

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
April 1, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, April 1, 2013. Chairman Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Absent: Stark (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens

*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting as presented with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE: Service Director Smith reviewed requests and gave recommendations.

a.) 927 West Drive, in the amount of \$282.24 – after a brief discussion, *Motion by McCullough/Second by Erdei to approve sewer credit in the amount of \$282.24. Yeas All.

b.) 4920 Northwood, in the amount of \$124.55 – after a brief discussion, *Motion by McCullough/Second by Erdei to approve sewer credit in the amount of \$124.55. Yeas All.

c.) Certify list to county auditor of unpaid water bills in the amount of \$2989.55. *Motion by McCullough/Kovach to certify list of unpaid water bills in the amount of \$2989.55 to the county auditor. Yeas All.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Service Director Smith reported we have filed our MS4 for 2012 on time again, so that is done. We have addressed our Ohio EPA responses for our audit for our on-site facilities back on February 28th with the remainder due on March 25th which were done on time. We filed a response for the stormwater ordinances which you have already had the first reading and you are all aware of that David was working on with Dan Bogoevski of Ohio EPA. We have completed a summary of findings of investigation concerning the sulfurous smell coming into the catch basins on Lakeview and Walker and Abbe Roads. The results of our water testing were done, those results have been turned over to Ohio EPA so they can take it from there. The results of the testing showed that the sulfurous smell was coming in from the Sheffield Village or somewhere south of us. That left, after all that was done, left just our long-term operational and maintenance agreement and

David is working on that and we have to have that and will have that in place before Speedway opens its doors and that will be concerning its stormwater management facilities. As some of you know, we had a demolition scheduled back on March 31 – Thursday and that did not happen until the 25th. The reason that did not happen was the contractors or under the whelm of the contractors, something happened resulting in a fuel oil spill all the way down Maplevue/down Walker/down Abbe/south into the Village/over the overpass/down 611/left on 611/up to the overpass and onto the on-ramp. That was fuel oil, so evidently the 200 or 250 gallon tank was ruptured and full at the same time at that house. The spill response occurred with the City of Sheffield Lake Fire Department, United States Coast Guard and the Ohio EPA. To make a long story short, it was a very long and cold day and there was a lot of clean-up that was done. There was a lot of oil spill, containment stuff put out by the city on the first response and by the end of the day the contractor agreed with the Ohio EPA to do the clean-up because they were a Hazmat Company anyways. They already had lined dumpsters on-site and they ended up doing the clean-up and replacing the city's materials that we used for first response. To the happiness of Ohio EPA they cleaned it up, removed, remediated the dirt, removed the soil and then continued with their demolition. In that I took the EPA gentleman with me to the storm catch basins on Lakeview and Walker and to the outfall on Abbe Road and he offered assistance and that is still on-going. So verification and assistance came from them on their own complaint which was really good. Speedway is moving along, seems to be a local spectacle. We are in the process the hydrant also in front of the construction site but in the fenced area, that is the one that the Columbia Gas crews hit and damaged back last year. Speedway is taking the soil from around the hydrant and they are remediating that soil also. WOW is continuing through the city, we get sporadic complaints from residents who have inquires of why they are digging in their yard. I think we have been keeping up with that. I should have the annual bid ordinance authorization 2013 road target list done by the time David comes back and then we will get it to you. Right now currently they have finished up taking actual measurements with the City Engineer on the street sections, those measurements are for estimated quantities so that there is a good representation of estimated quantities when we go and we have the bids come in on the annual bid. It is a little bit more involved this year then it was the previous years. We have also taken some cues off of the state auditors. Nothing wrong, this would be a more advantageous to us in getting better pricing. We are still patching as much as possible to the extended season and cold weather that is with us. Hopefully winter is done at the end of this week and the sooner the plant opens up for real asphalt the better. Our new water bills are being printed today by CMI and I passed one of them around to you to take a look at. The water bills; this will be the first with the new format. We also at the same time – David was able to button up with Lorain what our actual sewer rate is going to be calculated with the formula that we renewed in the contract. It will be a 10% rate

increase on the additional sewer charge per hundred cubic feet of water consumed. Currently we charge \$2.94 per hundred cubic feet and it will raise 10% to \$3.23 per hundred cubic feet consumed. This will last until next year and then next year there will be another rate increase which they are working on now. I didn't want to attach this to this one to go into this, we just got this solidified last week and it is not enough time to incorporate it into the bill. There still will be a summer month discount of 10% for August, September and October and we are going to target the May billing to be reflective of this percentage along with the scheduled refuse contract increase of 3.5%. That way we can do it in one billing instead of doing it in 2 separate billings. That is a scheduled contract rate increase of 3.5% and that will be going from \$18.83 to \$19.49. I don't want to argue if they went on strike or not, we were told that is what happened and that is what Mr. Kidder kind of eluded to. They said that the work stoppage was resumed in the afternoon and taken care of. I did have several calls that I returned and I know the girls returned a whole bunch but the end result is that Allied Waste will be a day late. Monday's pickup will be on Tuesday and Tuesday's pickup will be on Wednesday and they will make up that extra day in the weekend. They apologized and wanted me to pass onto to you their apologies for this situation and that came from Dave Kidder. We have 2 more demolitions set to occur within the next 2 weeks run by the county and we will make sure that the sewers are capped and we have a new form for demo-ing process which gives us a lot more documentation on what things are done before that property is demo-ed such as; capping the sewer, crushing the septic, filling it with premium, etc., etc., etc. So we will have an accurate record from this point on that we started with these 3 homes. Councilman McCullough asked what are the 2 addresses that are coming out? Service Director Smith answered 744 Stark and 876 Community. There was a brief discussion on one of the homes scheduled for demolition. Service Director Smith explained process for demolition as follows; we developed a form that the contractors have to sign off on showing the septic system was crushed, showing the water was tapped and shut off, showing the sewer was capped and then that documentation we file. We ended up with a situation with 348 Mapleview that the septic system on-site was still connected and hooked up. No one has lived in that house for I don't know how long. I have no record that 348 Mapleview had a septic. So at the same time we got with the County Health Department and they came out and we have already had a couple of meetings and we have a regular review process now where we are exchanging information on old septic systems so we can go back through. The crushed septic systems was a big problem, they weren't being crushed. Mayor Bring added they are also going to cut that road down and replace that with some slag because it was a gravel/dirt road. They are coming back to do that. The county did call me to make sure that that gentleman is doing it.

OLD BUSINESS: *Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shoemaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye* – Service Director Smith advised we will be starting

our program probably late spring. We are all set and geared up and ready to go. We have got a couple of other little projects we have to do first.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Erdei stated I see you have the excavator over at the Boat Launch? Service Director Smith answered we are scheduled to start this week.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:34 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.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Kay Fantauzzi

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Eric S Elliott

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

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 April 1, 2013.

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Eric S Elliott