

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
October 3, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, October 3, 2016. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Cizl, President Rosso, Mayor Bring, Kovach, Smith, Erdei, Stark, Gee,
Superintendent Hastings
Attending: Park Board Gee
Absent: Wtulich (excused)

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:

4145 Knickerbocker Avenue, in the amount of \$109.82. Superintendent Hastings advised Councilman Erdei asked did our Service Department confirm it?

Superintendent Hastings answered yes, we did confirm it, the line under the sink was tapped to a hose bib outside and that is where the leak was and it wasn't going into the sewer. President Rosso asked, this is from almost 2 months ago, did they just submit it? Superintendent Hastings answered they just submitted it, yes. The first month he came in and he questioned the high bill and we produced some of the data from our new software and he insisted nothing was wrong. Other than the drip that he left his sink going for the cat which I said that would contribute greatly. He said well I quit that several months ago though. So then another month went by and he called us again and that is when we verified and helped him find it, he is an elderly gentleman. President Rosso stated so this is kind of covering a couple of months, not just one month's credit? Superintendent Hastings answered, I believe so, it is detailed in that report on the financial side which should show the dates. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to approve the sewer credit in the amount of \$109.82 for 4145 Knickerbocker Avenue. Yeas All.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Hastings reported just a few brief things this evening. I did intend to bring a detailed report for some of the water projects that we were discussing at last month's meeting. Since that meeting I have had some delays in meeting with RCAP which is the Rural Community Assistance Partnership who works with rural cities, but we also qualified because we have less than 10,000 people and they offer a multitude of services, some at no fee and some

for a fee. So I am still gathering the data to present to this committee, some projects that the Mayor had sent me to do. I just don't have all of that together, but I wanted to report that I am still working towards that goal. I did confirm at that last and Councilman Smith also checked and we confirmed together that Avon Lake was in phases so his reference to 1.2 million was a portion of that phase. At the same time, I double checked my figures, so we are all on the same page and from the engineer the water line on Lake Breeze for example did come in at \$420,250.00. So those projects would be put together with some suggestions for a funding source. Hopefully by next month I should have all of that. At the same time, we submitted a nomination for the water supply revolving loan account and that nomination was accepted, that is also for the same kind of work and a lot of this has to do with updating our maps and GIS. The water lines haven't had anything comprehensive since 1968, our maps and things are very old and we need to consider scanning them, updating them, digitalizing them – that kind of thing. This company, for example, RCAP which is not a company for profit comes in at about half the costs of traditional engineering. That nomination ultimately leads to a loan from the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) and in working with RCAP we might bypass the water supply if we can get favorable rates on our own with OWDA. Of course, all that would be with your consideration and permission, so those are the things that we are working towards the water. The Forestlawn Ditch, we are about half complete with that project, including, the Idlewood Ditch, which we regraded although it was only a couple of years old because all of those contribute to Belle, Brockley, Knickerbocker, Holl. So we are trying to open all that up and keep it open, I suspect that will be done by October. I just received in the mail today, a letter from NOACA supporting our application for the trail along US 6. That is for the grant which would run parallel to US 6 from the Covered Bridge to the Boat Launch and one of the criteria to get that grant is for your area wide coordinating agency to approve it which they did and we have that letter today. Chairman Cizl stated the one that you just referred to, the grant from the Boat Launch to the Covered Bridge is that the sidewalk that we were talking about previously. Superintendent Hastings answered yes. Chairman Cizl stated awesome and thank you for following up on that. Superintendent Hastings explained that is another step, all government agencies have to be aligned and that is why it takes so long. The only difference is which I reported is we resubmitted it from concrete to asphalt because they consider it a glorified sidewalk. If you go over by Midway Mall, it is essentially going to be very similar to that; very wide, asphalt, multi-use trail. So hopefully that is a good sign. Hopefully November or December we will have an answer. Chairman Cizl asked I assume it would stop and start because there is some sidewalk there. Superintendent Hastings answered no we would eliminate all of the sidewalk to have a solid trail everywhere because that is in our right of way. We had that preliminary engineering done. So it would still be within our right of way, we would still have to address the somewhat cumbersome bike lane that exists now and

then the super wide multi-use trail which I am sure there is examples of that across the state that we could review and get ideas from. Councilman Erdei asked now that would be running on the south side of Lake Road? Superintendent Hastings answered yes. Councilman Erdei asked did you ever think about having solar blinking yellow lights for a crosswalk? Superintendent Hastings answered yes, that is part of the grant \$18,500.00 in traffic signals alone. Councilman Erdei stated then about the street lights, Dennis you were talking about having lights like something by the Civic Center? Mayor Bring answered we discussed that, but that will be another phase completely and that will not be next year. Councilman Erdei asked how is the Devonshire project going? Superintendent Hastings answered very well, but the rain delayed us a little bit. They successfully pulled 395 feet of pipe and they have the bore pit now from 933 Devonshire to Forestlawn which will be the next pull. It is a fascinating operation, they blow that pipe up, put in a spacer that kind of separates it out and when they get to the end they grab the new and pull it back through. Other than the resident at 933 and 4 more bore pits it was really no damage to the properties which is very nice. Of course they will restore all of that, but it is going very well. They fuse it, they have a machine that heats it up to 545 degrees and then they fuse it together. President Rosso asked is that why they have the generator there.

