

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
March 7, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, March 7, 2016. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Absent: President Rosso, Superintendent Hastings (excused)

Attending: Park Board Gee

*Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: *Mayor Bring* advised the meter guys came back today. We had some of the meters for the water, some of them were installed incorrectly so we are getting those fixed right now. Some of them were installed backwards for whatever reason so we got a reading of 99999 so we knew that was wrong. So they are fixing that and they had them out today, we have got about 100 and some more to go and we are out of them. So we have to reorder those and we were just trying to get a final figure for that. Weather permitting they are going to start putting the readers on the cell towers, we are going to put one up here for this building and put one on the water tower and also Perch on Lake (formerly Lakeside 10). This should all be taken care of within the next month and should be up and running. Things have been going pretty smooth with that, a few little hiccups and had a couple of complaints only because we knew this was going to happen but a few of the meters that were installed a long time ago are running a little slow and now they are running a little faster. There was a couple of people that did have an increase in their water usage and it is only because it is being read accurately now. So we had a few of them call down but overall everybody seems to be pretty happy with everything.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shoemaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye – **Mayor Bring** advised I think you have seen the guys out doing a lot of that and they will continue that process. We have had some heavier rains and some of the areas where it was collecting water with the ditches being cleaned, it has seemed to have cleared up that problem. We have got a lot to go yet and we will be doing that periodically throughout the summer. Some of the bigger projects over by Buckeye

and that area, that ditch is completely overgrown so we are going to actively get in there and start cleaning all that out and get it moving a little bit better. We will go back over by Belle and Brockley and start cleaning that again too, underneath the bridge to make sure that water flows underneath there. Pat and I have been talking right now the water tower there is no water in that and the longer that sits that is becoming a problem. We are going to have somebody probably come out and take a look at that, either possibly raise it or maybe not even have a water tower. With everything that is going on with Avon and Avon Lake, they have increased their capabilities of storing water so we don't know if we are going to necessarily have to have a water tower. In the next few months we will figure out what we are going to do and come back to you guys and see what you think. We continue to work on the problem with the Devonshire Pump Station that is still going through engineering and everything else. The EPA is giving us a little bit of hard time going through the woods, so we are still working with all that which has just been on-going. So that project will be continuing through most of the spring/summer. We will probably get most of that done by June or July, most of it. We had the Fire Department do a lot of hydrant testing last year and we found some hydrants that weren't working and we are going to fix those. We have had numerous water breaks, not anything major. We are going to have a gentleman come out and he is going to go through the whole city. He has got the capabilities of testing to find out if there is any water leaks under the ground. It is about \$7000.00 which I think is well worth it and we have been talking about this for the last few years about finding out money in and money going out as far as the water. We can never figure out accurately what was going on and we have methodically have been going along as far as doing the meters, this is the next thing to do. We went to Avon Lake and tried to get the water coming into there and making sure that was calibrated right. We had some low water pressures with them and we have been working on that too. This gentleman going throughout the city should find where we have some problems coming in, even though sometimes the water comes up and you see it in the road and you will see it puddling. Sometimes where these break there is actually a drain next to it, the water is actually going down the drain. So it never gets detected and we know it is happening but we just don't where, we have a couple of ideas of where they are at but we want to make sure. I think this will help us out and I think that money would be well worth spending. So when he gets done doing that we are going to go out and fix all the leaks that he finds. I think in the next few months we will be very close to figuring out exactly what is going on with the water bills and stuff like that. Our water bill has actually increased and we don't know why. If we don't do it internally first, we can't go to Avon Lake or Lorain and hey by the way what is going on. So we have to do this internally first and figure it out. We have been pretty active as far as following up with all that stuff and getting this going. Councilman Erdei asked those are the main lines that are getting tested? Mayor Bring answered right. Also we are doing lead testing and stuff throughout, if

we find any of that we are required by the EPA to eliminate that and take that out. So any time any of that breaks. There has been a big uproar about all that and we do have a couple lines that are basically connections with some lead on them. Any time that those break we fix those immediately and eliminate that. We do test the water every day so it is very clean. Councilperson Gee stated with the issues that we have been having with Avon Lake lately, in the news the other day it was talking about Westlake considering using Avon Lake for their water supply. How is that going to affect us? Mayor Bring answered I don't think it is going to affect us at all, there is a big pump over there by Walker Road and it is calibrated on how it brings it in and how it brings it out. We have been actively watching that very carefully and Mr. Hastings had a meeting with Mr. Danielson over there runs everything in the Water Department. They are aware of what is going on and we have told them about the drops in the pressure and there is actually right inside the Water Department, there is a gauge right in there and you can watch it and it seems like every 8 days it was actually doing that. So the guys have actually got it down to "okay it is going to happen right here" and it starts doing that because they were saying we had a valve off or we had something off, it wasn't even anything to do with us. But still we can't quite figure it out but we contacted them, it dropped just slightly the day but nothing to what it was. So whatever was happening I think is going away, we are trying to find out why. Just because it went away we want to know why it happened and where and what caused it, so that is what we are trying to figure out. But I don't think it is our end. Councilman Erdei asked do you have an update on or any idea on what roads you are going to be doing or is that a little too early in the winter? Mayor Bring answered no we have a list together that we are going to bring to you and I will probably do it during Council, we will go over it. I gave my 2 cents and Mr. Hastings has put his in but because we put a road list out we still have to have it bid out because we got X amount of money. Some of the roads that we are looking at doing won't get done but we are going to see how far we can stretch the money but we do have a good idea. Councilman Erdei stated then Devonshire won't get done until we figure out what is going to go on with the pump station. Mayor Bring stated if you look at Lorain and I hate to keep picking on Lorain but they redid Oberlin Avenue completely and then they ended up tearing that whole thing out again. We can't afford to do something like that, we have to be careful. I mean things happen but we are trying to plan out not only for this year but for 2017 and 2018, this is what we have been trying to do lately. We have to turn things in for the EPA and they want to see what the future is going to be for here. We have never had it before – ever from anybody. So we are trying to figure this all out and now we are doing graphs, I am not doing but Pat is doing them. We are doing graphs and seeing where the money is coming in and that is why we have to figure out exactly what is coming in as far as money and where is it going. That is why we are trying to do all this stuff. That way if we go for a grant or do something, we can show them this is what we got coming in

