

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
February 1, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, February 1, 2016. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Cizl, Rosso, Mayor Bring, Kovach, Smith, Erdei, Wtulich, Gee,
Superintendent Hastings

Absent: Stark (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Park Board Gee

*Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Hastings reported the Devonshire project is still moving along. We have put it out for public comment for 30 days and that is via the web and specific mailings to the affected residents which is a requirement through the program allowing them to review everything as well as comment. I am still working on the total loan program which includes all of the facilities data and environmental review which is kind of lengthy but moving along well. The water meters we have started on our final phase of installation which is Lake Road and that is moving along well with the favorable weather here. The only other thing I would report is the Mayor had instructed me to start Belle, Brockley, Knickerbocker, Holl ditching with the big cranes to remove that and the city has since followed up with removal along the box culverts themselves last week. We continue to do interior ditching with this nice weather. Chairman Cizl asked do we have any issues with the ditch on Belle, Brockley that you are talking about that we start clearing out because I know at one point obviously the city doesn't own that land. Have we had any issues, questions with getting permissions to get into that area? Superintendent Hastings answered our ordinance allows for us to enter the property for the maintenance of a major waterway which the city actually mailed out a flyer in that situation as well to all the affected property owners so they would realize why we were there and what we were doing. Most of them were very receptive to it but to your point although we have the easement waterway it is privately owned in most situations. Councilman Erdei asked have you decided on how you are going to go about putting that new pipe in, are you going to excavate on the top and dig all the way down or you were talking about a machine that will go through and blow up the

existing pipe? Superintendent Hastings answered yes there is pipe bursting and CIPP which is lining the pipe on the inside. Admittedly that will play heavily on the environmental review for the 750 feet that is in the woods right now because that is always subject to wetlands or endangered species even though it is a small parcel the city has to follow those rules. Those rules will actually dictate what we can do at least in that 750 feet but the rest of it is yet to be determined, the engineer is helping us put numbers together. Councilman Erdei asked then you got that other pump running over there on Devonshire, you said you have the parts and everything?

Superintendent Hastings answered it think I explained it before we installed that pump we discovered another pipe that was compromised, those pieces unfortunately were scattered in Texas and I forgot the other state so we were delayed on getting those but I expect them soon. We have a representative tomorrow coming from Godwin Pumps. I am researching like a contingency plan of having another pump on hand and putting a bypass in there which should be in place to really have several means of contingency during this process. Chairman Cizl advised due to the Flint situation all the people seem to be obviously very open-eyed about water quality. I know we get our water from either Lorain or Avon Lake. Being with an old infrastructure that all of us are experiencing all over the country really, I heard something that to avoid any kind of lead issues that most of the cities that process the water they actually put something in the water that seals the pipes. I am not sure that you are aware of that so if there is any toxins coming from the joints or whatever else. I don't know anything about it I was just listening to it and I thought that is interesting I never thought about that. It is just something they automatically add to the water that does coat pipes. Superintendent Hastings stated you are referring to a treatment which obviously we are not a part of and that we purchase it. I can tell you that the city being a distribution system does send out again to the flyers a CCR, consumer confidence report and that lists all of the lab tests, all of the requirements and all the additives that you referred to and we have them available today of course but they are always mailed. Internally the city is required by the EPA to test for lead at various properties of which of course we comply with and haven't any cause for concern. To your point we just had a call today where a resident was concerned about an odor and you know I have seen on the news about lead. So we did our due diligence and sampled the water and sent it off to a lab just as a precaution, I mean I wouldn't do that to everything but certainly given the media coverage we are being pro-active. We test water every day but the chemicals that you are referring to are handled at treatment and we don't do that, we are looking for disinfectants and chlorine and that kind of thing – turbidity. Councilman Erdei asked did you ever find out the cause of why our water pressure was going up and down, especially Sunday I noticed it was kind of. Superintendent Hastings answered I have actually reached out to Todd Danielson who is the Executive Chief Director of Utility because it bridges both of plant operations and the maintenance of the system so you have got a couple

of Department Heads in there. Basically we have narrowed it down to where it is coming in at Walker Road through pressure meters that we have. They have indicated they have had water breaks in and around that area that may have caused it which I am not entirely convinced about yet. But they too now have installed pressure meters on both sides of that valve and then we have two of them now installed here. So we are still working to isolate it I don't have a clear answer, it is very much an anomaly of why it is happening. But I think we have it narrowed down to the Walker Road valve and we do have an option of shutting that down and bringing on Lorain. I would talk with Tom our operator of record and the Mayor and I will certainly pursue that if it becomes an issue. The whole idea for the city is that we don't let it go below a dangerous operating temperature. So although it is inconvenient it has never been cause for health concerns.

