

Buildings and Lands Committee meeting
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
June 4, 2015

This regular meeting of the Buildings, Lands, Vehicles and Equipment Committee was held Thursday, June 4, 2015. Chairman McCullough called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: McCullough, Erdei, Kovach

Absent: Law Director Graves (excused)

Attending: Mayor Bring, Building Inspector Vogel

MINUTES: May 7, 2015 - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes with any corrections. Yeas All.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) *Shoreway Shopping Center* – Mayor Bring advised some of you may have seen the Bowling Alley and some of that stuff. We actually ended up gutting the rest of that out and got rid of all the material in there and tore the ceiling tile down. We got the wiring that was hanging down and we white washed the walls as far as paint. Also, there was some siding missing so we bought the red siding which kind of matched the rest of the theme over there to look alright. So that is what was going on and we were working with Habitat for Humanity for over 2 months as they were talking about going in there. The latest one was Goodwill and we worked with them for about a month and that is still a little bit ongoing. We have a couple of other people looking at other things going in over there. We have had some action but we are just trying to work out a lot of logistics and see what happens. Chairman McCullough asked would Goodwill not consider that old bank? Mayor Bring answered they need a large amount of space, they need something large. That was the guy that is in charge of all the Goodwill's in the United States that came here. It went well so we will see what happens. The rest of Shoreway so far knock on wood, we haven't had any problems here lately.
- B) *General Maintenance* – Mayor Bring advised the general maintenance in city buildings, we haven't done anything recently and that is due to manpower. We do have some scheduling coming up that we will probably look at that stuff. We did the lights in here and we paid \$52.00 for each one of these lights and we did do the ceiling tiles to patch it. Those florescent lights that were in here supposedly with the wattage that these use, that costs will be made up

within in one year. The other thing is that we did have them installed obviously so within a year and a half these will supposedly make up the difference in the amount of electricity that we are using. So we put them downstairs in the hallway and some other places around. It is a better lighting, I like the lighting as it is a better lighting. We have it downstairs in Steve's office. These things are supposed to last 30 years but do I honestly think they are going to last 30 years – no because I have never seen anything that they have ever said that is going to last 30 years actually last 30 years. But even if it last 10, 12, 15 years we are going to get our money back out of it. Councilman Kovach stated we did the same style where I work in the garage and everything is going to be replaced as it starts failing but the light difference and the energy savings – it is there, there is no doubt about that. Mayor Bring stated when this was all said and done about LED and everything I was not all for this but now that I started using these more as I started putting them in my own house and in my garage. Obviously you know I do outside sales, I have been going into a lot of businesses and they are all changing these over to that. So obviously they are working and they are efficient and the good thing is by us doing this it is drawing less power so if something does happen and that generator kicks on, that is less power that that generator has to do. Chairman McCullough stated I think 12 of these draw half of what 1 of those fluorescent's draw. Mayor Bring advised as far as equipment, we have had some breakdowns basically due to operator errors. We had the backhoe – one of the main hydraulic pistons go out on it but that was something got stuck and the guy moved it when he wasn't supposed to and it broke that and that was about \$3000.00. We have had the vac truck plug break, there has just been a lot minor things. We had that green tractor that we have had for a while with the mower with the extended boom and we put another mower on the back of that so we would have multiple mowers at the same time for mowing along the streets. So we resurrected one of the old tractors that we had back there which is a 1960 something and we put that mower on the back of that. That way we don't have to take it and put it back on the other one because otherwise you have to take that boom mower off and it is a pain in the butt. He explained we have the articulating arm on the green John Deere but on the other one, we have an old orange tractor back there that we have had forever so we put that on there. Then we still have the red tractor. We have had a couple of breakdowns on those just for the fact of them hitting things and stuff like that. Rob has been fixing quite a few things back there. Everyday something breaks and then we did get the grant for that leaf vacuum so that was about \$17,000.00 so we are going to get that and then we also talked to the City of Avon Lake who advised they have 3 that they are getting rid of and we may be able to acquire one of those at a very, very inexpensive price. Chairman McCullough stated while we are on that subject, Avon Lake always hires

