

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
February 3, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, February 3, 2014. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Cizl, Rosso, Smith, Kovach, McCullough, Erdei, Wtulich, Mayor Bring,  
Service Director Smith  
Absent: Councilperson Stark (excused)  
Attending: Concerned Citizens

\*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2014 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE: None.**

**SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Service Director Smith advised we did have a clogged sewer on Marion yesterday. We were able to jet it out, although the plumber for the resident got inside the manhole and that is when he called the city and he was advised he can't do that. We did go out and check it and it was high in the manhole, so we jetted it and unclogged that. With the help of the PD, they were also helping there too. A lot of water was on the road due to significant snow and ice covering curb drains. We cleaned up as much as we could but a lot of times the snow gets over those grates and grids and what happens when we have a fast water snow melt like that we get a lot of standing water and a lot of puddling. So we were dealing with that. We had a couple of people that water lines burst that called for emergency shut-off's because their basements were spewing water all over the place or coming up through the foundation. We continue to patch holes between the storms and when we can to get out there – the chuck holes, by all means if you see something don't hesitate to call and just report it to us. During the last snow we had some breakdowns and I would like to compliment the guys in both departments for doing a good job. We did the best we could with the circumstances, everything seemed to go pretty good and we will have another test tomorrow night where they are predicting anywhere from 5 to 12 inches of snow depending on who you listen to. We did spend this week pushing back intersections, pushing back snow rows and stuff like that for any new snow fall on where it would go but the rain did cause us to lose the salt residual that was on the surface of the road. In case any of you were wondering I did

receive a complaint Sunday morning from a resident on Knickerbocker who was claiming early Sunday morning that the city only plowed the road one truck. When I got up and out the door to check on it the guys were just coming through doing the back streets and of course I didn't say anything but went there after they got past there and they re-plowed it. So what they did is a courtesy plow by just getting some of the snow off the road to begin with and if any of you got a call they came back and re-plowed everything back there just like they are supposed to double wide curb to curb. I will be working on the annual bid on the road's list. The Water and Road Departments are looking to replace a time clock – it lags in time on a regular basis, it falls behind and it is not user friendly but we need that to track certain things over time; scheduled overtime on scheduled overtime and stuff like that. It is a very small expenditure, it is under \$500.00. Councilman McCullough stated in coming home from hockey Saturday night, I noticed a Ford Ranger driving against the curb stops on Ferndale cleaning out all the curb drains. He was cleaning out the curb drains ahead of that mess that we had Sunday morning. Thanks Lenny, in his own truck. Councilman Erdei stated the last time we had this meeting, we had some main water breaks and that so have we been good so far? Service Director Smith advised we had since the last meeting which has been 2 weeks with a main line but we have had several meters frozen. I want to say probably at least 10 to 12 meters that were actually frozen in the pits and it is very common with meters that are in the concrete pits because once that temperature drops real cold then that concrete turns real cold and if it is below freezing it is the same temperature of the air – it conducts cold just like it does heat and it just keeps that meter in a colder state then if it was just the ground. We dealt with a lot of them. Councilman Erdei asked owners are liable for that though aren't they? Service Director Smith answered no that is on our meter when it blows. It could be on the incoming line but a lot of times it is the dial that blows off. There is a little recirculating tube inside there that recirculates the water from what I understand and what happens when they get so cold that recirculating tube freezes and it causes the top part that they service and replace. The other thing is we just can't replace it with old stock, it has to be replaced with the new no-lead stock which is a new criteria that the Water Department has to adhere to. But it has mostly been meters. Councilman Erdei asked is there any way possible that we can start looking into getting these electronic meters or we don't have the funds from what I understand but where would they come from? Service Director Smith answered water notes and I have been advised to check into that so as I get more information I will be bringing that that will be forthcoming to you. There is all kinds of different ways to fund that and then you have to look at how you implement it too. Do you do in percentages of the city or do you do it in a 5-year style replacement venue or a 10-year replacement venue? What is technology going to be like in 10 years, you got to keep it low. The normal thing that normal city's usually do is a 1/3, a 1/3 and a 1/3. They do a 1/3 this year and that keeps them busy. Remember you got

