

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
October 6, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, October 6, 2014. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Smith to accept the minutes of the September 8, 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 reported there is no sewer credit tonight. Everybody was thinking there was 1 but it didn't have enough information. I have got nothing back yet from Todd Danielson in the Avon Lake Water Department concerning the old usage issue. I did send him another email so he is well aware. I got another bill for dumpsters, evidently no one told the billing department at Republic that these dumpsters are free and part of our contract. So I called Dave Kidder and he took care of it immediately. The lady that was in here during the last Council meeting at 922 Stark, I wanted to give you guys an idea of what we did. Pat and I went over, we arranged a time to meet both her tenant and her over at the home. What we found is and we were almost able to prove it but we didn't have 10 hours to fill up her drain tile but basically she has a broken drain tile in the footer tile that runs around her split level foundation – the lower level of it/in the back corner. What happens is the sump pump pumps up into that pipe and since it is not sealed there and it is broken, it just comes right out and at the same time it is going out to the ditch. It is almost like the sump pump pumps straight out, it doesn't have an up and down like a trap to keep ditch water from coming back into it. That is another issue but we dyed the ditch and put dye in her crock so that when we do get a rain she should get the dye in her family room. That is what we found, we were there the next day and I just wanted you guys to know that we did our best due diligence. So it might not have been an open check valve but it is definitely something on her side and she is just at her wits about it. It has been going on for 2 years and there was water damage in the house from it. I don't know why they didn't get it done but they had the whole place stripped out and cleaned. He continued Pat, Lisa and I had another meeting and

presentation with a Mueller representative concerning water meters; fixed radio read systems. I was present at the first meeting but Pat and Lisa never had a chance to ask questions and be part of it. Lisa takes care of a lot of billing questions and Pat going over some of the other issues. We had the Mueller representative in and we went through that and we logged it in and we moved onto another one. I have another presentation next Tuesday from Neptune Water Meter systems, they are going to come in and Pat, Lisa and I will sit down and go through the basics. I also made contact with Census which will be doing the same. It took me a bit as I had to go through the National Representative to get the local representative – all to find out it is our water parts rep. So it was a real round-about way of finding out who our actual rep was and I will be contacting them after or just before Neptune comes in. We will be reporting back giving recommendations of what we found to the Mayor and then the Mayor can figure out which companies he wants to come in and make presentations to everybody. The only thing else I got is we are going to replace the jetting hose on the sewer vac. We had a leak in the hose that we developed and evidently Delaney who does the work on the sewer vac had to remove 50 feet of our hose. What it did was basically made it shorter than what we need. It will work for smaller things but because we have foaming scheduled and other things going on on some of these longer runs. Pat, me, Shannon and Tom all sat down today and figured out what we really need to go through and probably get this replaced so we can go through with what we have to do with the sewer vac. President Rosso stated I am kind of surprised that I haven't got a water bill yet, when did it get mailed out? Service Director Smith answered I don't know, I don't know of any delay is what I am trying to say. I don't know why you wouldn't have gotten it. I don't know of any delay because I know we were working on it. President Rosso stated I am looking at people shaking their heads, I was just surprised. You might want to ask tomorrow. Chairman Cizl asked when do they normally go out. Service Director Smith answered the 1st if there is no delay. Normally we know right off the bat because we got people calling because there is some people that know that day it is supposed to be there and if it is not there – oh my gosh. They get real angry and they call. Councilman McCullough asked if this is a problem with them again, do we have a remedy with them. Service Director Smith answered first of all we don't even know if there is a problem. This is the first one I have heard. Mayor Bring stated the last time was not their problem though, last time was our problem. I will check into it because assumptions are the wrong thing to do. President Rosso stated I just wanted to mention it because if everyone had said oh I got mine Thursday then I would start looking through my mail. Service Director Smith continued one of the things that we do and have done in the past on a regular basis is foam main lines of sewers. The foaming takes all the roots that are growing through the cracks and crevices and stuff like that and it kills it – makes them shrivel up and disappear. But you have to use it effectively with a cutter. It used to be that we would foam first and then cut but

