letter through Cory Timko verifying that we can extend a line out of a manhole allowing them off of Tennyson without re-applying through any of the formalities that we would normally have to go. I just need an opinion from them that this is considered maintenance and rerouting of existing customers that are already on the system and it is not a new customer. So I am waiting on that and if that becomes the case then both homeowners could tap into a new line there – that is actually an extension out of a manhole, they could tap into either a manhole or the section of line without all these incurred costs as a new set-up, it is just a maintenance issue. They would also have to cap the existing sanitary that goes to the Lake Road

- resident and that should solve the situation but it is at the point now where every time it rains, every time it gets backed up – it just fills up and creates an emergency situation. I want everyone to be aware with that.
- 6.) Driveway pipe – we will starting driveway pipe jetting and replacement again on Maple and Buckeye areas after Community Days. We started doing it and got interrupted, as you know we were doing pot holes and jetting, pot holes and jetting depending on the weather.
 - 7.) Ditches on Treadway, Lafayette, Hawthorne and Tennyson areas – I am waiting on dry weather so we can clean and grade some ditches in the Treadway, Lafayette, Hawthorne and Tennyson areas that have been filled over the years. One in particular that was filled by a business and totally disallowed the availability of water to remove itself from the end of Treadway. I believe that if we open that ditch up and go westernly to the catch basin that was installed several years ago that runs to the main outfall we will actually get the Treadway water moving again. It has been a long time since that has happened. Chairman Bring asked he didn't put the parking lot over top of it though right? Service Director Smith answered no he didn't, he dug all the grade for the stone and the fill underneath the concrete was pushed into the ditch and it is level. So we are going to take care of that.
 - 8.) Pump station wells – we have a lot of sediment in them so I am going to be doing some maintenance on that and having those sucked out. We will get a company to come in and it is not a big expense but it will take care of removing a lot of sediment which should really cut down on any pump issues if we have any. It is something that should be done on a regular basis and I am starting to do that.
 - 9.) 11 delinquent utility assessments – we did have 11 delinquent utility assessments that you dealt with that.
 - 10.) Sewer credits you dealt with also.
 - 11.) Service Director Smith advised we had a mistake this week on a water bill which made the Chronicle and I wanted to be aware – it was for \$48,000.00 and of course it was handled immediately. What happened was the read on the meter there was an extra 0 added onto the digit in the read book, so when we were going through and recalculating and manually inputting that that extra was put into the computer, so when the bills came out it calculated a whole series. But it was taken care of and followed up by a letter and everybody was happy. I believe even the people that got the bill were happy with how the city handled it.

Chairman Bring asked on the pump stations, did we get new screens for the filters? Service Director Smith answered I am waiting on an estimates, as you know the pump stations have been a big issue with me and it is an on-going process. We are getting prices on preventative maintenance issues with electrical connections, rerouting, getting them up to

snuff. We have already replaced and secured the doors and locks, we are going through with upgrading some of the electrical connections inside, fans and cooling on the circuit panels we are adding. I have started working with each pump station and some of the flaws that they have and one of the issues that we had is we had aluminum screens and are about 5, 6 or 7 feet long and about 3 feet wide or a little less and they are made out of aluminum that were made 60 years ago, these screens have been welded, bolted and you name and every time a brick or a chunk comes down through it rattles and breaks them. It is at the point now where we had to pull a pump the other day because it didn't seem like it was moving good enough and it turned out there was a brick in it. The brick had gotten through the screen and busted bars. I contacted a fabrication company that have dealt with this before in lift stations and they came out and they are actually working up estimates/measured up and working up estimates to get 3 new screens and appropriate equipment that go hand in hand – like special rakes that are made at the same dimensions as the screens so that when these screens are laying in at an angle the rakes can come up there and remove the debris as it catches the stuff. This would all be made out of stainless steel like it should be and that information will be forthcoming and I will moving forward with that. Chairman Bring asked this fall if we do get caught up, are we going to continue to start cleaning more of the ditches? Service Director Smith answered we are going to start a comprehensive ditch cleaning and grading program which has already been discussed with the Road Department. Right now we have to deal with our trouble areas that are backing up many other people and some of them are just random driveway pipes. I have got an on-going list of other pipes but we just dealt with one over on West Shore or Maplewood but it backed up like 4 or 5 houses and it was just a bad pipe. So jetting it solved that situation but we have it all over. We already have the target areas; the Hawthorne Ditch unless you own a piece of the old railroad land then you are really not familiar with it. There usually was a ditch on both sides of that where one side was on Hawthorne and one on Tennyson and that ditch at one time ran completely through the city west to east. From Abbe Road all the way to Buckeye it is literally overgrown and forgotten about way in the back, there are 4 inch trees growing out of there and I have walked it and that tells you how long it was since it was cleaned. It is a swamp, so that is contributing to the back up of water on the north woods off of Walker too. So long term, if we get into the dry season I would like to re-establish some of the old drainage lines that are there that have just not been maintained. The problem is we can't get in there with any equipment because it has been so wet such as Lafayette, we tried to get across there just before – right behind Bi-Rite there is another ditch that runs over to Treadway but we can't get in there because the back-hoe will just sink in there. We are able to get the ends but on the west side of Lafayette – that goes to a catch basin that is sitting right there at the end but it is just not really working because it is not hooked up. I think there is an 8-inch pipe underneath Lafayette which is totally inadequate, so we want to replace the cross-over down there and clean that out. There are other areas around, we want to clean the ditch out – the big ditch that runs from the railroad tracks north through Ferndale, we want to at

least go in there with a saw crew and remove a lot of the lumber that we can that is literally laying across and clogging stuff. Now time wise all I can do, everything with the manpower that we have is solely dependent on weather conditions. All these things are constant on the table, that why my desk is covered with on-going. Another thing is Yuhos's property on the Forestlawn Ditch/2nd house south of the intersection of Ferndale and Sheffield on the east side – the creek over the last several years has taken a bend which is in the back of his property and where it hits it has been slowly eroding a turn into his property and the trees are falling in and his fence has fallen in. So we are going to be putting in irrigation rock in there along the bend and remove the tree that has fallen now and better hold that cliff for him. Another target of ours is going to be that railroad ditch that runs from Lake Breeze to Root Road, something weird is going on down there and I don't know what it is yet. I have tried to go over to the Village to see how that water is going to. Chairman Bring stated I contact Mayor Hunter and told him to look into it and I don't know if he has because I think that is actually Sheffield Village property. Service Director Smith stated that is going to be interesting because how much water is coming across from the Village is unbelievable. To raise the water level on a rain event up to within 6 inches of overcoming the bridges on Howell is amazing to me. Mrs. Gee stated Sheffield has done a lot of piping that is why. They have done so much that water is coming. Service Director Smith stated we will get to it – it is just the schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Gee stated has some lady off of Walker gotten a hold of you, I keep telling her to contact you and she keeps contacting me. Same issue is the flooding in that area. Service Director Smith answered I not aware of anybody, they have one of the deepest storm sewers in the city that runs right through Erieview.

Councilwoman Stark asked did you a call from – it is either Carol or Peggy, the lady that walks up and down Walker all the time? They are complaining about the farm house right on the border between Sheffield Lake and Avon, when you walking on that sidewalk – the stuff is overgrowing past the fence onto the sidewalk? Chairman Bring stated that is on-going, that is poison ivy and it is really bad. I think that is actually Avon Lake. Service Director Smith stated I think it is too but I will look at it. Chairman Bring stated that fence area is part of the golf course but that is where it is at.

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

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 July 11, 2011.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Dennis Bring

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Edward R Podmanik

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Richard Rosso