

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
September 11, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, September 11, 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, Superintendent Hastings  
Absent: Stark (excused)

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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

*554 Maplewood in the amount of \$167.50, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the sewer credit in the amount of \$167.50 for 554 Maplewood Avenue.*

Superintendent Hastings advised this involved our own department in finding the leak and advising it be repaired and confirmed it internally. Yeas All.

**MAYOR/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mayor Bring reported in continuing with the water meters, as you have seen we haven't had very many credits now because the girls see these reports and they notify the people and the problems are getting taken care of very quickly now. The residents coming in and asking about their bills, the girls showing them the graphs and will them you were either doing washing here or something. One just said the other day, we had company come in and that is probably why it was this amount. It is a lot easier to show them instead of being 3 months behind and saying well, you used the water. So, this does make it a lot nicer. Obviously, Lake Breeze has probably been a sore subject lately. When this was originally bid out about 18 months ago as a 2-phase project. The water line that was built in 1920 and we had 5 active water leaks in that. Several complaints from we were only doing the hydrants to one resident saying we had no business doing the job because we didn't have the proper equipment which is true and that is why we had engineers and had a company come in and had it professionally done. Most of them don't even know that we put a new water line in and then had to reconnect all of those lines. There are some bumps in the road and I agree with that but in the process, the company that did do that job finished about 3-1/2 weeks ahead of schedule. The rumors of we are not going to finish the project this year are totally false. We did have a little bit of a dust problem. It is a project that is under construction which there

are all kinds of projects going in Lorain County at this time. The people on Facebook and social media are getting just outrageous, people even blaming Mayor Hunter for road work going on that isn't even in his city. We had a girl that came into the Water Department the other day dropping the "f" bomb which I stopped her in mid-sentence. Her reply was I am an adult and this is the way I talk and she was told try acting like an adult because you are talking like one. If she had continued I was going to have the Chief come over and ticket her. Then she stopped and I am not going to have the girls there take the abuse nor am I or Pat or anybody else. These people on Facebook and sending me things, I am replying and I am not nice about it as they are not nice either and they are telling total lies. There was a lady on Devonshire that went on there and printed all kinds of stuff about the sidewalk and everything else and it was totally temporary for which I emailed her back advising her of that. She then went on a rampage of this is disgusting, you widen the roads and everything, how are the school buses going to get down the road. I told her how did the school buses get down there before, I advised her I am done with the nonsense and if you want to complain then we will stop the project and just leave it the way it is. On a lighter side, the Fire Department had the open house on Sunday and it was a great turnout.

Superintendent Hastings advised updates on projects;

**Lake Breeze**, Superintendent Hastings advised Lake Breeze was 2 different fund sources. The Ohio Water Development Authority which you authorized and they came in ahead of schedule by several weeks which is just unheard of in the construction world. However, when you authorized us to apply for Ohio Public Works money, they mandate that you are not even allowed to begin the bidding process before July, that is their fiscal year. So, we had everything in place and you advertise it in the papers for several weeks and have pre-bidding meetings. That is by ORC and at the very least administrative code. We determined the lowest bidder and awarded the bid and the Mayor signed that some weeks ago with Precision Paving. But what is really boils down to is one finished ahead of schedule, you just don't expect it. We planned that stuff out a year ago, typically 2 phases like this are done in 2 different construction seasons so the city would have had them otherwise pave or put in LSM in that trench line and typically you would have gone after funding the next season. In this case, the city was being aggressive to do them both in the same season which is a good thing but we are getting a little bit of a backlash. They are following procedure and there is no deviation from it and it is the law. The current contractor has until October 27<sup>th</sup>. So, they are all over Lorain County right now and they know their dead line and they will meet it. I will also say on Lake Breeze, they Mayor had me contract street sweeping and I got complaints for doing that. So, it is almost you can't win, we did sweep and pulled up a lot of aggregate actually and some thanked us and most have complained. We have watered it down, we have added stones to the holes, it is just under construction and that is a good thing.

