

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
April 3, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, April 3, 2017. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

Absent: Superintendent Hastings, Stark (excused)

Attending: Park Board Gee, Civil Service Chairman Hoffman

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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

581 Pasadena, in the amount of \$301.50 – After a brief discussion, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Smith to approve the sewer credit. Yeas All.

List of delinquent water bills to County Auditor, in the amount of \$5,215.72 -

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to send to County Auditor. Yeas All.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Mayor Bring reported over by the shop there we did finish that project which was pretty extensive, the water line over there by Ralph’s business there. We actually ran the water the other way, we could not get any flow to go towards the north so they back tracked. It probably took 3 or 4 weeks for us to finish that project, they still have a little bit of cleaning to do in the ditch but they put in the drains, etc., and also reversed the pipe. We are going to get a test tonight because I think it is forecasted for one or two inches of rain tonight. I think everything is in good shape. He asked Mr. Ralph Hoffman, was there any puddling there the last rain? Mr. Hoffman answered no, that big rain that we had it was fine. Mayor Bring continued obviously, they have had water over there for years and years, we have corrected that. Chairman Cizl asked so it was prior to the new Dollar General, I was asked about that? Is that runoff from the Dollar General? Mayor Bring answered it had nothing to do with Dollar General. Actually, we waited for Dollar General to be done so we wouldn’t have to tear everything up. So, we waited for them to be done before we went forward with that. So, no that had nothing to do with Dollar General. He continued the drainage on Devonshire, we are going to pipe that ditch and then we are going to add 18 inches of berm to each side of that street and we are also going to recommend that one side or the other to move the mailboxes over. So, that street in essence will not be much wider than it is but with the berm and

the piping it will look much wider than that. But the traffic should flow much better over there. President Rosso asked on one side because both sides have ditches. Mayor Bring answered I am not sure because Pat and I talked about that and he was telling me that we are going to do one side first but we will look at that. But there is a possibility that we are going to do both sides on that. I think that when he bid that out, I didn't realize that he had actually set aside some funds for that. So, that should correct those residents problems over there but depending on the mailboxes of who is going to be happy and who is not going to be happy but we are going to go by the recommendations of the Post Master. However, I did inquire about how they were on other streets and there is no consistency. Ones are on one side of the street and others are on the other side of the street. Chairman Cizl stated I was asked regarding and you are talking about Devonshire correct? Mayor Bring answered yes, so we are going to take the recommendation of the Post Master and find out what they say and go from there. Chairman Cizl continued I was asked the property by those that complained to me on the property that they had to actually tunnel under where the Old Trolley bridge was, it is a vacant lot where Martins used to live over there and they said there is a sink hole (clerk's note; sink hole being east side of Devonshire, near pump station) over there and we are concerned about that. I drove and yes it is, I don't know but is that city property. Mayor Bring advised I think there is a right of way over there, I would have to find out. Somebody else has approached the city about putting in another pipe over there too but I will have to find out. Chairman Cizl advised I saw a lot of water there but I was concerned when they said sink hole. I walked over there today and it is dropped this much right in the middle. I just know that is where they were pumping the pipe to do that drain. Mayor Bring advised we will check on it and take care of it one way or the other. If there is a broken pipe underneath there maybe that is why it is sinking and we will have to correct that. If it is just a swale or something, anyway we will check it. Mayor Bring continued we did get our new backhoe but the problem is we lost one of our operators, so I think he is going to be out for a number of weeks yet. We had a lot of plans for him continuing the ditching. We did a number of ditches with the leaves inside and I know that everybody that we are supposed to take care of that, so we are trying to prevent flooding, so we have been doing some of that too. The road list, Pat has got that compiled up so that will be probably starting sometime before the kids go back to school. They are giving us a little bit of a problem about Roberts Street, we were going to redo the road and for some reason they are giving us a little bit of a hard time where we are getting the funds from. There was some stipulation that they required and Pat is working on that, as a matter of fact he just went to a meeting the other night and it was Eaton Township or something like that. He went to that to kind of smooth that over. I am not quite sure what is going on but he will probably be here at the next meeting and let you know what is going on with that and hopefully we will be alright. So, the road is getting torn out. We just been trying to keep up with a

