

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
July 11, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, July 11, 2016. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Absent: President Rosso, Stark (excused)

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the June 6, 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 you have probably noticed that you didn't get your water bill, nobody has received their water bill. CMI sends the water bills out and now they have hired a company called REMES and REMES has dropped the ball and didn't get them done. So we are going to drop the ball on REMES and we are going to go to somebody else. We have finally started to get everything together here, we can't keep these kind of things and it is very frustrating. The girls over there take all the brunt of this, we are going to extend the time period for a week so you don't get a penalty. I am sure there is people that are going to be calling but it is what it is. We are just as upset about it as everybody else. We are going to look at seeing if we can get somebody else to take care of that. Councilman Kovach asked are they in the process of getting the bills out now? Mayor Bring answered yes, CMI is the one that records everything but then like I said they hired a company to print everything. They should be coming out tomorrow or the next day. So we are going to extend that period for about a week. Councilman Smith asked are we going to try to get away from CMI or just? Mayor Bring answered no CMI is still going to the same, we are just going to get somebody else to print them. Councilman Smith clarified so they are going to get somebody else to do it. Mayor Bring answered correct. Councilman Erdei asked if we delay will that be on the billing itself so people will see it? Mayor Bring answered no they are calling and we are letting them know. He continued we finally got the okay for the Devonshire project and they finalized that and we put that out to bid. Hopefully we will start getting some bids back from that so we can get that project going. Pat met with Griffith Paving the other day to finalize the road projects and that is going to be late August I believe or sometime in August hopefully before the school bus's get running again. We deleted the Robinwood project because we did get a grant for that so that

will be a separate project and that was \$150,000.00 for that to pave Robinwood and take care of all that. We had a couple of complaints on a couple of different roads with the heat that we have had and the tar is bubbling up and that is from the old chip and seal and people are dragging it into their driveways. The only way we can combat that is to put some aggregate on it, I don't if people are going to be happy about it but that is what we are going to try/some screening or something like that to cut down on that tar coming up. The tar comes up through that this time of year it starts to bubble and they run over it with their tires and when they pull in their driveways and the tar is on there. Chairman Cizl asked is it the tar that we are doing to seal the cracks or is it just tar from the roads? Mayor Bring answered this is from a long time ago. He continued not only have we done a very good job of finding all of the water leaks and tightening all these things up but we have had 6 or 7 water breaks. What is happening is that now that the system doesn't have reliefs, it is actually breaking where there is weak spots because the system is so tight. So in turn we have had numerous smaller water leaks but we did have a water leak the other day that blew up this lady's driveway completely so we are going to have to replace that. It came up underneath and went right up in the middle of her driveway and the whole driveway came up. So there is good and bad with tightening up everything but this kind of caught us a little bit off guard. It just shows you how bad our piping is underneath the infrastructure so again we are going to have to start looking at all this. In turn, part of the reason we think is because it has been a little dry and the ground does move when it is dry. So we think that might be part of the problem but I think most of the problem is the fact that the system is too tight right now. The crack sealing, obviously we have all seen that, that is going sort of slowly but we have been doing other projects but we did have some pretty good comments on that. I did have a couple of people that are familiar with the crack sealing and they said that it extends the life of the road dramatically. Hopefully we get good use out of what we are doing here. Everybody we have talked to said this is the way to go. If you look at the City of Bay Village I think they have paved Lake Road about 3 years ago and they have already crack sealed it. I have been driving around kind of paying more attention to it since we have done this and all the cities are now doing this stuff. The machine is working fairly well, we have had a few hiccups with that where it has kind of broke down and we had to have the guys come out and repair it again. This is not our machine this is what they are basically allowing us to use this during this process. It is going quite well and that stuff dries almost instantly as soon as they put it on, when people drive over it there is no issues with it. The water meters are just about all done as far as installation. Alan did you get yours finally because I just finally got mine the other day? Councilman Smith stated mine has been in for 2 weeks. Mayor Bring stated mine just got in last week but I think they are finishing up, there is a few; Boardwalk and Park Place apartments down there. We had no contact person for that, we finally got a contact person where we had to call California and Texas and finally we got a

hold of somebody to allow us into that. So we finally changed out the meter on that. I think we got 2 or 3 other commercial properties and we should be set with that and then we will finalize the rest of those. After that we should be good to go and it is just a matter of a little bit more training. They're computer at NICO where the site is all set up has been down for about a week too so we have been unable to pull up some of the water bills. Somebody came in, and I explained to you how happy I was because everybody can come in and look at that well it has been down for about a week. So hopefully that will get corrected to. This is a brand new system that they did and they are trying to work out the bugs too. It is working very well and hopefully by the end of this last billing here this month everything should be really good. It has been quite a process and this last billing people were very patient and it went pretty well. Hopefully although the water bills are going to be late this time but it should go pretty well. Councilperson Gee asked are they still sometimes adding a 3rd and 4th digit on the reading of the meters or did they work that out? Mayor Bring answered we have got some cross verifications on some of the meters, we have had a few problems with that. Once in a while that digit does happen but Lisa now knows what it is and she can correct it right on the computer. So we know what the problem is and there are a couple of them throughout the city that have been switched for whatever reason, it is not reading but it is how the water meter is set. That is what Shannon has been doing but unfortunately he is off for a week here. When he comes back the rest of those should get corrected too. Councilperson Gee asked has there been any work done on Forestlawn Ditch yet? Mayor Bring answered no. Councilperson Gee stated the lady on Lafayette with the stones in the ditch has that been taken care of yet? Mayor Bring answered she has been notified and she was asked to remove those and she has not. So when we get ready to do that we are going to go down and take those out. Councilman Erdei stated this pertains to the shopping center, that road behind it. Are there any plans on getting that mess straightened out? I know it comes out of the shopping center. Mayor Bring stated we are going to lose Dollar General here so I am being very careful on how we spend our money here, that is about \$80,000.00 and right now I don't want to spend \$80,000.00 on a bumpy road when you can go around the other way. We are going to patch it but again hopefully we will get that unit filled up pretty quick but we will have to see how it goes. Like I say we are being very careful on how we spend the Shoreway money right now. Councilman Wtulich asked we got an email today about Abbe Road, Lake Breeze and Harris, do you have an update is there a grant put in or did we apply for a grant for that work? Mayor Bring answered yes Pat has been working with the ODNR with those projects. So we are trying to look at and it will be 2018 probably. Now I think 2017 for 301/Abbe probably is when that is going to get done but the other ones will be about 2018. If we get everything, we have got it down to \$500,000 to \$600,000.00 and we are trying to get it knocked down even more for throughout 301 over there. They were asking us to pay 1.2 million and they were going to give us \$85,000.00 but Pat has actually had

