

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
June 1, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, June 1, 2015. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Cizl, Rosso, Mayor Bring, Kovach, McCullough, Smith, Erdei, Wtulich
Absent: Councilperson Stark (excused)

*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the May 11, 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 reported due to lack of manpower we haven't been doing a lot, we are just trying to maintain what we have going on. We turned in the road list, we have to figure out now when we get the bid back. So we have to measure everything and find exactly how much of the road surface we are going to do. A couple of the roads that we looked at, we have always ground them down in the past but a couple of the roads were actually low. So we may not grind them, we may just add to the service and that was recommended by the paving company. There was 2 or 3 of them that we looked at. So if somebody says we didn't grind down a street, we did that on purpose to raise it up a little bit to keep it so the water doesn't destroy it anymore. Over by Lakeview, the street off of Walker Road over there we did dig across that the other day and we were going to put a drain in. We originally had that marked by the Columbia Gas Company and we were going to start from the one side of the street and they said they had a pipe there. So they said that we could start on the other side and we had to re-engineer everything and they said there was a pipe there but it was an old pipe. Well we dug down and there was an old pipe but there was also a brand new pipe underneath that and we hit that the other day. So Columbia Gas came out and took pictures and they are probably going to charge us and then we will probably have David send them a letter but the last time we ended up fighting for that for 6 months and we lost. So I don't know how that is going to turn out so right now that has stopped as far as going across Walker Road with the drain. We had with the rainfall yesterday, we had a lot of the over flow and the guys were out most of the night watching the pump stations and stuff. That was a pretty nasty storm, there was some low line properties that got flooded but overall we didn't do too bad with that. We did send out a notification on the water bill about the refuse, so the next water bill you should see it on the back about putting your garbage

cans away and not putting it out before the allotted time. We did have somebody do that the other day on Lake Breeze. I had Mr. Smith go out there and tell the people not to do it and as soon as he turned around and came back they loaded the whole tree lawn up with the garbage. So I sent the Police over there and they promised that they were going to call somebody and have that picked up. Well they took off, so then I had the Police again go over there and they realized that I was going to charge them \$1000.00 for littering. So they finally got it picked up and taken away. It seems to be the only recourse but that is what we are going to do from now on. If these people put it out and leave it out there, I am going to start charging them \$1000.00 for littering the city. So we will see how that goes. We turned in the engineering for the water meters, so that is in the process of getting bid out so we are waiting back on that. We are going to lose another man pretty soon here. The problem with the 3 people that we are going to have out is they are all people that do operating on the machinery. So we are probably going to look at bringing a part-time person in. We only have 3 people that can operate machinery so we are kind of stuck right now. So that is what is going on and we are probably going to try to do some ditching and some other things. We have had a couple of water breaks lately and we have fixed those. We did some curbs down here. I don't know if you saw the piece of equipment that goes on the end of skid steer. We rented one the other day because every time we have a water break over there on Erieview, Thelma and that area over there – there is blacktop but underneath that there is a foot of concrete so the guys have to take a jackhammer and go over and jackhammer that out. So we rented a skid steer, this thing that they put on the end of the skid steer is a great big machine/air actuated and that thing worked fantastic. So we bought one and it was pretty inexpensive, I think it was like \$5000.00 or something. So we used that the other day and it saved probably 6 or 7 hours worth of time just by using that. So we tried it on a couple of the curbs over here and that worked out real well. What is nice about that is we can drive the machine right over to there and chew it up and then send it off. Everybody is anxious for the water meters and the water bills and everything so we are kind of getting ready for that. When this all happens which is going to take probably 6 months but this will help our manpower situation dramatically and help our projects out because we are still sending guys out to read the meters and do the service calls and stuff. It will pretty much eliminate all that, we are kind of anxious for that stuff. President Rosso asked when do you get the quote back for the meters, you just said it is out for engineering. Mayor Bring answered yes we had to send it to engineering and they wrote it all up and they sent it off for bid. We are just waiting back on that. I would hope that it is a quick turn around time and I didn't get a chance to talk to Pat today as he was in a meeting or he was gone today. To be honest I don't even know because I had a meeting down at the boat launch this morning and I had a couple of other things. President Rosso asked you don't anticipate it being months before we can send it out for bid. Mayor Bring answered no, we need to get this thing going. We

