

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
February 2, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, February 2, 2015. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Cizl, Rosso, Mayor Bring, Kovach, Erdei, Wtulich, McCullough

Attending: Council Members; Smith and Stark, Service Director Smith (excused)

*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the December 1, 2014 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:

4268 Knickerbocker in the amount of \$646.00. Further information was requested from applicant and none was received.

580 Irving Park in the amount of \$106.59. Further information was requested from applicant and none was received.

4890 Ferndale Ave., in the amount of \$90.44. After a brief discussion, *Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to approve the sewer credit. Yeas All.

665 Lafayette Blvd., in the amount of \$345.61. After a brief discussion, *Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to approve the sewer credit. Yeas All.

375 Maple Ave., in the amount of \$35.53. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Wtulich to approve the sewer credit. Yeas All.

448 Abbe Rd., in the amount of \$1,479.34. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to approve the sewer credit. Yeas All.

4795 Lake Rd., in the amount of \$355.30. *Motion by Kovach/Second by McCullough to approve the sewer credit. Yeas All.

856 West Shore Blvd., in the amount of \$93.67. *Motion by Wtulich/Second by Kovach to approve the sewer credit. Yeas All.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mayor Bring advised obviously the snow is going on and I think we have a total of 850 tons of salt available to us yet. I don't know what we used on this last snow storm, I will find out probably tomorrow. We had one truck that went down and that was repaired. The guys will out again tomorrow. There is only so many hours that the guys can get out there without totally unsafe so we have to be careful with all that. We had some of the Water guys doing the trucks today too and doing some of the side streets. Obviously they are going to go back tomorrow and clean up again and we have another snow storm coming and I

think we are going to get another 3 inches of snow. We are just going to continue to battle this. The only unfortunate thing is if you drive around – when the sun came out the other day and the roads were clear if you look at some of the side streets and some of the other stuff the roads are getting torn up with all this salt and they are falling apart. We are going to have to reevaluate all that as soon as everything gets done here. Obviously we are going to pave some streets again but we are going to have to look at the streets that we had next in line and how much got damaged here because we may end up doing some intermediate patching and stuff. I told Mr. Rosso we are going to be bringing you on the 17th a little presentation. He explained Pat and I are going to do that first to you guys as a group for the water meters and then if everything is okay with you guys looking at it and talking about it then we are going to have another presentation where we invite the public and we will also invite the company that we think is going to be the one that would be able to do this. That way they will be here to answer any technical questions and I will tell you right now is one of the things we found out which is not going to make people happy but if you turn a facet on right now and then you turn it off – the likelihood of that getting detected is very small. The meters that we have in there aren't capable of doing that. So the new meters are going to be picking up all this stuff. So I am assuming that a lot of these peoples water bills are going to go up a little bit. That is good for us because our revenue is going to go up because that is how we keep declining in revenue because we are missing a lot of this. In turn there will be increases in some of these water bills because it is going to pick up all this stuff but things will be much more accurate. I just wanted to let you know about that. I had a lady email me from Howell Street, just like Matt was in here the other day and they want to know as they have been flooded two times in the last 5 years and they want to know what we are going to do about it. Again if we have another rain event with 6 inches of rain there is nothing in this city is going to stop flooding – nothing. I don't know how to answer that lady but we are going to continue to clean the ditches out. I told Pat about Matt coming in the other day and as soon as this weather starts to break we are going to start cleaning some of this stuff up. But again if we have another rain storm like we had that night, it is going to flood again and there is nothing we can do about that. Also when you look at Lake Road, it is starting to beat up a little bit too by the water lines – all those bumps that you are hitting when you are going down those are all water lines raising because the ground is pushing that up and in turn that is also cracking that road too. We spent over a million dollars on that road so we are going to check that out in the spring time to see if we can't crack seal that or something to make it last as long as we can. I know if you look at Lorain at their end of it, that road is really falling apart here in the last two years and we can't afford to have it fall apart anywhere. The refuse was not picked up today. Councilman McCullough stated it is pushed back until Wednesday. Mayor Bring concurred yes it is pushed back and I just wanted to let everybody know that so if anybody calls you are going to be a day

