

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
February 6, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, February 6, 2017. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

Attending: Park Board Gee

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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

*4920 Saddlewood Drive, in the amount of \$129.43* – Chairman Cizl read the request into the record. Mayor Bring explained it was a supply line going to the toilet, which broke and apparently that line had broken and it did a tremendous amount of damage inside of the house. They had to have a contractor come out and do drywall work and everything else. It did not go down the drains, but it did go throughout the house completely; carpeting, flooring, moldings, drywall, installation and several other things. So, that is what happened there. Some of the new supply lines are a flexible hose and some are the old aluminum lines and I think that is what it was that broke.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the sewer credit in the amount of \$129.43 for the residence of 4920 Saddlewood Drive. Yeas All.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: None.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shumaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye – None.*

President Rosso advised I was talking to Pat the other day about the discussion that came out of Buildings & Lands about the backhoe. What Pat and I talked about was and I know you referred it to Worksession but I asked Pat based on the fact that we discussed this last month in Roads & Drains and we had a rough idea of the cost. He did send me a breakdown of the cost and I have a copy for everyone. I had David write up the legislation and I added it to Tuesday's Council meeting. So, it will be considered there and if you want to pass it there that's fine and if not at least we are a reading ahead. It takes a month to get it built and as you will see in this paperwork and as we talked before it is just under \$47,000.00 to purchase it; the bucket and the

warranty and something called a lead beacon kit. Councilman Kovach informed that is the lights. President Rosso continued it is originally \$146,600.00. Councilman Kovach advised that price knocked down included the sell and we all saw this at Buildings & Lands. President Rosso concurred yes so that is knocking off the \$35,000.00 that they made from selling the old equipment that we talked about previously. I wanted everybody to know and Mark I know that you had sent it there, but I asked to at least get it on the agenda because we had all talked about it and it came in right around the number that they were hoping for. Councilman Erdei stated we just didn't want to get into any kind of trouble and the three of us figured that that would be the safest way to go was to send it to Worksession and if you wanted to correct us or do whatever you wanted. President Rosso stated the only thing and like I said we had talked about it and it was real close to this number that we talked about last month. Probably the correct way was to go through the Finance and make sure the money is there, but the money is there and what account it is coming from so Mayor I will ask you to make sure Tammy can answer that question on Tuesday. Mayor Bring advised that will be a 3-year buyout and we want to put it on a 3-year lease with interest rates that are next to nothing. President Rosso stated anyways with the meetings being later in the month and the fact that we really don't have a backhoe right now, well a good one if one at all. Mayor Bring answered we have the triple nickel, which is 30 some years old. President Rosso stated I wanted to mention it tonight, so everyone is on the same page, why I did it and what I was thinking. So, you guys can do what you want with it on Tuesday. Councilman Kovach advised we are comfortable with it. Councilperson Gee concurred.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Bring advised where the old Schunemann's was over there, we dug that up and put a new pipe in over there. Although normally everything runs north because of the lake, we had to run the water backwards over there because the pipes over there that did drain are blocked. We have tried jetting them and cleaning them out and none of that seemed to work. So, we back-flowed that water right in front of Schnemann's right in front of the vacuum repair shop, that used to always flood. I think we finally cured that problem, we dug that up and we have had the guys working on that for a little over a week now. So, that is going well.

Mayor Bring advised we will get a list for the roads for this year. Pat's truck has been working substantially better than the old one and it gives us an opportunity to go out there even in this kind of weather. We have been very fortunate that we have those cold days and then the warm days where we are able to patch and it has been working well. If you look at Lake Road this year, I think that the crack seal has held Lake Road together very well so we are pleased with that. We are probably going to do that on a couple of other streets, this upcoming summer season too. Other cities are doing it, I drove around as I drive around all over the place when I do my real job. So, everybody is doing that and it seems to be the way to go. Actually, I think we spent

well over a million dollars on Lake Road the last time we paved that. I know that we don't have a million dollars in our budget right now to spend on Lake Road. So, we got to keep that thing repaired.

Mayor Bring advised I think we talked about the water meters for an extensive period of time and everything was going on and I will say that it has been very, very quiet over there and it is working and it took a long time to get into place but the people that were complaining are now coming in and I will tell you I have witnessed it.

There were people that came in that were just totally unhappy with the way things were going, are now very please as they can budget because they get a monthly accurate reading and it has taken a lot of pressure off of the girls over there and the billing has been working out. It has been very, very good and I know by saying this I will probably jinx this, but I just want you guys to know that it did work. I don't know if any of you guys have had any problems at all but I know on our end, we have caught some things and informed those people and they are happy about it. I think just the fact that we are not estimating anymore because now it is an actual reading, it has just quieted down. We have still been cleaning out some of the ditches and some of the stuff along some of the roads and again the fact of this nicer weather we are going to continue that process and get that done.

