

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
January 7, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, January 7, 2013. Chairman Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Elliott, Rosso, Stark, Smith, Kovach, Belaska, Erdei, Mayor Bring,
Service Director Smith

Absent: McCullough, Law Director Graves (excused)

*Motion by Belaska/Second by Smith to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2012 meeting as presented with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:

a.) 789 Dunny Ave., in the amount of \$41.16 – after a brief discussion, *Motion by Belaska/Second by Kovach to approve sewer credit in the amount of \$41.16. Yeas All.

b.) List for tax duplicate; in the amount of \$1,484.09 - *Motion by Belaska/Second by Kovach to accept and forward this list in the amount of \$1,484.09 to the county. Yeas All.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Service Director Smith reported we should have the back wall done for the salt for the roads in the next few days/transferring the stock pile salt which was just delivered our first load. We will be taking advantage of the warm weather as you know. We got half of it hung and secured a little bit and we will finish that tomorrow and most probably it will be ready to go. I know I mentioned this before but that V bucket, we are really looking forward to getting the mini excavator out and start ditching. That is something that was kind of decided we are going to be doing throughout the winter. So as soon as we break free of this then we will put that into our schedule. Ohio EPA gave us a requested back-day of our target date for the corrections on the stormwater audit. They let us go 60-days but with 15-day updates. Our first update will go out the 15th of January, the 31st of January will be the next one and then the 15th of February will be the next one and our target date is February 28th. We will have a sewer rate increase coming up next month, it is currently being finalized – the exact percentage that David is working out. We don't have that yet through the City of Lorain but that is coming. At the end of May just for everyone's information, the refuse rate will go up 3.5%. That will be

\$18.83 to \$19.49 with an increase of 66 cents. Also February 28th the \$2.00 credit for the water will stop. I also will have the road sections target list for 2013 done soon and ready for the annual bid discussions. Councilperson Stark stated on the road list and with the financial pinch this year, are we still looking at doing them? Service Director Smith answered we are good with our road list, we are going to move forward with the continued program. We will be doing it once this year.

Councilperson Belaska stated I know that when you had spoken with CMI about the situation that we had with the water bills, you guys said you were going to meet with them on a checks-n-balance to make sure the bills are right when there are changes on rates? Service Director Smith answered yes I had requested a response in writing as to what happened with the mistake way back when. They gave us a response that we were unsatisfied with and we have requested a meeting with them before any increase of going through that process and I intend to include them in this process in advance. Councilperson Belaska asked with the water bills, is there any way we can start getting some type of credit/debit process going for the bills? Mayor Bring answered they have to actually come down and pay physically, we do **no** phone transactions but we have the credit card service. Council President Rosso asked so when the \$2.00 credit comes off in May. Service Director Smith corrected February 28th. Council President Rosso stated originally we thought it was going to be May but it came a little earlier. So are you giving thought to either adjusting the rates back down or what you are going to do with the extra \$2.00? Service Director Smith answered I think a costs analysis will have to be done with that coming up. I think Tammy is looking forward to the credit coming off to help bolster that plan but that is something we can reevaluate. Council President Rosso stated correct me if I am wrong here, we increased the water to make up for the \$2.00 plus I think it went up \$3.00. Service Director Smith advised 3, 3 and 3. Council President Rosso continued okay, in anticipation then so when the credit came off it is technically up \$5. So either at some point someone needs to come back and say hey we got enough money we can adjust the \$2.00 off or hey if I keep those extra \$2.00 here is what we can do. Mayor Bring advised we had this discussion this morning, her and I were talking about this and our intentions are to take that money and do something for the infrastructure. We have Lake Breeze that has had 20 breaks on it. Service Director Smith added Irving Park. Mayor Bring continued Harris Road, Kenilworth – that is exactly what we talking about this morning. We are not just going to take the money and put it some place but is our thoughts. She said this morning now you can start looking at doing some of this stuff. Council President Rosso stated I agree I would rather keep it on and fix stuff. Mayor Bring stated if go down Lake Breeze - within an 1/8 of a mile we have had 20 breaks there and it needs to be addressed. Service Director Smith stated keep in mind we have our belt in the water tightened because it was a long haul back but once the citizens are paid back then they are paid back. Now we can realistically look toward some of these issues that we have. We have a water line on Kenilworth

that from what I understand went in in 1927 and we got one on Sheffield that is 50% blocked percolation. Council President Rosso stated Dennis just answered the question so I am fine with it, I don't have a problem with it at all. Councilperson Belaska asked is there some type of penalty or something when they use the credit card? Service Director Smith answered no it is just a swipe.

OLD BUSINESS: *Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shoemaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye* – Service Director Smith stated we are work on those throughout the winter. We are going to try to get an early jump on the ditching. We have a formulated plan for ditching city wide. We have an ability now that we didn't have before.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Belaska to adjourn at 7:20 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 Offices.

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Eric S Elliott

and/or

ACTING CHAIRPERSON

Debra Belaska

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Eric S Elliott

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 the Roads & Drains Committee of January 7, 2013.