behind. I did notice that people have already got their garbage out so they are going to be calling you and screaming and yelling. If they call and scream and yell at you it is because they did not pick it up which is highly unusual that they did not go out and pick that up. Chairman Cizl asked can there be something on Facebook and also on the website? President Rosso advised Republic did a reverse call to homes telling people that it was delayed. Mayor Bring advised it doesn't matter what we do people are not going to be notified, so I am just telling you. They are going to be screaming and the last time this happened we got 50 to 60 phone calls from people, so I am just preparing you and myself because I get a lot of phone calls. We are just going to have to get through this next month and hopefully things will start getting a little bit better and hopefully it will be alright. Chairman Cizl stated to answer my question, on Facebook – the BUZZ? Mayor Bring advised I have an appointment in Cleveland at 9 in the morning so I have to run out there so when I get back. Chairman Cizl advised I can contact them too, just so people don't come and say I didn't know and we just say sorry and give the reason why but we make some type of attempt to tell them. Councilman McCullough stated there was a lot of complaining about the plowing on Facebook and finally I just told the person to call their brother-in-law. Mayor Bring advised this was a very big snow storm, if you went anywhere in any other city it was the same thing. Everybody's streets and everything else, we are not unique here but the guys did the best that they could and I think they did a good job. I drove around tonight, there is a few streets that aren't great but I had no trouble driving around and I drove around in the car and there was no problems. You slide a little bit but heaven forbid that you have to slow down, instead of going 25 – you got to go 20. Councilman Erdei asked anything else on the pump stations? Mayor Bring answered we did get a new pump for the one station and that will be installed – that was \$15,000.00. Everything else – no, I haven't even been thinking about too much of that lately because I am working on this thing with the water meters. Councilman Erdei asked with this cold weather coming in, are you keeping your fingers crossed that we don't have no more water. Mayor Bring answered we are going to have water breaks and there is nothing that we can do about it. We did buy a new piece of equipment for that for the skid steer, I told you that one day we rented that jack hammer. We got one that we can put on the skid steer and it is fantastic. We looked at buying a used one from a rental place and they wanted \$10,000.00 and we bought a new one for \$6500.00 and it fits perfect. The guys just said the other that is probably would have taken 2 days just to hammer that out and literally had it done in 4 hours and there is many, many uses for that. Chairman Cizl asked have we heard anything from Avon Lake regarding the disparity of the water billing? Mayor Bring answered no. Councilman McCullough stated the mailboxes that I see laying down? Mayor Bring answered those are our responsibility. Chairman Cizl advised even the walking sign at Shoreway got knocked over, the path for students to walk across Lake Road. Also not knowing how they do the salt on the plows, those rotate on the end – is there

a switch that they turn them on and off. I noticed today when I was going through the parking lot at the shopping center and when they stop that keeps going. Mayor Bring advised it keeps going but no salt. There is an auger that makes the salt come out. One truck has a conveyor and the other ones have an auger. Councilman Wtulich advised I know that Lenny talked at some point about doing some smoke tests and stuff on storm and sanitary lines, are we going to do some of that. Mayor Bring answered probably this summer, we did do the foam on Irving Park which works very well and it kills all the roots and everything. We had a lady call and said that she had a root problem on Ferndale and we told her that the probability of being the city's is like less than 1% because this is what we did and that she needed to call a plumber. She argued and screamed and yelled at us and she finally called a plumber and it was her line that was plugged up. That foam works very well and it is a little bit costly but it works good.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shoemaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye – Chairman Cizl stated since this keeps coming back, even if we can't know them off or clean them out – just cosmetically, I know last summer I was driving through Holl, Brockley, Belle and you just see all the tree overgrowth. I know that is not our responsibility because that is private land but it would go far just for cosmetic reasons if not for flooding. Mayor Bring advised it is a major problem over there and it is something that we will have to have on-going discussions whether we go in there and we do that and charge the property owners and hope to get the money back or however you want to do it. Every year that it goes by it is going to get worse and that is what is causing a lot of those problems over there. Those are willow trees and they grow very fast and we have contacted the property owners; some are churches and some were not and nobody seems to want to do anything. David and I talked about this a few months ago about assessing the property owners and going ahead and doing this. So that is something that we will have to discuss in a Worksession and find out which way we want to go. Again I can get it, when it gets a little nicer out – I can get a costs of removing all those trees. I think we kind of got an idea last year and I think it was close to \$40,000.00. That is just to cut them down, it is not removing the roots or anything. Councilman McCullough advised we have a natural and it is not natural, I guess it is manmade but we are having all this problem with the rains and even when we don't get the 6 inch rains we have ran into problems. Is there any and I don't know if anybody will look into it federal money since it is waterways – ODNr money, something that we build a viaduct. Literally go in as a city and take it eminent domain and take the ditch and tear all those trees out and make it a viaduct. Literally concrete and let water shoot right through there right out Jordan's ditch and right out to the lake. Mayor Bring stated you are probably talking a couple million dollars but I know that Marcy Kaptur has been a big Advocate of

getting the lake clean and she was offering grants and I think we shot an email to her recently to find out if we could have a meeting with her and sit down with her for that purpose. Councilman McCullough stated something like that I think you could probably get either a federal grant and maybe you can get insurance companies behind it because they are paying out a lot of money for those. Would the Administration be open to maybe pursuing a viaduct to go through there rather than a ditch? Mayor Bring answered either way, you would have to look at the costs there and find out if there is any money available. I am open for anything that makes it work. We are going to try and figure out what is the best way to approach it and again I want to keep having conversations with you guys to let you know what we keep coming up with. Councilman McCullough stated the problem is and it happens right there too, you got all that water coming from Sheffield and it is trying to come down Lake Breeze and when it can't it turns right or it turns east and heads over to that area trying to get out of that ditch. The stuff that is coming from the east from wetlands, once it can't get down Idlewood – you have never seen so scary when you see water run uphill during a rain. It is one of the most weirdest things I have ever seen.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:40 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 February 2, 2015.