several meetings with them and we had the engineering and there was a lady that worked for Bramhall Engineering that was part of the ODOT. They have been working together with that so that should be alright. Councilman Erdei stated on the Devonshire project there were like 3 phases you could pick on how you are going to do that, are you going to wait on the actual bid coming in before you decide which route you are going to go? Mayor Bring answered correct. I will tell you that the EPA was giving us a hard time when we talked about all the paperwork and everything, part of the problem they were saying about these warblers and bats. We shook our heads too but then we talked to a couple of residents back there and there are a tremendous amount of bats back there. So it was legitimate so I am glad to hear that because it wasn't just for not, they truly do have these bats back there and they are trying to protect them. So I guess we did a good thing. Chairman Cizl asked from a month you mentioned that I reported on and I meant to ask you, the Avon Lake water now that we have the meters we have a lot more accuracy coming in from Avon Lake. I wanted to follow up how that progress, I guess I don't quite understand how are meters reflect whether we are using less water or what? Mayor Bring advised actually why we are using less water is because we had on-going leaks but we didn't know that. We were trying to figure what was going on and why we are losing pressure and this and that and this was going on for a couple years back and forth. We looked into a number of things and we thought with Avon Lake there is some pumps at the east-end of the town here we thought when they changed those out that they weren't calibrated right. So we went through this whole process of looking at all that stuff, they actually took them out and recalibrated them and checked it and they said the accuracy was right on. So then we knew we had other problems and like I said this is a long period of time, so as we were going along we changed the water meters and started changing them and then I told you we hired that gentleman to find those water leaks. Well when we changed the water meters that relieved some of the guys free time instead of going out and checking and reading meters they have more time to go around. As the guys were going around and doing other stuff they heard water running in one of the places over there off of Elm and in realizing that that was one of the largest leaks we have ever had, it was \$18,000.00 a month. So that is where that happened and what I am talking about saving money with the water meters, yes some of the meters are more accurate with that because some of them are running very slowly but the big part is all the leaks that we had which is where we are saving all the money from. So the guys have more free time to do their jobs and going around and fixing things versus just reading meters. Chairman Cizl stated so when we had those leaks, they were leaks that wasn't effecting the bills of the residents? Mayor Bring answered no it was effecting us even theoretically the residents are still paying because we are all paying for it. Again in working with Avon Lake and Avon Lake was very good to us and we were talking about switching water and trying to something else just to find out if it was them but then we found that and immediately

the pressure because we have a gage over there in the Service Department and it shows what the water pressure is and immediately the pressure started going back up. So we knew that that was the problem and then we found 7 more leaks and so that is what happened. Councilman Erdei stated one more question on that gentleman that did check our whole city with that device and he only charged \$7000.00. Now is it easier just to have him come back and do the city or spend the money to get that device he actually used and have our manpower do it. Mayor Bring answered we did look into that and everything else, there is some training that goes with it. With everything that has been going on right now we haven't really discussed what route we are going to go with but I think next year we may have him come back and just do it and then we will look into it because you have the device you got to know how to do it. Apparently there is a couple of months' worth of training on that and actually the unit wasn't as expensive as I thought it was. We may just go one more year and just by doing that we save a tremendous amount of money. Councilman Erdei stated he that at night time though didn't he? So we would have to have somebody working after hours to do that. Mayor Bring stated if you just do it a couple of nights I don't know how long he did it, it was 3 or 4 or 5 nights out of the week. That way there is no traffic and you want everything quiet when they are trying to listen to all that stuff. That guy did a really good job. Chairman Cizl asked was he local? Mayor Bring answered I don't even know to be honest with you.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shoemaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye – Mayor Bring advised the ditch cleaning and everything else is going – we are filling in in between guys. We had one of our guys, his Father passed away so he is going to be gone for probably a week. So we are a little short in one area. We still have been looking into things, Pat met with the engineers for that specifically. We did go looking at some other grants and some other things, so yes that is an on-going process. We do some maintenance up by the railroad tracks up there and we are going to do more as soon as we get caught up. There is just too many things right now going on. Hopefully here in another month things will start getting caught. I am being a little vague because there is like I said it just depends on what is going on. We had an open fire hydrant the other day that they opened it up to flush it and tried to shut it off and that was going because there was a bad valve in that and nobody said anything. So that ran for a week too. There has been quite a few little things to do.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:22 PM. Yeas All.

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Of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is
A true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Roads &
Drains Committee of July 11, 2016.