minimum wage help retired guys to pick up their leaves. Mayor Bring advised that is what we are talking about doing. We are talking about getting something like that. We are thinking about doing a program and obviously we can't do it with the manpower but the reason that we want this one or two right now is because of fall and spring times when those leaves go in the ditch and these guys aren't cleaning them out. We can over and get the leaves out of there and that will stop a lot of the flooding that we have had. We are tired of fighting with the residents telling them to get it out of there but if we just go over with that machine and suck it all out and if that can prevent that it will save us a lot of headaches. Every time that happens we have got overtime with the regular guys going out with the big white truck sucking the leaves out of there and raking them out. So this will hopefully prevent that and then if we start the program and maybe start a minimum of picking up leaves in the fall for some of these people it will be a slow process. Then we are talking about taking them over to Ferndale and maybe doing something over there, either that or talk to Kurtz Brothers and maybe we can take the leaves over there and drop them off. We bought an attachment for the skid steer and I think I told you about that, it is a hydraulic jackhammer. We tore that one curb out over there on Richelieu and then if the water breaks on Thelma or Gayle as there is a foot of concrete underneath that, we can take that machine over there. We know this because we rented one and it worked out fantastic and it wasn't very expensive. Councilman Kovach advised you would have the same problem over on Brockley too in time. Mayor Bring concurred exactly all those curbs are all falling apart. Councilman Kovach stated but Brockley is a concrete street. Chairman McCullough stated I think they broke up a lot of that when they put it in. Councilman Kovach stated I thought they just ground it didn't they? Chairman McCullough stated I think that is all gone now. Mayor Bring advised not all of it. But even like doing some of these jobs in the middle of winter time when the ground is frozen, they can get in the machine and they are not killing themselves. That job that they did the other day probably took 20 minutes after he got that machine down there and that would have probably taken 3 hours if we would have done it by hand. So it is a huge time saver plus you are not killing the guys. Right now I am trying to keep as many guys as I can healthy. The next thing we may look at is reskinning the Service Department over there and then changing the way that overhang is at that drive through over there. That will not be this year but maybe next year. We have been doing regular maintenance as far as little things like downstairs and stuff. We do have to change the front door on here and the front door over there in the Police Department and we redid the bathrooms downstairs because that was just absolutely horrendous - it was oozing out. Councilman Erdei asked did you ever check into temporary lighting for the guys when they work at night working on breaks. Mayor Bring advised yes and those are very

expensive and are about \$12,000.00, they are not cheap. Councilman Erdei stated I know you were talking a while back about a generator separate for the Fire Department and then see what we could do with the one right here at city hall. Mayor Bring answered about \$12,000.00, they are not cheap. That is just for the generator and then you have to have them wired in. So probably this year with some of the stuff we did, we are probably not going to do anything else major. So that will probably be next year to appropriate some money to do some of that stuff. Councilman Kovach asked are we going to do this parking lot out here this year. Mayor Bring answered yes. Councilman Kovach asked that will be done when we do the streets I presume. Mayor Bring answered no, at a different time.

C) ***The Bike Trail*** – **None.**

D) ***Joyce E Hanks Civic Center*** – Mayor Bring advised we haven't really had any problems over there. The one gentleman we did hire – Tom Kepic was a roofer at one time so the next time we have any issues over there we are going to send him over there. We have actually done that for Shoreway and he seems to do a pretty good job, there is certain things that we will hire out to do but he has been doing a pretty good job with all this stuff.

NEW BUSINESS: **None.**

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: **None.**

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:15 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 Office.

CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES

Kay Fantauzzi

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 Buildings & Lands Committee of June 4, 2015.

CHAIRMAN

Kerry McCullough

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Alan Smith