

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

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, March 3, 2014. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Cizl, Smith, Kovach, McCullough, Erdei, Wtulich, Stark, Mayor Bring

Absent: President Rosso, Service Director Smith (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens

\*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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

**4116 Lake Rd., in the amount of \$264.71** - \*Motion by McCullough/Second by Stark to approve the credit. Yeas All.

**818 Kenilworth Ave., in the amount of \$54.91** - \*Motion by McCullough/Second by Stark to approve the credit. Yeas All.

**List of unpaid water bills - \$1,944.27** – after a brief discussion, \*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to accept and send to County Auditor for tax duplicate. Yeas All.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Bring reported with the way the weather is right now, all the guys have been doing – we had another snow on Sunday and they came out at 1:30 in the morning and they ran the 2 trucks until 1:30 in the afternoon. So that was done and hopefully we are pretty much done with all the snow. That is what they have been doing lately is just taking care of the snow and water breaks. We are checking meters and as soon as this weather breaks we have got quite a bit on our plate but as of right now that is about all they have been doing. They went into the Bowling Alley today and were tearing out stuff in there just to get out of the weather and then one of our trucks broke again last night. A little part like this that has 3 switches on it - \$4,400.00. Fortunately our mechanic went through all these people and found out because all it was a switch and they were saying we can't just get the switch for you, we have to get the whole part. He ended up finding it about 2 hours later for about a hundred bucks for that little part but that is what they wanted was to sale us the whole part and Alan knows that when you buy those things – it was \$4,400.00. Councilman Erdei asked was that for the plow? Mayor Bring answered that is for one of the big trucks, everything on those trucks now like I told you before

they are all electronic and that is part of the problem is when something breaks like that it is all electronic switches and fuses and everything else and to find that is amazing. The computer on one of those trucks is \$25,000.00. Anyway that was this morning. Councilperson Stark asked plows – and they are doing a fabulous job, don't get me wrong but I need an explanation of something. So you are going from Thelma and you are turning onto Erieview, now if you are coming down Erieview they plow it so you can't make a right turn onto Thelma or a left turn from Thelma onto Erieview. They do the same thing over on Lynne and they are only plowing like one house up on Lynne and then the rest of the road is pretty much covered or at least this night it was still completely covered. Is there a reason they are not clearing the whole intersection I mean literally they leave this big thing and it is a bus stop. Mayor Bring answered well that was Pat's truck because he was over there and when that switch broke the salt spreader stopped salting so I don't know if that is when it happened or why but last night we only ended up with one truck and it is the oldest truck we have and it is the one that works manually – everything has got hydraulics in it and that is the only one that we were salting with last night. I know he had the other one a little bit but I know it broke pretty quick so I don't know if that is what happened or not. Councilperson Stark stated the last couple of times it has been that way that they leave this big thing where you can't make the turn. Mayor Bring stated as of right now we only have one truck so if it snows again we have one truck that can salt the roads/we can plow but we just can't salt anything. Councilperson Stark asked are we going to be cold patching, I know some of the other cities have been out? Mayor Bring answered they have been and they were out again the other day. If you ever want to find an interesting ride go into Cleveland because that is where I was today and you would kiss the ground you live on right now because you can't drive through Cleveland. It is actually impossible and I am not exaggerating but there are pot holes that are this deep and there is thousands of them and I tried driving down the road today. Councilman McCullough stated try driving down 117<sup>th</sup>, they have one that will swallow your car. Mayor Bring stated after driving through there and you come over here you are like holy cow. Councilperson Stark stated there is a bridge coming over to Elyria that is the same. Mayor Bring stated with all this damage, if you looked at Elyria – Elyria had I forget how much they proposed and they are way over their budget. They don't know what they are going to do. I talked to Mrs. Selka the other day, their budget is getting hit by this too. Everybody is scrambling and we are not going to find out until after everything thaws and after it gets done freezing and what kind of damage we really have but it is pretty extensive. Chairman Cizl stated I have a silly question but we all know pot holes is snow and ice and all of that. Are pot holes caused by the plows or by the frozen water and ice? Mayor Bring answered the water gets down there and freezes and raises up and then something runs over top of it it actually gets an air space and when that hits that it gets hit with something heavy and it pushes it down and it loosens everything all up. We had a pot hole over on

Abbe Road on Friday, there was no hole on Saturday and it was this deep in one day. It gets down and raises up and then somebody runs over it and loosens it up and it comes out immediately. So that is what is happening, if you look along your bike path is an example because it is not real thick and that ground freezes up and raises it up and then one of the garbage trucks runs it over it just smashes it. Then once that is loose it is done. Chairman Cizl stated I was on the interstate over the weekend and it didn't seem to be as bad and I am just wondering what they do differently.

Councilman McCullough asked what interstate were you on? Chairman Cizl answered 71. Councilman McCullough stated maybe 71 as bad but I was on the turnpike the other night and I was dodging. Mayor Bring stated even if you go down RT 2 going towards Westlake, they just repaved that 2 years ago and it is full of holes already. It depends on probably how – if the road is up in the air a little bit higher and there is better drainage but like over there the water sits a little bit and even though they put drainage pipes in there. Councilman McCullough stated did you find it got better the closer you got to Columbus? Chairman Cizl answered it seemed like it was fine all the way down. Councilman McCullough stated I have always found that out it gets better the closer you get to Columbus. Mayor Bring advised it is bad. I will get you the amount that we paid for the additional salt, fuel and overtime. I will have that for you at the end of this month too just to let you guys know where we are at.