Mayor Bring advised on the Devonshire pumps over there we have had a little bit of a problem with the pump blowing a fuse. So I think we are going to end up monitoring that 7 days a week now just in case. Specifically over the weekend if that breaker goes off and there is nobody monitoring that we could have an issue especially if it rained. I think Pat and I were talking about it today, we are going to have somebody on that 7 days a week just to make sure everything the way it is supposed to over there. In getting back to the water quality and stuff, everybody has to realize that that is parts per billion. So what they did over there in Flint Michigan is they improperly treated the water coming out of that river. With ours coming out of the lake like that we are in pretty good shape. In retrospect of that too as this year goes on I would like to put some kind of a letter out there stating the lake is very important to all of us around here. So dumping the salt on the roads and doing some of the other things that we do with fertilizers and that, that is all stuff that has to be addressed here not only by municipalities but by federal government and the state to realize that somewhere down the line here something has to be changed a little bit. We are all worried about lead but there is a lot of other things that go into that lake that we have to worry about too. I would hope that someday instead of us giving money away to everybody else in the world that maybe we start looking at our own infrastructure through federal government and everything else because it is going to be a dangerous situation sometime and it has to be addressed. So I think that although we are a small city I think that we should speak up about this and I think everybody else would start speaking up about this too. So it is just something that has been in the back of my mind. Also with the water meters, readings and things we are still having a little bit of a problem as far as reading that right now the software isn't in place so it has been a little bit of problematic problem. Lisa has been working on that with one of the girls over at Neco so we have been going back and forth with that a little bit. Now this is going to happen until we actually get everything in place here. We have got that new tower up, we will end up putting the readers on that and then whatever else they are going to do with the water tower and possibly put on Erie Shore Landings which is

now the Perch on the Lake. So there is still going to be a little bit of that we have to muddle through and get to that. I think by next month Pat and I are probably going to have a road list for you guys for this year's paving. We are going to see if we can't get that together and again that will be just put out there but does not mean it will be 100%. That ditch cleaning we will continue and we are going to do some other things over there too. We have been pretty fortunate with this weather that we are getting a lot more done than normal for this time of year. One other thing, we had one resident call about the refuse that some of the other cities are offering senior citizens for \$1.00. Superintendent Hastings advised it is different throughout the communities. Mayor Bring added anyway she was asking because she had inquired about municipalities and senior citizens getting a dollar off their refuse but the contract was bid out for that. If anybody ask that question or it comes up I think it is going to stay just the way it is. She was kind of adamant about getting her dollar discount but it is not in our city. Superintendent Hastings stated the discount is basically realized if Republic bills directly to the resident where in our case we negotiate for everybody to get the best rate. Chairman Cizl stated with reading the paper about the state route's funding, I think it was 83. How does that reflect Sheffield Lake with Abbe Road, how does that funding work from the state or is there funding from the state since the state route goes through the city? Superintendent Hastings answered the State of Ohio through ODOT originally approached the city about 5 years ago for what is called an Urban Paving Program where they cover essentially 80% and the city 20%. At the time as you know we were going through some financial constraints so the Mayor chose to wait because the match was substantial. As time went on the road fell out of the classification of Urban paving and is now being looked at as a total rehab which includes curbs and full depth repair for upwards of 1.2 million dollars. So we have reached out to the county through the Transportation Improvement District of which the Mayor sent me to a meeting with them (County Commissioners). We reached out to Ohio Public Works which would be a grant and a loan and then we have also entered into NOACA who would provide even more funding. So the short answer is that you have to navigate all of these entities together to get these necessary funds. You know Sheffield Lake would probably have to realize \$250,000.00 in loans on a 1.2 million dollar project but the city still has to be able to bring all these groups together to fund it. So the state really is laying the burden on us, not so much to necessarily fund the entire thing but coordinate all the agencies together and then you are in competition with other city to get there. Mayor Bring stated they are debating about 2017? Superintendent Hastings confirmed 2018 which construction starts in 2017. Chairman Cizl stated I was just curious because our priorities, Abbe Road probably isn't one of those top priorities because of everything else that we are dealing with. Superintendent Hastings stated we have been actually working very diligently as of the last month because you have to get on a planning schedule several years in advance is really the name of the game. So our biggest obstacle now is