lot of things and doing a lot of maintenance. Again, the water meters have been working very well. We have had a couple of people come in and question that and Lisa sits down with them with the computer system to show them usage. They are in there for about 7 or 8 minutes and they are out the door because she explains it to them via the graphs. We have people saying they didn't use the water and then she shows them the graph, for example; some lady came in the other day saying absolutely we didn't use any water and Lisa showed her the graph of her residence, here it is from this time to this time to this time and it is not during the night and it is not showing any leaks so somebody is going in there. The resident then told Lisa oh, yes that is true. She originally demanded that they didn't have any usage because nobody is going in there and she forget that it was her nephew or whatever that was apparently going in and taking showers or whatever at certain times which showed on the graphs. But takes Lisa literally about 5 minutes where before they would be in there for 45 minutes to an hour. So, it is working very well. Councilman Wtulich asked do you have plans to do any more work on Sheffield Road ditch cleaning that out, as far as taking trees out and stuff like that? Remember last year or two years ago, you hired someone and they went in there and took a bunch of trees out and I was wondering if you are planning on doing any more work on the big ditch? Mayor Bring answered I didn't really have any plans for that, we looked into lowering that ditch and the EPA stepped in and said no that there is a certain level that it has to be in. So, we have to be very careful on how we approach that. We met with Senator Manning and there are some funds possibly next year to kind of address that problem as it is every other year. We missed it the last time but we are trying to apply for it this next round and that will be part of what we address over there. It is the whole thing with the parks that we are trying to do at one time. The trees we may and like I said we didn't plan but we will see how the money is but they have a machine that actually goes into the ditch and actually grinds all the stumps and everything out. I forget what the cost is on that the last time but they said they can still do that. The reason why we didn't do the rest of those trees is because we only went as far as what that crane could reach without being on private property and that is kind of why we stopped on some of that. Councilman Wtulich asked what about the guard rails along there, I know some of them are in pretty bad shape. Mayor Bring answered we are going to wait and see what is going to happen with this funding as the plan is to redo that whole thing. So, possibly piping that and then making it a continuation of the park path. That is the big plan and what we are trying to figure out before we start. Now, some of that stuff probably does need repaired which we will do maintenance on it but we are not going to sink a ton of money into it right now until we figure out what is going on. Some of that and I have been down there and some of those little overpasses are in bad shape. I will be honest with you when Gardner was here I went over there with him and it has been like that for a long time and it has started to deteriorate more so we will have to do some maintenance on it. Councilperson Gee

asked how long is it going to take on the changing of the no parking signs from the used ones that were faded to when the new ones are going up? Mayor Bring answered I think they have been working on some of that. Councilperson Gee stated I had a resident posting for Knickerbocker that now you can park on both sides of the road because the signs were removed. I was just wondering how long it is going to take for the new ones to go up? Mayor Bring stated just because we took a sign down, there is still the law and no they aren't going to be able to park on there. If they do they will either get ticketed or warned. I know that we put a purchase order in for those and I don't know if they came in and I am assuming that they have because otherwise they wouldn't have taken down the old ones. I know the guys have been working on it, I think we have two guys working on that right now. Councilman Wtulich stated I noticed going down South Street there, I don't know who owns that property where there is a bunch of down trees in there. Has any of those trees fallen into the street? Mayor Bring answered they did and I went down there the other day. I am going to have the guys probably remove some of those and get them out of there. I did see a really big one laying kind of parallel with it and there was a couple of smaller ones. I think we are just going to have to remove them and clean that out which we have already cleaned that out once and then people were taking their trash and throwing it in there. The last time was that big wind that came in and knocked numerous dead ash trees down there. But I did drive by and saw that the other day. Councilman Wtulich asked does the city own that property or is that private property there? Mayor Bring answered that is private property and I believe that is owned by Levine's property. But we still have the road right of way is wider then what you think, so part of that is on city property right there. We can still put a machine on there and pull that stuff up. Chairman Cizl stated speaking of trees, I have neighbors complaining still and we obviously went through the ash tree and we are going to continue to have problems with the ash trees. All these trees in all these states that are all falling, is there any creative way of them putting it onto the city like you mentioned once property right of way and all that. Is there any creative way that we can partner with some firm could partner with us, where they will give the resident a price break and go through the entire city and help them take care of trees instead of everyone handling it on their own? There is so many and we are going to continue to have problems. I am having complaints behind my house "that paper street behind us, they are falling down and took the neighbors fence out and utilities a month ago". I am just wondering if there is any thought if it is even possible. Mayor Bring stated well the one that took out the power lines was a maple tree and it wasn't even dead. Chairman Cizl stated well it was in pretty bad shape but still it wasn't an ash tree. Mayor Bring advised I did look into that as somebody had contacted me and they had got online and there was through the State of Ohio they will send somebody out to cut the trees. It is just a matter of how long you want to wait and I don't remember exactly how to find that but he told me he just went online and looked up Ohio under

Arborist or something like that and they found it. They had some trees removed on their property and it didn't cost them a dime, they had to wait a month. I will see if I can't look that up and get that to you. Chairman Cizl stated I am sure there are a lot of residents that are saying got to get rid of that tree but I don't know how much it is going to cost. I would think some company would be like "let's get our trucks and just go at it". Mayor Bring advised I would think we would almost have to put it out for bid to make it fair.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shumaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye – addressed above.*

**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.

---

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 April 3, 2017.