Mayor Bring advised Mr. Hastings is getting Lake Breeze together so we can put that out to bid and get that all going. Also, Sheffield Village did contact us so that we can coordinate when they are working on the road. Hopefully this will not be blocked off at all, I think everything will go through with this and we won't have to detour or anything. Sheffield Village wanted to know because they have traffic coming all the way down Lake Breeze and they didn't want to turn them around at the tracks, so we are going to coordinate that with them too. I did talk to Senator Manning the other day too about some upcoming funding for next year too. So, she has been working with us and trying to help us out. She has been very, very good about informing us on what is available and what is not.

Mayor Bring advised if you keep looking at the papers Lorain is raising their water and sewer rates and Avon Lake are raising their water and sewer rates so we have to pass that along. Everybody is kind of in the same boat, Lorain's are quite a bit higher than anybody else' right now. They have some more issues over there than we have. So, if anybody says anything because these have to be passed along. We will let you guys know when we do this so if anybody does say anything you will know that that is where it is coming from.

Councilperson Gee asked is there any more information on the material list for the next Stormwater project? Mayor Bring asked what do you mean by that?

Councilperson Gee answered Pat was going to have something ready to put together. Mayor Bring asked for the Stormwater utility? Councilperson Gee answered yes, the project, the next Stormwater project; Robinwood, Lake, other roads that were

targeted. Mayor Bring answered yes, he will have that for you, he had a little bit of a medical issue. I didn't get a chance to talk to him today.

Councilman Erdei asked is Roberts still on schedule to start in the spring? Mayor Bring answered yes, but then again Mr. McCullough came in here and asked about the curb stuff. We did go back and inquire about that and it was way, way, way too late. It is almost a year in advance because you just don't bring that forward and say this is what we want to do. We would have lost the grant, we would have lost everything. So, we did inquire about it, but they said absolutely not, don't do it because it would be foolish on our part.

Chairman Cizl asked you mentioned Lake Road and resealing it, but since it is a state route, is there a reimbursement from the state. Mayor Bring answered no and we did talk about that, even with plowing and salt and everything. But I can't find anything where we can do that. I know that the Village had mentioned something similar to that and I don't know that that is even true, but no because you have Abbe and Lake Roads. Chairman Cizl stated so just because it is a state route doesn't mean that there is any benefit to us? Mayor Bring answered no. Councilman Smith stated well actually there was because out of that million some dollars, you ended up paying I think \$300,000 to get it paved because the state picked up the rest of it. Mayor Bring answered yes. Chairman Cizl stated, okay so there are some. Councilman Smith stated there is some, when we paved it, I think it was well over a million and I think we took our allocation of money for the road that year and used it for our matching part where it was like \$300,000 and some dollars. Mayor Bring stated it is the same over on 301. Councilman Smith stated so that is quite a big amount of money that they put in for, they paved it. Mayor Bring stated they don't pay for plowing or salting or crack seal or anything. Chairman Cizl stated yes I was just talking about paving. Councilman Smith stated, we crack seal it, plow it and then they come in 10 years or 15 years whenever and pay big money. Mayor Bring stated they kind of demand that we do it too, because they don't want it to get out of disrepair too much, like Abbe Road they gave us a time frame that we have to respond to. Otherwise, they will make us pay for the whole amount. They want us to pay for the whole amount on Abbe Road, which was way too much.

Chairman Cizl stated on the water meters, since we did put the water meters I remember the EPA said years ago that one of the reasons why you want to do it is to have all your city buildings to have their own meters, we are on that now? Mayor Bring answered yes. Chairman Cizl responded great because I guess the shopping center would be on that too? Mayor Bring answered yes, including the shopping center, everything is and again to get down to being an accurate amount of water that the city used, I don't know how they thought they were going to do that without everybody being metered. Regardless if we used the water over here if it wasn't being metered, we have to pay Avon Lake. So somewhere we have to figure it out and that

is why we put meters on everything which made total sense. I never knew that we didn't have them on until a couple of years ago.

Chairman Cizl asked I had a resident ask me personally about Warwick because this goes in where Rick Rosso grew up and so did I. When they paved the 800 block of Warwick obviously, they actually went over the curbs now and the curbs are almost gone, the drainage. When I went and looked at Warwick Drive it actually goes like this in front of every house and it doesn't drain. I was just wondering if the city knows, is that cause because of garbage trucks, mail trucks, delivery trucks because the water sits in a lot of residences because it comes up at the driveways and comes down. Obviously, it is all cracked up too. Mayor Bring recalled I think when that street was put in there was a lot of water under the street in that particular area over there so heavy trucks and vehicles will do that and then ultimately cause that. We have some similar situations on Richelieu over here and also Irving Park and some other ones. Chairman Cizl stated right, I just noticed the 900 block with the buses and garbage trucks and whatever else would be. Mayor Bring advised some stuff a long time ago was just paved over and was never ground down and now everything is ground down and it makes a big difference. Councilman Smith advised you to get crossover pipes too, where you get your little humps. Mayor Bring advised if the concrete was heaved up and it was paved over it will keep doing that too. It is just like Alan said all these cross pipes always pop up too. This time of year Lake Road is like that too, if you go down Lake Road you can feel the bumps. But grinding it down is a much better idea.

**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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CLERK OF COUNCIL  
*Kay Fantauzzi*

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN  
*Mark Cizl*

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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 February 6, 2017.