and this is what we got going out. So this is what we have been doing but at least now we have some type of a plan which we have never had before. Chairman Cizl stated you mentioned that the water meters – we have like 100 more to do? Mayor Bring answered those are all on Lake Road. Chairman Cizl advised we got an estimate on ours on Lakewood Beach and I was going to ask when we are going to be going on line? Also you said that some people have noticed that their water bills are a little higher? Mayor Bring answered not too many, there wasn't too many just a couple. Some of those meters were put in 40 years ago and they just weren't running very fast. Chairman Cizl stated ours is estimated and we have a meter in so we are not on line yet then right? Mayor Bring answered no they have been going out and reading them. All the information on these towers and stuff, they are going to have these readers coming in and everything goes right to the Water Department. That is what is going to eventually going to happen. Right now there is a guy coming out and he is going out in a truck and goes out and reads them. They bring in a handheld reader and he does the whole city in about 4 hours. Chairman Cizl stated I was just wondering because we are obviously going to eliminate the estimates at some point. He continued you mentioned the water tower, if we take that down obviously isn't there an antenna up there that you are going to be using for the water meters. Mayor Bring answered there is actually 3 or 4. The problem is that like anything else it is metal and there is moisture and condensation in there. It is one thing to keep it filled up but if you don't do that then it starts to corrode so we have to be careful, we have to make our mind up on what we are going to do with that thing. But right now it is too low to put water in it to get enough pressure to do anything with it. It either has to go up I think 12 feet or come down completely. The last thing we want to do, it might fall in the next 5 years but it may fall in 10, 12 or 14 years. We just have to figure out what we are going to do. Chairman Cizl stated they installed those when we were kids to increase the pressure I think I remember and we don't have that issue anymore. Councilman Smith asked you said you got about 100 left to put in? Mayor Bring answered roughly. Councilman Smith asked did they put them in today? Mayor Bring answered no they were out fixing the ones that were installed incorrectly. Councilman Smith asked that is what was on Lake Road? Mayor Bring answered actually mine hasn't been done, it is the other end of Lake Road. We have to order those. Councilman Smith stated I was wondering because my hasn't been done either and my Mother-in-laws hasn't been done on Kenilworth. Mayor Bring stated there is some that they forgot and that is what they are doing, they are going back now checking everything. Councilman Smith stated just wondering, you said they were out on Lake Road and I was like mine wasn't done and my Mother-in-laws wasn't done. Mayor Bring advised that is what we are finding out too because I just asked Shannon today because they were back and I said what are you guys doing and he said we forgot a couple. He said we are going back through the list trying to figure out where they were at and who did this. Councilman Smith stated well they will

know easily for the ones don't read. Mayor Bring answered yes but it is not that easy, you would think it would be real easy but it is not because there was a lot of them that were shut off this and that so now we are getting all this information back. The girls have to go back and physically check at everything and look at all this stuff.

Councilman Smith stated say they don't put one in mine, I'm not going to get a water bill then right? Mayor Bring answered probably not. Councilman Smith stated somebody would catch that. Mayor Bring advised like I said the girls just have to go back and physically check everything and then once this all gets in there we should be alright. I don't know why they did that, you know that is 3000 some meters.

Chairman Cizl stated how do you know, on the corner of Lake Road and Lakewood Beach if there is a sink hole – there is a dip in the pavement? When they a couple of years ago, the dip it still there and they filled it in and it seems to be sinking. I'm just wondering and I assume Pat, that you guys are aware of that but I am just wondering could that be a sink hole. Mayor Bring advised what happens is sometimes some of those pipes break and they just keeps filling in and they need to fix the pipe so that is actually why the ground would get sucked right into that stuff. Chairman Cizl stated it is right in the middle of the road, it is right at Lake Road and I am just thinking should probably use that pipe there. Mayor Bring stated I think they camera'd that one and they did find a break, I will have to ask them. There was about 2 or 3 that were on Lake Road that they fixed but I don't recall them fixing that one. Chairman Cizl stated I saw some blacktop filled in because it was dipping and obviously it is still there. My concern was a sinkhole.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:19 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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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Mark Cizl

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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 March 7, 2016.