sent it over to engineering almost immediately after you guys passed everything. So that is what we are trying to do. Councilman Erdei asked on the pump stations, I know you said the last time you were still looking into that. Is there any kind of grants or something that we can eliminate or modernize those things to where guys don't have to get calls up in the middle of the night to go over there and babysit them. Is there anything? Mayor Bring answered the engineer and I met over there last year and there is a program that you can do that is all computerized and everything else and I forget what it costs – like \$175,000.00 to upgrade one of our pump stations. We are looking into that but there is no funds. The thing with Marcy Kaptur along the lake, she is trying to get the lake cleaned up and we are trying to find out if she is going to help us. She has been kind of promoting as far as fixing the lake up and tourism and everything else. But that is all part of the process of how you get people here is if everything stays clean. So we are going to try to approach it that way, we do have the engineers and we are channeling through another source to get to her. So we will see how that works out. Councilman McCullough stated 2 things; number 1 I had the tile replaced underneath my driveway which helped Roberts Street a lot but didn't help my yard at all. If they can ditch when you get enough guys I would appreciate it. Number 2 and when you said Marcy Kaptur it just rung something, she has a program out or they have a program out now and I am sure you are aware of it but where they are going to have a surplus, anything like equipment that was bought and never used that is now going to be in this national registry or whatever. You know about that? Mayor Bring answered yes. Councilman McCullough stated I thought so and I thought it was a great idea and they are talking about backhoes and trucks. Mayor Bring stated the problem with that is you have got to circumvent everything to get through that and the people that know how to get around that are the ones that get on there first. We had somebody just recently come in from Columbus for surplus Police equipment to actually teach the guys on how to get into that process and how to get through all the red tape. Our Police Chief tried 3 or 4 times to get through and did everything they said and he was on the computer for hours and hours and hours and they just kicked it back. Then this lady called up and said you didn't do this, you didn't do that but if you don't know how to get to that point you could beat your head against the wall. She was in a day or two I think so hopefully that will help out so we almost need somebody on the inside to know how to do that stuff. They do have a lot of extra stuff. One other thing we are looking at that I had mentioned briefly about the leaves and the machine that we were looking at last year as far as leaf pickup and grinding it and taking some of the leaves. That is one thing that we are looking at Ferndale, that one end of Ferndale and taking some of the leaves over there and making like a compost type thing. The money that we got the park benches and everything else. President Rosso stated Solid Waste Management. Mayor Bring stated thank you, there is money available for that and we will actually get more this year. So we were actually going after a machine with that money, it would be a little bit

more than what that money would cover but not by much. It is one of the commercial grade machines. The reason that I am looking at that is that most of our flooding problems in the spring and fall times are from leaves. So we could that and then also at some time during the next year or two that we may be offering some type of a leaf pickup to a moderate amount so we can keep some of the leaves and stuff off the streets. So that is something that we are looking at but it is a commercial grade like they use in Westlake and stuff. I think that would help out a lot and I think the machine was like \$17,000.00 and I think the money we would get is around \$12,000 or \$13,000. Councilman Erdei stated the Bowling Alley looks nice – the building but I see they ran out a little bit on the end. Mayor Bring concurred they did and we have order a couple more squares and then we are going to take that orange over top of where they had the canopy and take that down and just put that in red too and make it look a little bit better. Councilman Erdei asked any interested parties in that building? Mayor Bring stated we worked with Habitat for Humanity for almost 4 months. Chairman Cizl reminded that is Buildings & Lands which is Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shoemaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye – Mayor Bring stated the guys are going to do the best job they possibly can on ditches. Chairman Cizl advised with 1 or 2 people out. Mayor Bring stated that is the problem, with the storms and everything else so now we go out for 2 or 3 days to clean up everything from that and then we get back to normal and then there will be a water main break, it has been a tough process. Then you got vacations coming up and the few guys we have all have 6 weeks of vacation so they are going to start using them up in the summer time.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Cizl stated I guess I will throw it out there and I know it is with equipment but where are we at as far as roads when the snow hits? Are our snowplows going to be ready to go and if we get a snowplow how long is it going to take to order it? Mayor Bring answered that is Buildings, Lands and Vehicles – wrong committee.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:18 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

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 May 28, 2015.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Alan Smith