recently Duke's which is the company that we have had do this and developed a program a while ago did an about face. Now they recommend that we cut first before the rooting instead of doing the foaming first and that is why I brought up the hose because we have several lengths of the streets that we don't have enough to meet the manhole to manhole with the jetter. We want to maintain our schedule and we did order a new cutter head for the machine which it is not in as of today. Mayor Bring advised this is all part of the maintenance that we had talked about and this is what these guys are trying to do. When the flooding and everything came and we said we were going to do a maintenance program - that is what Mr. Smith has been doing and working on. Service Director Smith stated along with that we have a preventative jetting list. In other words where there were areas that have been trouble spots over a period of 6 months. We have gone back and we are doing preventative jetting, some are areas where we have had manholes to service areas which were in question such as the Snurr's manhole - we preventatively check/Jordan's manhole - we preventatively jet to the pump station. We do these things so that we don't have an issue in case we get flooding and it rears its ugly head. So we have been on-going with that. Mayor Bring stated one more thing - on the Shoreway thing, that is now fixed over there. That hydrant is back on and between the overtime and pieces/parts was between \$5000.00 to \$6000.00 just for that one little break right there. You wonder where money goes and that is where it is at. President Rosso stated four guys for almost 24 hours. Mayor Bring advised just the valve alone was \$1200.00 not counting the parts and then they had to put another 4 inch bracket on there and those things are not cheap either - I think they are \$400.00 to \$500.00 just for a bracket. All that stuff is outrageous. Service Director Smith reported 600 feet and you cannot splice it together. President Rosso stated you have the money and everything so it is fine. A year and a half ago we priced on putting a bigger reel on the sewer vac - it was \$12,000.00 for the mechanism because you have to upgrade the pump. Councilman McCullough asked 600 feet of hose is only \$1500.00? Service Director Smith answered yes. Councilman McCullough stated that is \$2.50 a foot - that is cheap. I am saying that is cheap. Mayor Bring advised the thing of it is though like he said you cannot splice it. That is the problem. We are just trying to give you guy's numbers so you guys know what things costs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shoemaker Ditch - north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye - Chairman Cizl stated we got blasted last year over Knickerbocker flooding the bridge and all that stuff. Service Director Smith corrected this year. Chairman Cizl continued we haven't had a major storm since then, has there been any progress or any changes in that? Service Director Smith answered as far as the main ditch - no. We still have to look at various funding options in order to get the trees out of there. That is something we have to find the money to do. Mayor Bring advised \$36,000.00. Service Director Smith stated as far as pre-empted we went down and

jetted the street – the whole sanitary on Holl. We found out that the ditch itself is in Sheffield Village. Pretty much – no, we haven't been able to do anything there. The trees are the big issue. Councilman McCullough asked is that effecting our sanitary sewer. Service Director Smith answered on those streets with their underwater. Councilman McCullough asked did we not pass almost 3 years ago \$3.00 with a \$2.00? Service Director Smith responded you cannot use sanitary money Kerry. Councilman McCullough continued that is what I am asking, if this is causing problems with the sanitary is this not a preventative measure in something to fix that sanitary problem. Wouldn't that go for capital improvement? Service Director Smith advised stormwater and we have a separate line for stormwater. Councilman McCullough stated I realize that this might be a gray area but if that ditch is causing problems with the sanitary. Service Director Smith stated I have asked that question a thousand times and the answer is no and I am not going to jail for it. President Rosso asked what about the ditch on Sheffield? Service Director Smith answered that is what we were talking about. President Rosso stated I thought you were talking about the ditch on Holl. Service Director Smith clarified the ditch that runs from Holl northbound through Ferndale Park is what we are talking about. President Rosso stated well that is not in Sheffield Village? Service Director Smith stated no but the ditch behind Holl that dumps into it. President Rosso stated weren't we going to get a company in to go in that ditch and clear out underneath that ditch? Mayor Bring answered the union has asked us not to do that because they want to do it themselves. President Rosso stated that is a no, so let's bring somebody in and do it. Mayor Bring stated we can't because it is a union thing. Service Director Smith advised but we also have to have the trees removed because we are not set-up in house to remove them. President Rosso stated but you don't need to get the trees removed to do this under the bridge.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman McCullough stated I have got a question, your street road list this year and I think you covered this already but you got through that list right? Service Director Smith answered we did not do Community and Lafayette. Councilman McCullough stated so those are first next year? Service Director Smith answered they are added onto the default list for 2015. But it is all contingent upon, we do a pre-plowing evaluation and then a post-plowing evaluation. Councilman McCullough clarified but for the most part we got all the problem ones done? Service Director Smith answered next year we will have all the problem ones for the most part done. Mayor Bring added we still have to dig out Oakwood and the piping and a bunch of other stuff too. Chairman Cizl clarified that is the default list in our minutes if I am not mistaken – for 2015, you are going to re-evaluate after the snow-plowing and all of that. Mayor Bring advised the State of Ohio keeps bugging us about doing Rt. 301 and we keep saying no and that is how much? Service Director Smith answered well it depends. They want full depth repairs on Abbe, full depth concrete

cut-out; you can't just mill and cap it. They have a 10-year spec that they want you to meet. Mayor Bring advised that would shoot a whole year's budget and then some. That is why we keep saying no until they actually force us to do it or help us. We have been delaying that for how many years? Service Director Smith answered since 2010 – 4 years. Chairman Cizl asked what is the end product if you – what letters does the state have to make us do it. Mayor Bring answered it is a state route, they can probably come in and do it and just bill us. Chairman Bring stated so in other words they are asking us to fix it and if we don't then they will come in and do it and bill us. Service Director Smith reiterated they are asking us to do it with their spec. Mayor Bring advised that is the problem. Just so everybody is aware of that, sooner or later – we can't keep saying no and every time they send us a letter it gets nastier.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei 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.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Kay Fantauzzi

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Mark Cizl

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

and/or

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 October 6, 2014.