

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse  
Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
November 1, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse was held Monday, November 1, 2011. Chairman Dennis Bring called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Bring, Podmanik, Rosso, Kovach, Elliott, Huska, Stark  
Absent: Smith, Mayor Piskura (excused)  
Attending: Service Director Smith, Law Director Graves

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

\*Motion by Elliott/Second by Stark to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2011 meeting with any corrections. Yeas all.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:**

*4523 Lake Road for the amount of \$278.25* – after a brief review and discussion;

\*Motion by Elliott/Second by Stark to approve the credit of \$278.25 for 4523 Lake Road. Yeas All.

*4299 Lake Road for the amount of \$76.85* – after a brief review and discussion; \*Motion by Elliott/Second by Stark to approve the credit of \$76.85 for 4299 Lake Road. Yeas All.

*465 Abbe Road for the amount of \$98.05* – after a brief review and discussion; \*Motion by Stark/Second by Elliott to approve the credit of \$98.05 for 465 Abbe Road. Yeas All.

*List of unpaid water bills to county auditor #11012011 for \$7,496.23* – after a brief review; \*Motion by Huska/Second by Elliott to approve and send to county auditor to be added to the tax duplicate. Yeas All.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Projects: None.*

***Future Projects:***

**Sidewalks** – Councilman Rosso asked Len, last month we talked about sidewalks where you were going to start on your concrete work – have you started that yet? Service Director Smith answered yes sir; we have got 3 more streets to go – East Drive being one of them.

**Misc:**

**Water meters** – There was a brief discussion on updating options previously discussed.

**SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Service Director Smith reported the following:

1. **Road section paving** – Service Director Smith advised all the road sections are done except for the Maple/Richelieu turn. The city has done its part with the saw cutting and moving the base and moving the pipe in the one section should be done this week hopefully.
2. **Shoreway repaving** – Service Director Smith advised went well and they finished on Sunday – the seal coating on the south side. We had some issues in the back of the center that we are addressing now. We are fixing the holes and we have got some curbs and things we are doing. We are not going to do any paving in the back section as everyone knows. That is something for in the future, near future maybe next 12 months or something.
3. **3 inch rain** – Service Director Smith advised during this rain that we had 2 weeks ago. We had several basements flooding throughout the city, we also had a lot of catch basin and curb drains that were clogged with leaves and I asked residents to please, please clean the leaves out of the curb drains in front of their house instead of piling them up on the tree lawn and letting them roll over there. We just have so much, the wind comes through and as you see the curbs are just really full. The Road Department spent a good portion of that evening out cleaning off clogged basins.
4. **Forming up concrete** – Service Director Smith advised the Water Department is forming up concrete and we have 3 more streets and hopefully those will be done tomorrow. Then we are looking at trying to get it all poured and East Drive being one of the 3 left.
5. **Ditch cleaning** – Service Director Smith advised we are continuing with ditch cleaning but we still have the plan to take care of the Buckeye/Maple area as I said before.
6. **Obstructing wood in creeks** – Service Director Smith advised as soon as the leaves fall, I would like to take 2 crews; 1 up Day Ditch and then 1 up Shoemaker Ditch to cut with chain saws wood that is obstructing the free-flowing of the creek. We are going to do it from the water line in. We are planning on doing that but I want the leaves to fall first so that we can get in there with 2 crews and get that taken care of.
7. **Kenilworth flooding** – Service Director Smith advised Kenilworth flooded during that 3 inch rain and that sewer is probably one of the worst in the city because it is one of the oldest and one of the shallowest. I would like for people to keep that in mind when it comes time to talk sewer replacement and water line

- replacement – Kenilworth is a very valid starting point.
8. **Fire hydrant** – Service Director Smith advised we did get reimbursed by the insurance company from the girl that hit the hydrant on Roberts and South and it was a little over \$7400.00.
  9. **Bushes on East** – Service Director Smith advised Mr. Rosso the bushes are gone.
  10. **Striping for Shoreway parking lot** – Service Director Smith advised that is to be done next, the parking striping plan.

