

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

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Tuesday, September 1, 2015. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

Absent: Stark, McCullough (excused)

Attending: Members of the Media: Morning Journal

\*Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:**

*Unpaid charges for the tax duplicate - \$8216.54.* \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to send unpaid charges to the county to be added to the tax duplicate. Yeas All.  
*5263 Edgewater in the amount of \$50.25.* \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to approve the sewer credit for 5263 Edgewater in the amount of \$50.25. Yeas All.

*3940 Lake in the amount of \$988.25.* \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to approve the sewer credit for 3940 Lake in the amount of \$988.25. Yeas All.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Bring advised the list for the roads that were being repaired is almost finished we have got I think a couple more to do. They are going to come back with their smaller grinder and do that but the main streets that we had already slated for that were ground down and repaired and had new asphalt put on those. We will be working on that list for next year and get that going. The cleaning of the ditches and stuff has been a process, we are actually moving right along. We probably put in around 3000 foot of pipe this year and it is through the storm water utility fund and we are planning on doing that again next year. We did some of that over on Oakwood to keep that road from falling apart as bad as it did. Some of the drains that we did down here on Lafayette, there was a drain that was going underneath the road over there. When they ground down the road, we cut that through. There was a bell on the end of that, we thought it was a 10 inch pipe and it was actually an 8 inch pipe so we put a 15 inch pipe down there. We have done that in several locations to get this water out of here so we are going to continue that process. Mr. Hastings is working on a \$200,000.00 grant for Devonshire over there for the road and some of our other ones for sanitary and the water. So we will be looking at doing all that. We are going to for the fall with the leaves, we do

have those two leaf vac's. We are going to look at either taking one of our old trucks and putting a box on that. I also stopped the other day out in Ravenna at Davie's Tree Service has 150 trucks that they are turning in for an auction which are the trucks that they use for chipping trucks. I stopped and talked to the auctioneer down there and you can bid on line and I would imagine these trucks go pretty inexpensively so if we can pick something up inexpensive – the truck is already setup for that type of service. So we might be looking at that. We are probably looking at \$10,000.00 but versus taking a box and putting it on one of the trucks. We will be probably bidding on that and that will be October 17<sup>th</sup> when that bid process starts and they will be on line so we can look at them previously and I actually go down that way periodically so I will stop and look at them one more time. So that will help us out as far as some of the flooding and stuff. Whether you believe it or not, they are talking about this el nino the weather is supposed to be a little bit warmer this year. So if that stays in the course for what they are doing, we are going to keep the process of digging and the drainage so we can keep this water going. Things are getting a little bit better, we are just still lacking manpower and stuff. Hopefully in a couple of months here we are probably going to have two guys come back from injuries. We are still working on the water meters and that is going on. The grant for Workmen's Comp station for \$40,000.00, nothing can be signed for these water meters until they tell us yes or no and that will be the second week of September before we find that out. So nothing is going to be signed on these water meters as far as going ahead until otherwise we lose that \$40,000.00 and we don't want to lose that \$40,000.00. I think we are going to get it but we have to be very careful of that process. We have had several meetings about the start of the meter system and everything else but again we haven't signed anything as far as actually getting it started. We have got everything else in place we are just waiting, I think it is September 5<sup>th</sup> that they we are supposed to notify us and let us know. Chairman Cizl stated you lost me when you said Workmen's Comp? Mayor Bring explained because of the water meters and everything with that, there is a grant out there for that as far as keeping safety for the guys and all that. It has actually been terminated but we already had the process going so they entertained our bid for that and we put that grant money in and filed for that. They are trying to save guys from injuries and safety type issues. There is grants out there for everything you just have to find them. Chairman Cizl advised well we have a guy out there looking for them now, so that is good. Councilman Erdei asked that Devonshire project, would that be starting in the spring if everything goes right and we get the grant. Mayor Bring answered no this process is going to take some time. You are talking almost \$628,000.00. So a lot has to come together to get that money. Councilman Erdei asked as far as run-off like Avon and Avon Lake are feuding right now over their water control. Our water control like on Harris and Lake Breeze coming from Sheffield Village, do we have the pipes to really handle that or is there something that we can do about it so it will eliminate some of our problems over here. Mayor Bring

advised that has been mentioned casually to me that they were going to bring more water this way and I told them absolutely not. We cannot handle what we have so if that arises then we are all going to sit down and have a meeting and we are going to discuss that but I told them that we will not be accepting any more water. They want to clean out the ditch and bring it more our way but we are not doing it. We have to take care of what we have right now versus bringing more water to us. If they are going to bring more water to us they are going to pay for it period. Councilman Erdei asked our storm pipes along those roads, what are those 2 foot or 18 inches or are they bigger? Mayor Bring answered some of them are bigger, some of them are 36 inch but I couldn't tell you what they all are. But again there is a lot of volume of water running off that way and like I said we have to take care of what we have in our own city first. So I don't want any more coming this way. That is exactly what Avon Lake is arguing about right now. You got more developments and when you get more developments instead of farm lands going into ditches it is running off and coming in faster and they can't handle it. That is exactly what we had a meeting about over a year ago and everybody sat down and discussed this. That was one of the things that we discussed. That is something since you brought it up that after the first of the year here we are going to start the storm water utility group back up here again and start having discussions on that and bringing that back on board. We have to get a couple of board members back on and start actively looking into that more, the EPA requires some of these. There is papers that you have to fill out and all kinds of other things and that needs to be taken care of so I think we are going to actively bring that back. We will discussing that more towards the end of the year. Councilman Wtulich asked on that Sheffield Road ditch, any kind of game plan on trying to get that cleaned out? Mayor Bring answered again everything is all due to lack of manpower right now. We had those two young kids that were here for the summer and they are gone. We got two more out with injuries, the only thing I can say is once these meters get in it will free up about 9 days out of the month that these guys read meters plus doing other things. So that 9 days is going to free up those guys to start doing more of that kind of stuff. West Shore somebody complained about that with that ditch over there and it is the same thing, we can't get in there to get it cleaned out. We have already got where we told people we were going to do other projects and that is what we are kind of working on right now. That is probably 3 or 4 months behind, we want to get caught up with all these things before we start jumping around here. If something happens where it starts to flood or whatever then we will jump on it. Councilman Wtulich stated it seems like a big project to clean that ditch out. Mayor Bring stated I had them start Walker Road a month ago and he has got about half way, very time consuming.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shoemaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye – discussed above.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Rosso stated Kerry gave me a call telling me he couldn't make it tonight but he mentioned a resident Diane Cromwell who lives at 881 Maple Avenue which I think is the end and then behind is where we put the bike path and she was stating that now there is a lot more kids hanging out back there and she was wondering if they could put a street light in at the end of Maple to light that walkway so those kids can't just be hanging out in the dark. It has been forever since someone has come up and asked for a street light but isn't if we just call Ohio Edison and they put it in? Councilman Smith stated yes we have the money in the street lighting account. Mayor Bring advised the thing is it takes them forever. President Rosso stated I told Kerry that, Diane had told him and I don't know if she talked to someone or what. I told him if we can call tomorrow, it will be a while before they get out there to put a pole in. Mayor Bring stated I will drive down there and take a look at it. The thing of it is I don't want to stick a light up there and everybody complaining because there is a light on all the time because we have that too.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,  
\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:23 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.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

*Kay Fantauzzi*

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

*Mark Cizl*

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Rick Rosso*

*and/or*

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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 September 1, 2015.