to figure out manpower versus how long it takes to do each meter head and things like that. Councilman McCullough stated I already know the answer to this question but I am just going to ask just so you can get it on record, how much salt do we have left? Service Director Smith answered we ordered 200 more tons that we are in the process of ordering today. We have I would say 150 or 125 tons but you know we aren't using like crazy. Councilman Erdei stated I would like to just make a comment on the guys that clean the streets though, I was up early Sunday morning and I heard the plows going down Lake Road and they did a good job. Please tell everybody over there. Mayor Bring advised without having the cars on the street it took about 7 hours to do the whole city with 2 guys. Chairman Cizl asked how is that compared to the past? Mayor Bring answered they said it is night and day. Councilman Erdei asked so everybody abided by the snow ban then? Service Director Smith stated there were a couple. It makes a big difference when you can just go down the street; go up one way and come back the other way and move on to the next street. President Rosso asked do you think it cut it in half? Service Director Smith answered I can make some time comparisons but I thought it was around 12 or 13 hours to go through it before, so if it is 7 it is almost half. Chairman Cizl asked the cars that are parked on the street, are those the ones that are getting off the streets for the plows and then pulling back onto the streets or are they just leaving the cars all the time and getting cited? Mayor Bring stated we have repeat ones and those are the ones that are going to end up getting towed because we are keeping a record on it and there is 2 or 3 that have been repeat and they are not even paying their bill. So as soon as we catch them the Police are out for them as they have the license plate numbers so if they see them on the street they are getting towed regardless because we are going to tow it and they are going to pay their fine otherwise they are not getting their car back. One car didn't even have the right plates on it, this and that. Clerk offered Cove Beach had one where the plates were expired and had 2 citations on it. Mayor Bring stated we had one the other day from Florida but we didn't make a big issue of the one in Florida, we beeped the horn and went by. As a matter of fact yesterday even though we had a snow ban it was Super Bowl Sunday so I told the Officers do not ticket anybody for today just for the fact that people had company and there was no place to park and we weren't going to be pain in the butts about this. The Officer said even with that they drove around and there was hardly anybody on the streets at all except for 1 or 2 cars. Then I had one of the Officers tell me that he drove around this past weekend and out of all the residents there was probably about 14 residents that had multiple cars in the driveway where it looked like they had a little bit of an issue as far as the parking but he said the rest of the houses that he saw were no problems at all. The cars were in the driveways without having any issues of over flow or anything like that. Chairman Cizl stated I noticed there is a couple that are parking in rental vacancy houses because they know no one lives there and no one is going to complain about it. Councilman McCullough stated this is to refute anybody bringing

this up again, I asked 2 real-a-tors that were at my home last evening for a party “how does us passing a parking ban negatively affect our home values?” and 2 of them said the same thing – it increases your value because it makes it look neater and cleaner even though it has done nothing other than move the cars off the street. It looks better kept. So the next time somebody comes in, get a name because I want to talk to that real-a-tor because I have 2 different real-a-tors and I told them I hate to do this at a party but I got to ask this question – how much do we hurt our housing values. Mayor Bring concurred it is the same thing I heard so whoever said that that night I truly didn’t believe what he said. Councilman Erdei stated I go to the mailbox a lot and drop stuff off and there has been a purple little Ranger or pick-up truck parked right alongside the back of the Bowling Alley and it has been there for a while and it has got snow on it. I don’t know if it has been moved, it has been sitting there for the last week and a half or two weeks. Mayor Bring advised it is from Sheffield Village. Councilman Smith stated there is a few people that park on the other side of the Bowling Alley too and then walk through the back of the property. Mayor Bring stated that is what it is. Councilman Erdei stated but this thing hasn’t moved so I don’t if it is still runs or not. Mayor Bring stated I will have Shawn make sure it moves. Chairman Cizl asked regarding the parking, are we citing for cars blocking sidewalks? Mayor Bring answered they were but I have eased off of that a little bit, if it is blatant or if it is over top of it but if the car is just partly over it then I haven’t. I have actually taken back a lot of those tickets. They did that when they first did the go-arounds and I probably took back 18 to 20 tickets. If they were parked over the sidewalks all the way across then I told them don’t do it again but if they were just parked I just picked up the ticket and said this is a warning but there is an ordinance against that. Especially with right now with the weather but summer time when the kids are trying to walk down the street and stuff it makes it a little bit different. Chairman Cizl advised I noticed a lot of corner houses that they just don’t have the driveways and I didn’t know if that was an issue. Mayor Bring advised we have kind of backed off of that too. Chairman Cizl stated is there any kind of thought and I am not recommending this, is there any thought about and somebody recommended that they buy a parking permit of some sort in cases of living on a corner where they have no driveway. Mayor Bring answered most of the houses have 2-1/2 car garages and the garages are full of stuff and that is why they are parking on the street. The other thing the other day I said to Mr. Campo was that for people coming out of town and coming into park for the weekends, we are going to get a different kind of notice just like we had for the warning tickets. So we are going to do something similar to that and it will be fill-in the date and they call me and then I will okay it and then we will fill it in if it is 1 or 2 days and that way they put it in their windshield and we will let them park on the street for that period of time but will not exceed 3 days. Councilman Erdei asked did you figure out how we can let the public know about when the snow ban is lifted? I went way out by Birmingham and they had solar signs and blinking

lights, are they that expensive where we could have one at one end and one at the other? Mayor Bring answered we were working on that but we haven't looked into that lately.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shoemaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye – **None**.*

**NEW BUSINESS: **None**.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:24 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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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

*Kay Fantauzzi*

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

*Mark Cizl*

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

*Rick Rosso*

*and/or*

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**COUNCIL PRO TEM**

*Alan Smith*

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 February 3, 2014.