getting NOACA's agenda. Mayor Bring concurred if you don't stay up with NOACA and everything else they kind of cast you aside so you have to regroup there and get back on there but the problem is sometimes you get penalized for not having the funds and if you don't have the funds you can't do anything so it is kind of a catch 22. Did we have \$400,000.00 or \$300,000.00 back then – no we couldn't do it and that was the problem. We were struggling just to maintain our necessities. In retrospect in looking back on it I guess we should have been still involved but I don't know, it was a tough one. Councilperson Gee asked have you looked anymore into the base rate and what we are going to do with the homes that are empty? Superintendent Hastings answered they are being charged as is designed by the ordinance effective this billing.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Ralph Huffman, 735 Roberts St., stated wanted to find out about the ditches which you did cover some but our premises right there on Roberts Street. I wanted to find out where it is at on the agenda, if it is going to be addressed sometime soon. I have experienced a lot of flooding in my yard because it doesn't drain down because the ditch is just filled up and got houses down the street with blocked driveways aprons and it is causing a problem there. I know they did the road at the other end, the 800 or 900 block but not the 700 block and that was all that area. Also one other item is I do have the Dave's Vacuum Shop down here and when we get them heavy rains in the summer that whole area does flood up. It floods to where you don't want to open up because we can't get in there and that road is tore up right very bad. They did try to patch some of it but it hasn't been touched to where it needs to. I don't know if it was the problem with the Dollar Store wanting to go in there and they are holding off on that. But I have talked to people before years ago but haven't been constantly on it. I would like to know if we are going to be doing some addressing in that area, both areas. Mayor Bring answered actually Roberts Street is probably going to be done either this year or next year for sure. The problem over there where the Vacuum Store is we have to dig another pipe but the other issue is Dollar General is going to go in. They notified us last week that in 6 to 8 weeks they are going to start proceeding forward. So if they do go in and start digging everything all up over there we are going to have to look at the plans and find out exactly where that is getting tapped into. So that area will get addressed either by them, us or whatever. We have to get together and figure out how much money we are going to have. President Rosso stated isn't there some portion of water retention on the Dollar General store plans, so it is not it is just going to try and go into ours. So the water has been addressed to

some degree over there. Now on Roberts Street, the ditches over there – ultimately that is the home owners responsibility to keep those ditches clean. Mayor Bring stated we have been trying to get some of this dug up and get this water moving out of here so nobody floods. We have been doing that on several other streets too. Mr. Huffman stated well the ditch itself is not the biggest problem because I have gone down there a couple of different times with my sons and other neighbors and we have cleaned the ditch but it is underneath the driveways. Mayor Bring advised we are going to jet those out. President Rosso stated again isn't that the homeowner responsibility to keep that clean? Mayor Bring advised they do as far as removing the leaves and stuff like that but probably are going to re-dig to make the water flow a little bit better. We just did it on Community, on Walker Road. President Rosso stated we do it a lot of places and every place I am going to say the same thing it is not the city's responsibility and we are spending money that we shouldn't be spending instead of enforcing people to maintain their property. Mayor Bring stated just like I said before if people's residents are flooding and they are coming down here and filling this place up and being angry and we are not doing anything about it, we do have a responsibility. President Rosso stated I am angry that my house isn't going to get painted so will you come paint my house. I know what you are doing but I am just making my statement. Councilperson Gee stated I know north of you there has been some clogging issues for quite a few years now and it seems to backwash towards him and the other residents there. It was brought up numerous times through the years and that property – part of it nothing is there. North of you because you are the middle of the 700 block, the other side of the corner from you there has been issues for quite a few years. Mr. Huffman stated I know McCullough did have some issues there and they cleaned up some stuff there. Mine is good but the other 2 drives down from me are blocked up and it does build up there. I don't know if it is going to run through all the way because it is not going all the way down.

Janet Kalata, 909 Devonshire stated I live on Devonshire with the new sewer project and everybody it seems on the street has their blue & green flags on the grass, we actually have green spray paint on our driveway and I am just kind of concerned if our driveway is going to be dug up as I am assuming that means the sewer from our house to the street. Superintendent Hastings answered not necessarily, it is really imaging if you will for what is there currently. There is 2 sewers there, one from your house that is dedicated to move in the sewage of Devonshire back to a pump station and then there is another pipe that we are focusing on replacement that goes to treatment. What block are you? Mrs. Kalata answered from Forestlawn to the railroad tracks. Superintendent Hastings continued no the spray isn't indicative of where we are digging. You will see a lot of surveying starting this week where there will be actual flag surveys of the proposed excavation and you can feel free to call me and I can explain what the codes mean if you will. Mrs. Kalata stated second question is our water meter is actually on the public sidewalk and we got the new electronic

meter put in there. How durable are those for like if you are running a snow blower or kids playing with them? Superintendent Hastings answered pretty durable they are used all over the country. Through the research they have stood up to that kind of abuse.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:28 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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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 1, 2016.

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

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