Chairman Cizl asked how are we doing with that Avon Lake water issue? Mayor Bring answered we are still going to address that, we are looking into it a little bit more. We have to have a meeting with a girl from our provider and she leaves in Cincinnati so we didn't want to bring her up here with this bad weather. We will wait until it warms up and she is going to come for either a day or two and go over all this stuff – CMI. We had called her and we are going to make an appointment with her and get her up here but we didn't want her driving 5 hours in weather. Councilman Erdei asked how did Bramhall end up on the pump station? Mayor Bring answered he is still working on that. Councilman McCullough asked we haven't seen but the tip of the iceberg yet right on the water main breaks because once it thaws it is going to go the other way and what may have held together is now going to pop. Mayor Bring answered probably I would guess – absolutely. Now the ground is heaved up and it is going to go back down, every time it flexes like that. Unfortunately we have got plastic lines that are in the ground from a long time ago and that PVC doesn't hold up as well as what they have now and that is cracking too. So that is a problem. That was put in I think in the 70's or something like that which is what I am being told. I don't know if I told you this while we are on that but the EPA put a mandate out there – I think I have mentioned this to you recently – they were talking about getting rid of the fire hydrants because they had lead content on all the fittings and stuff. Well the senate shot that down so the EPA came back and said fine we are not going to go after the fire hydrants but any fitting that goes on any of the pumps, meters, etc. – any brass fitting apparently has a minute particles of lead in it and they have gotten rid of

it. We are not allowed to use any of that, we through thousands and thousands worth of those things away the other day. Well we scrapped them out. I told pat I want a list of everything and I was going to send the EPA a bill just to be a jerk because we literally had to just throw them away, scrap them out. Councilman McCullough stated correct me if I am wrong but even lead free flux, you have to have some bit of lead in order to sweat anything in don't you? Mayor Bring answered according to these new fittings which are 3 times as expensive because we just got a list of just to keep a small inventory of what we needed which was about \$6000.00 more after we threw away all these other ones which we had several thousand dollars. That is what we have had throughout the years of collecting and making sure we had the right parts. So basically we had to get rid of all that stuff; any kind of a brass fitting, any minute lead the EPA has deemed unsafe. Councilman McCullough stated that is what I am saying you can't sweat a pipe then because all pipe has to have a little bit of lead in order to sweat. Mayor Bring stated what they are doing now, they actually have crimpers and they have other things - different types of fittings now. Councilman McCullough stated so now they are using compression fittings right? Mayor Bring answered right. Like I said all those fittings are 3 times as much, at least. Councilman Erdei asked as long as we are talking about fire hydrants, how are our fire hydrants handling all this cold – we haven't had no freeze up's have we? Mayor Bring answered we haven't had any fires. We don't check them when it is cold out like this because we can't because then we are going to end up with a mess. As soon as this weather breaks again they are going to start doing that again, we are camera-ing a lot of the lines. Part of the reason why we got that trailer that was at the Police Department, we turned that over to the Water Department so we have the camera and everything in there now. So we will start using that pretty extensively. We have got an issue over on – over by Marion Street or something over there. We had a lady over there that has a problem with her sewer backing up and we are camera-ing underneath the road because her line is clear but that line is down about 14-feet. So we are trying to figure that out right now too, so we have a break in there we are going to have to get that cleaned out somehow. That is what the purpose of that is and a new one of those camera's are \$25,000 to \$35,000.00, but ours is working adequately. Chairman Cizl stated we had a lady speak up that lived on Warwick and I saw the service trucks were trying at the intersection area – I didn't know if it was related to her. Mayor Bring answered no just a water break. The old street sweeper that we had – the big white one; the transmission went out on it and it is several thousand dollars so it is really not worth fixing. Plus when that thing went through we had to contain all that material and we had to turn that into the EPA which every time that dumpster went out it was about \$4000.00. So we did buy another piece of equipment, if you see some of like Griffith Paving and stuff. They have got on the front of a skid steer one of those street sweepers – we got one of those. This will be for exactly what she is calling about – it is cleaning all the drains out and it has got an angle brush and

everything else on it. So we did get one of those and we are going to use that this year too. Councilman McCullough stated isn't that amazing we don't have to turn that in to the EPA do we? Mayor Bring answered no. Then we also have that brush that we hook up to the back of the tractor which it cleans the bike path and everything – it takes us about not even close to half the time and we can do the whole Lake Road with that thing; we just don't pick anything up, just clean it all up. So we are using that too so we are kind of being proactive trying to save the money in keeping that dumpster out of here. We turned in probably 7 or 8 dumpsters the previous year – not last year but the previous year. So if you start adding it all up it is \$14,000.00. Chairman Cizl asked did you say you had to turn in dumpsters to the EPA? Mayor Bring explained any collection that comes off the streets; any of those contaminated particulars you have to put in a dumpster and that dumpster has to have a black plastic bag and then they have to take it in there. There is a manifest that we have to fill out and turn it in and then we go dump it and they put it in a landfill and run it over with a bulldozer. I am sure that plastic bag holds up real well when they run it over with a bulldozer.

**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 7:32 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*

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 March 3, 2014.

*and/or*

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COUNCIL PRO TEM

*Alan Smith*