

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

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, March 2, 2015. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Cizl, Rosso, Mayor Bring, Kovach, McCullough, Smith, Stark

Attending: Council Members; Erdei and Wtulich (excused)

*Motion by McCullough/Second by Smith to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2015 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE: None.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mayor Bring advised over the weekend here just about all our guys were out. Again we are missing 2 people, 1 of the gentlemen worked 25 hours and I think we had another one that was in the 25 hour period. We had numerous water breaks again. The water meters froze and we had a lot of call-outs about that and then just the general snow removal, it has been very challenging. The guys are getting worn out and it has been very difficult. I know that the gentlemen over here the other day was talking the hydrants and I talked to Chief Card about that. He said for his guys to go out there and start doing that – we have 694 hydrants in the city by the way. So if you start going out and doing that, those guys were getting calls because of a fire in Avon Lake and then numerous other guys. So it was physically impossible for us to even get out to do anything like that. We had 2 more trucks go down; one was an electrical problem and the other one; there is usually a quarter inch steel on the front of the truck that holds everything together – that is all rusted off and it is about an 1/8 of an inch that broke and fell off and they ran that over and ruined a tire and bent the rim. The electrical thing was a pulley that fell off and everything went down. Our mechanic came in after hours and he fixed one of them, he couldn't fix the other one. He is going to be gone for a couple of days due to a medical issue. It has been extremely challenging. Obviously we have the water meter gentleman coming in for March 10th to do the presentation, so that is set-up. Again I would hope that you start spreading the word about that so that everybody comes to that. We had our salt delivery come in, matter of fact it came in 2 days after I did the report about the driver not having his license. I think he had a fictitious license and everything else but that got another driver. We had another incident where a gentleman called and I think it was on Saturday or Sunday called and said he needed his water shut-off and when we looked at it and it was a vacant house. So we

are still getting that. Then we had a lady call and asked if there was a water main break and the dispatcher asked for the address so we sent a gentleman over there and the husband came to the door when Tom Erwin went to the door and asked you're having a no pressure problem. The husband answered I don't know what you are talking about, I just got out of the shower. That was a malicious call because there is somebody that is not happy with the city. Again it is getting to the point where we are going to start asking questions and we cannot keep calling guys out and doing this. I know we got into this and I know it is a price of doing business but it is becoming a huge distraction for the guys. Pat is getting called at all hours of the night and he is sending them out there with things that could have waited or nonsense happening. It is extremely frustrating and the reason I am telling you this is so you know what is going on. It is costing us a lot of money and it is very, very frustrating and it is wearing the guys out because they come in and then they got to turn around and go back home. Then they are getting called out in another couple of hours. I will be bringing the truck to you guys on the next Council meeting for a first reading so you can take a look at that. Councilperson Stark advised have we ever looked at using beet juice with our salt. Mayor Bring answered we can't because we don't have the equipment to do it. Councilperson Stark asked how much is the equipment. Mayor Bring answered I would have to look into that. That is not really the issue, we have been pretty conservative with the salt. We are doing pretty well, it is just the snow storms. Councilman McCullough answered I think that they have done a great job with the salt. Mayor Bring advised if you start buying more equipment with that kind of stuff, I can find out to be honest with you but I know that we looked into that about 3 years ago and we would have to change most of the equipment out. Chairman Cizl stated regarding the prank calls about having the guys go out, can you trace those. Mayor Bring answered we know who it is. Chairman Cizl asked isn't that against the law? Mayor Bring answered yes but it has to happen on a repeat basis. I already got the Police Chief on it, we recorded it and have it on record. So if it continues we will pursue to prosecute that person.

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 Smith 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 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 March 2, 2015.