Superintendent Hastings answered yes, it is all self-contained. The generator is for the pipe machine, the rods that go into the old force main. They did hit a water line Thursday, that was a downside. We were out there with our maps from 1942, kind of old and we identified the line and what we thought was abandoned because essentially those we believe, underneath that small gray house that they built over the last 20 years there at the end of Ferndale. Chairman Cizl stated it is essentially a trailer. Superintendent Hastings answered yes, so there is a line that goes from Dillewood to Devonshire which we thought was abandoned – it's not. But the water guys responded quickly and did a very good job. They have done a lot of good work lately. Mayor Bring advised also while they were doing that Pat discovered that there was a U in the pipe so they actually went down and did that. I think that was part of our problem as to why it was actually stressing everything all out so they corrected that too. Superintendent Hastings explained the water was always in the pipe for hundreds and hundreds of feet, which was a lot of water hammer so we are eliminating all of that. Councilman Erdei stated they hit the water line, are they going to compensate the city for doing the work to replace that. Superintendent Hastings answered we can, we have it all documented. I did call the engineer on that, we are in kind of a standby mode at this point. They did excavate for us, I might recover the costs of the clamp. At this point, admittedly we have everything documented so I am not quite sure, but I can as we have billed many situations, this year, a fire hydrant on Holl that got hit which was over \$5000.00 paid by insurance. We recently billed the Perch who we assisted on a water main break so if the city is there expending our money then we try to recover it. President Rosso asked didn't we tell them it was

okay to do that because we thought it was a vacated line? Superintendent Hastings answered yes, that is part of the problem. The line was AC (asbestos cement) so normally an operator when you go down you feel the pipe, a good operator feels that. With AC it is like touching a balloon, game over, no warning, nothing. If you hit it it is gone. Mayor Bring advised we did recover our money too from those people that ran the cable line, Pat did charge those people, we fought back and forth and we got all the money from that too right? Superintendent Hastings answered yes. President Rosso stated all those were people that didn't seek. Mayor Bring advised we never did that before, but we are starting to clamp down on all these people. President Rosso stated that is great and makes perfect sense, but this one we kind of said hey you guys are clear, go ahead. Oops, sorry I guess we were wrong, pay us money. Councilman Erdei stated, but that was a 1942 map. Mayor Bring stated nobody knew it was there. Superintendent Hastings advised they have rerouted the water lines a lot around the pump station through the years. The pump station itself has been added on in the 90's originally built. Chairman Cizl stated isn't that the old trolley bridge? Superintendent Hastings answered yes. Chairman Cizl stated I walked up there yesterday, that is the 800 block of Devonshire the pits that they put in. Doesn't it go farther west behind those houses in the woods area at some point? Superintendent Hastings answered a totally different force main does, that is the second force main put in in the 90's and that one is okay. The one that we are replacing was put in in '59. President Rosso stated what we are replacing obviously is Devonshire, that goes to the tracks and then in the woods goes to Lorain? Superintendent Hastings answered, correct. President Rosso stated that is what slowed it down because the EPA said that woods was wetlands. Chairman Cizl stated that is why I was trying to figure out where it cuts over because all the new houses at the south-end, the 900 block of Devonshire. President Rosso stated there is technically a street there that runs with the tracks and comes out on Root Road by the tracks, that is a paper road. The sewer runs down there. Chairman Cizl stated I was just trying to figure out where underground is from the ditch to the tracks. Superintendent Hastings advised it will be in the tree lawn next to the sidewalk in both the older and newer developments all the way through the woods to a manhole and then a sharp west.

OLD BUSINESS: *Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shumaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye* – discussed above. Chairman Cizl stated it is funny that you mentioned some ditches because we were looking at the map earlier because last month I am trying to figure out what the name of what ditches and where they are at. I figured out the Shumaker and Day Ditches and you mentioned some new ones - Forestlawn and Idlewood so I guess we have more ditches then just the 2.

Superintendent Hastings advised if you go down Oster Road and dead end into Harris that section of woods there is the Forestlawn Ditch and that goes all the way through Forestlawn to the same outfall as Belle, Brockley, Knickerbocker and Holl. So all of these tributaries make an impact to that. Councilman Erdei stated I brought this up

before and I don't know if it is impossible or not, but with all the storm sewer water from Sheffield Village in our city, there is no way that we can try and collect something from them or have them help pay for a bigger sewer coming through there. All that wooded area and that swamp land? Superintendent Hastings answered it is definitely an ongoing debate, it is tricky. Mayor Bring advised there are people that are aware of that and they are also talking about letting us have more money to take care of that problem without getting into the particulars, that is being thought of. Instead of going back and asking the Village, it is a snowball effect not only from the Village but everybody else too coming this way. There were suggestions that they were going to bring more water and I told them that absolutely wouldn't happen. We will monitor that and like I said the other part that we are looking at is possibly getting some more money to upgrade some of our systems. That is probably going to get into next year too. There are people that are aware of it so that is what we are going to take advantage of.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:21 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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

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 October 3, 2016.