**OPWC**, Superintendent Hastings advised we have applied for Abbe Road. The Devonshire project is moving along nicely.

**Devonshire project** – Superintendent Hastings advised is moving along nicely. We have got the berm onto the road, we are 2/3 of the way done with the storm sewer on the west side of the street where we have tied in all of the downspouts, sump pump lines. Moving the mailboxes; I never was contacted by the official manager of the local Post Service. I reached out to the local mailman and told him that I have certainly done our part, we are under construction and we are moving it. I told him have them call me and they still haven't. But it is significantly better, berming is a typical function of putting in new asphalt like that. I am pleased with the work.

**ODOT** – Superintendent Hastings advised as I said we applied for OPWC money and I applied for a grant for a ¼ million dollars through Issue I. We have confirmed with the State – ODOT on the \$375,000.00. We are working with Lorain County Department of Transportation which is called TID for another ¼ million dollars. I am happy to report that I wrote a grant for the Department of Jobs and Commerce and got another ¼ million dollar grant recently awarded last week and that was the efforts of City Council and the Mayor to recognize NCI as coming into the city. The city releasing land to them to kind of inspire them to build in the city. Then I reached out to Jobs & Commerce and said that is how the government and local businesses are working together creating jobs. I mixed in a report to include every business on Abbe Road but the fact of the matter is that NCI was the big target. Then we had Ford Motor Company reach out as well, I mean it is 2000 employees over there. We had their plant manager write the state on our behalf and I reached out to Mayor Hunter and our Mayor met with him last week and got some of those letters of support. In fact we got ODOT to do a little bit of the portion at no expense to the Village and they are doing an ordinance to accept our project for a little bit of work in the Village. The failure of Abbe Road doesn't just stop at that corporation line. So that project is coming together really well. The final part that I am going to do is try to get a grant through Team Ohio to actually help with the construction of the building.

**Kenilworth** – Superintendent Hastings advised had some inferior sewer manholes and we ordered them and will be actually starting that tomorrow. One on Alameda and some o Kenilworth, they weren't road bearing so they actually should be replaced.

**Roberts** – Superintendent Hastings advised we met with the Lorain County Community Development last week and signed the contract with Griffith Paving and we went over the preconstruction meeting here in our conference room. They are scheduled to go, it will be just a matter of time now. There will be a subcontractor excavating for the sewers, storm sewer upgrades and then Griffith will come back and pave.

**Water Department** – Superintendent Hastings advised our bulk water supplier; Avon Lake is introducing a new corrosion inhibitor into the water system called ortho

phosphate. In advance of that they flushed all of their lines and we have been flushing our lines that are cast iron and metal where the sediment builds inside that you have seen. So, we had spot union directional flushing and they did their city. That is scheduled to start tomorrow. It is obviously not any danger to the consumer, I think it is a salt crystal but nonetheless its design is to build a film over top of that metal to be a corrosion inhibitor. The city will supposedly flush again in December weather permitting, it may be pushing it. We have a few complaints on rusty water because of that. I wasn't able to put out a public notice on that because we literally, although we have been training for the program coming. I got the email about 2 weeks ago to start. Maybe less then 2 weeks, 10 days. I have gotten some complaints, we have some chemicals in the shop that is used if someone is doing their laundry and that gets brown. So, we can treat and so forth. Councilman Erdei stated on Abbe Road you said you might be able to cut out sections and concrete them. Superintendent Hastings advised we are pursuing a total rehabilitation, they will remove the road completely, we will replace the catch basins and the curbs and gutters and 8-inches of reinforced concrete – 100%, full rehabilitation. At one point, we talked about going lower because but we were having trouble getting the money. We applied for federal money and we were denied. Lorain County isn't a big recipient of NOACA money but then I found out about Jobs & Commerce and basically replaced what we hoped to get from the federal government through your efforts with NCI. Councilman Erdei asked do we have a ball park on when they are going to start Lake Breeze though? Superintendent Hastings answered the engineer just told me that it is going to be towards the end of September, I am going to have to say at least a week before we see it mobilized. Councilman Kovach asked about how far are they going into the Village, as far as Oster or what? Superintendent Hastings answered no, nothing like that. We are talking probably 30 to 50 feet at the most. It is just not a clean cut at the corporation line. President Rosso advised I was on Devonshire yesterday to pickup the kids to go the Fire Station, the pipe is all laid over there right? Superintendent Hastings answered we have a little bit left on the west side. President Rosso stated it looks great and my son was very happy with the way it turned out. Superintendent Hastings concurred, I am very pleased. President Rosso stated yes, the opposite of calling and complaining, it looks nice and I will admit that I was concerned about the way we covered the ditches and didn't realize that you were going to go back in and readdress them and they look great. The grass has pretty much grown in on the east side and the west side is moving right along. Superintendent Hastings advised the reason that it looks completed is there was one property there that had a finished concrete driveway out to the road and a finished ditch line that was already covered. So, we shot the elevations and determined that in an effort to lose 8-inches of fall, we brought up to their existing and we still had a foot of cover to go past it so we brought our storm sewer up a little bit more rapid then you otherwise would because truthfully, they had such an immaculate yard that was put in professionally. The