President Podmanik asked South and Lake Breeze, that resident there whose property goes all the way back to next street I think is Roberts – water stands there on that south/west corner. Is that something he has to deal with, do we have a drainage ditch there? Service Director Smith answered that is one of the target areas, actually one of the ditches that I was referring to earlier. The ditch needs to be recut/re-graded/cleaned. President Podmanik stated there really isn't a ditch there that I could see. Service Director Smith advised there used to be and it goes to a pipe on the south. He explained the crossing at the railroad tracks – it would be the north/west corner, if you look down you will see a pipe; what is left of a catch basin at the bottom of that in the front of their house at the corner right there. That is where that ditch is to drain. I talked to a resident earlier this week and explained that one of the things that we are going to do is clean that ditch and tie it into Lake Breeze. Then also I would like to do the same on Forestlawn going west from Lake Breeze but we have a little orange piece of tile in there and that needs to be ripped out and put in a 12 inch/set the grade and run 3 streets deep. That would really make a difference down there. So those are 2 target areas and I am very aware of it, it is all in figuring out how to correct it.

Councilman Elliott asked is one of those ditches that you are talking about taking 2 crews down, was one of those mine? Service Director Smith answered yes. Councilman Elliott advised I got another call on it the other day. Service Director Smith advised the problem is that is private property and people want the city to come on private property to remove the trees because they don't want to pay for it. Although I have to say the last several calls I have taken, people have been very understanding and they just wanted to check. But it is regular process of phone calls about it. We have one lady who lives on the corner of Brockley and Sheffield and out of the ditch comes 3 cotton woods leaning out over her house and the weight of the trees themselves – the root balls are actually in the creek and the creek has actually washed away the dirt on one side of the tree causing the tree to lean and we are talking 12-inch trunks leaning over her house. She asked does the city do anything and all I can do is try to compel the owner, I have called the owner 4 times already and left messages on their machine. I have their address which I verified with the county and the county says they can never get a hold of the people. So I am half tempted to send Steve over to the house. But I know what is going to happen – those 3 trees are going to come down and they are going to come down on this lady's house. So there are issues

over there that we are going to have to address through the whole length of that creek as it runs through the residential areas. Councilman Elliott stated there are issues now but I just don't understand why anybody would own a ditch, it has never made sense me. Service Director Smith advised maybe they own the property next to it. Councilman Elliott stated my property line ends right next to the ditch but you said that is state owned now. Law Director Graves advise a few of them are but the vast majority of the parcels that comprise that ditch is privately owned and they have a tax address. Service Director Smith advised obstructing the water course is one thing, we can justify that but going in and cleaning it up and trimming the trees – that is a private property/owner issue. Law Director Graves advised if the water is impeded then the city should go in and open that up but if the water is flowing then it is a private property issue. President Podmanik stated 50 years ago that ditch was not that big, it was a lot smaller. Chairman Bring stated the bridges are all eroded. Service Director Smith added the catch basins are out of the bottom of them. That is where all the bricks come in, when you look over and see the bricks – those bricks are from the catch basin bottoms underneath the bridge right where the drains are. Councilman Elliott asked so we are unable to get a hold of any of these owners? Service Director Smith answered all I can do is call them and try to get them to trim a tree – it is a neighbor issue. I don't think the city should be involved in that either. I do feel for them and I try to do whatever I can, I feel like when I call these property owners – some of them act as though I am a creditor. Councilwoman Stark stated a couple of months ago we had talked about taking some of the maps and stuff from upstairs and trying to get them digitized so that you would have an overlay of where sewers and drains and things are. Where did we ever go with that project, I know Tammy brought somebody in and we never talked about it again. Service Director Smith answered I was supposed to get that money in September but I didn't want to press any issues with anybody but it is still very important. It is very, very important and it has caused issues, delays in looking for stuff. Chairman Bring asked we appropriated money for the study? Service Director Smith answered no you appropriated money for the pump station analysis and held off on the other thing. Councilman Rosso asked where are we? I thought Tammy was going to do more research on that consortium or whoever the gentleman was? Service Director Smith stated I think that gentleman said he was going to come before you guys and give you a big presentation and I haven't heard of that gentleman since Council night.

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Elliott to adjourn at 7:35 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.

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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 November 1, 2011.

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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*