driveway, the concrete – it just would have never matched. President Rosso stated I just want to say it looks good and was a good job. Superintendent Hastings advised that is Scott, our newer employee and Ryan doing a lot of that work. I think that they are doing great work.

**Mayor Bring** advised just to let you know too, not this past week but before that a couple of trucks for the garbage pickup dropped a few bags of stuff. I had Mr. Hastings call and make sure that they were aware of that because technically those guys are supposed to get out and pick it up. There is I think 3 bags on Ferndale and one over by the dip and I think there is a couple more throughout the city. I think what is happening is since they signed that contract with Lorain that they are a little overwhelmed and trying to go a little faster. But we are not going to compromise our city so I just had Pat call them but I don't think we had any problems this week. Superintendent Hastings advised none at all. Mayor Bring advised if something does happen, please just call. Again, I had one gentleman call and called me every swearing name you could possibly think of and I did not respond to him too nicely either. Again, I am not going to put up with the abuse. If they want to call and say hey there are a couple of bags here or there then we will have the guys go pick them up. But I am not going to listen to someone swearing on the phone for 5 minutes and rant and rave. They don't like it when I do it back to them, it is amazing. President Rosso concurred it is always one-sided.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shumaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye* – Superintendent Hastings advised the Mayor just signed authorization to complete our preliminary study for Day Ditch; Belle, Brockley, Knickerbocker and Holl. What we are doing is preparing for Senator Manning's capital budget. They reach out to the community's every 2 years, it is another fund source. It is very limited on how you can approach it, you are not allowed to put up city buildings or pay for city staff or supplement the city operations. You are not allowed to put in water lines or roads and stuff like that. However, because we are on Lake Erie and because we have the algae blooms, we are trying to spin the collection and containment of water and the nutrient reduction for the phosphates that are heading to the lake and oh, by the way, we will put in a retention pond and clean out Day Ditch. So, that engineering will be done by the end of October and I expect the Mayor to received a letter from the Senator Office. If it is not met favorably, then I will go after the EPA which has a HAB (harmful algae bloom) fund source as well but that will cost us. So, I am trying to get the capital budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilman Erdei stated you at one time stated about checking people's storm sewer lines, smoking them or whatever because we know we are getting storm water and sewer mixed together. You have any idea of anything going on with that. Superintendent Hastings advised truthfully this is a case by case basis, far more limited then what you are referring to. I would have loved to have smoked

sewers and I have researched the companies to do it. It is just a timing thing with the water line going in, we have our GIS system going in and we have a 3-man department. We do case by case and gave particulars of cases in city. He advised of the older gentleman who came and complained of Sunset, that has been taken care of. Chairman Cizl advised we had a resident that came over a year ago about that 6-inch pipe on Devonshire that came up in the middle of the sidewalk and we told him that is his responsibility. Superintendent Hastings answered it is still there. Chairman Cizl stated now that the road is done, is there any thought to asking him if there is anything he is going to do about it. The road is beautiful, I haven't been down it in the last couple of days. Superintendent Hastings stated there might be something we can enforce through the Building Department. There was a brief discussion on situation.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,  
\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:28 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 September 11, 2017.