

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
October 2, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, October 2, 2017. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

\*Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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

*762 Howell St., in the amount of \$36.85*, Superintendent Hastings advised the software confirmed what they said. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the sewer credit in the amount of \$36.85 for 762 Howell Street. Yeas All.

**MAYOR/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent Hastings reported on on-going projects as follows:

**Lake Breeze** – Superintendent Hastings reported work resumed last week, which was grinding the entire roadbed. Today's efforts were to excavate down into the water line trench and do a full depth repair and then they will go back and do all of the lateral connections that were excavated. Any excavation with premium fill will have triple the depth of asphalt. The plan has been modified a little bit since there was that first contractor finished about 3 weeks in advance of us being able to get the second contractor there and the complaints that we have had. In an effort, to keep the driving public safe and happy we will do an intermediate course over after all these full-depth repairs and then go back and do curb and concrete work, finishing out finally with the final overlay with traffic paint/markings and all that. So, the project is going along well.

**Roberts Street** – Superintendent Hastings reported that has finally been signed and approved by the county. There was some delay because they have a tremendous amount of paperwork. So, Griffith, who won the award is actually subcontracting out the excavation for the new sewer, driveway pipes. So, all of their people had to be registered according to the county and state standards. Their timeline is obviously to

be done by the end of November. So, I suspect that they will be mobilizing here shortly. I was on vacation last week, so I don't have a specific day for this meeting.

**Devonshire** – Superintendent Hastings reported the project is wrapped up, we have made all of the storm sewer improvements, widened the road and we are going to finish moving the mail boxes. We were able to work around them, but we will be completing moving the rest of them. I still have never been contacted by the Post Office, despite my efforts in talking with the local delivery guy. Nonetheless, the project worked out well and we did conclude it with some sidewalk extensions and handicap mats to the street as they as the school bus routes are through there and kids now can walk safely to the street and get on the bus.

**GIS Program** – Superintendent Hastings reported for marking all of the water lines and digitalizing all of our maps is about 2/3 done. They are just west of Lake Breeze now, so that continues to move forward and we should have all of the points marked digitally by winter. Then there will be pretty intense programming and equipment setup in the winter months.

**Water Department** – Superintendent Hastings reported internally we are addressing some of the leak detection areas that we discovered. They were kind of low priority, but we are kind of caught up now where we can address them before the winter months. We are also replacing hydrants, having recently just done one on Lafayette. Our department is also continuing the minor, but frequent break downs at our pump stations. Tomorrow's schedule will include removing one of the pumps to replace the seals and to that point, we continue to work with our engineers. We have an electrical engineer and our general engineer... Bramhall, they are both working on that proposal. We have all of the equipment cost and I have yet to receive the estimated labor cost. Ultimately, that will come to you for Council as a Whole for approval to submit the application which I hope to have by November.

**TLCI grant** – Superintendent Hastings advised I did want to present this committee for a TLCI grant. As you know, the city is on a lakefront grant with all four communities for connectivity. The grand plan is like a decade in the making, well to pursue it. But, the Federal Government provides money for TLCI Transportation for Livable Communities. When they provide those opportunities, then provide them for either a study or implementation of a study that already exist. October does present an opportunity where you can present an application for the implementation of an existing study. So, in our case, our lakefront community is not approved yet, it is not complete. In fact, we have a meeting this coming Thursday at 6 o'clock if anybody is interested in, I believe, it is called the Terrace of Lakeview Park. But, none the less, I went through the archives and found a TLCI study that the city had done back in 2007. It was for a major redevelopment of the Shoreway when we purchased that and a big development plan, none of which resembles much of the current work but does have some connecting points. Some bridge points that I saw, it is a long shot, but I would like for somewhere in the neighborhood of one to a quarter million in the

money to start working on the infrastructure around Shoreway which would include the water lines coming down Community, part of that study shows Community becoming a cul-de-sac and stopping the connection there. That is also in line with the current study and then do a major bike trail which we attempted to get from the covered bridge to the Boat Launch with the signals and so forth. It is an old study and I asked them if they would entertain us even referencing it and they said they would. I do need Council's resolution which I will talk to David about getting it in front of you guys for next Tuesday. I just wanted to give you a heads up on that.

**ODOT project** – Superintendent Hastings reported moving along nicely and we are at a point now where we are trying to pursue some of the extra services of ODOT. The first being the speed of Abbe Road. It has come to my attention and I don't know if this has been mentioned yet that the speed is actually logged by the State of Ohio since 1973 as being 40 mph. So, this latest work they said you have the wrong speed there. As a result, they will conduct a speed study to determine the speed limit and see if we can keep it at 35. Legally, David said the state does have the authority to set that speed limit and home rule doesn't apply because it is a state route. So, I can get all that work done at no cost to Sheffield Lake.

**Walker and Abbe** – Superintendent Hastings reported on a similar note which was what I thought a conflict, another office contacted the city and said the intersection of Walker and Abbe is a high traffic accident area which I didn't really ever consider it to be. But, as a result, while one office is telling me to raise the speed limit the other office is telling me that we are going to have more grand accidents here. So, I am going to go after some grant money there and try to improve that intersection with solar stop signs, flashing signs, crossing signals and the like. One of those two is going to require Council resolution to proceed and I think it is the speed study. David and I started working on that today as I have been on vacation. But just so you are aware that will be on the agenda as well.

**Ditch/Belle, Brockley, Knickerbocker, Holl** – Superintendent Hastings reported the city is still working on wrapping up some preliminary engineering for the Belle, Brockley, Knickerbocker, Holl ditch and some relief to the water that backs up and so forth and that would include creating a retention pond potential. Two locations that we are looking at and one is south of the tracks on private property and the other is the Metro Parks north of the tracks. I think the elevations will show that south of the tracks will be more favorable. The idea is to retain this water and go after the concept that through plants and different methods you can reduce the nutrient impact on Lake Erie and the algae bloom because that is really how they want to fund these things is to protect the watershed. So, the senator's office reached out to Mayor Bring. Here recently, the capital budget bill that they would otherwise ask for nominations in October unfortunately hasn't even been approved yet and it is in limbo. I don't know exactly why, if that is related to President Trump. I have read that he is impacting some of the funding going to these kind of programs, that is speculation, but

nonetheless a reality in that we haven't been officially asked, but we are still preparing everything in the hopes that it will be requested. If it is not, then I will pursue two other funding sources that I found; one is through Stormwater impact and OWDA which would be a loan and another grant is through the Ohio EPA directly.

**Leaf Season** – Superintendent Hastings advised leaf season which we just recently put out because we are starting to get asked is certainly going forward. With our schedule beginning at the end of October, we are currently finishing up crack sealing on Ferndale which is very important. I think that was like a four-million dollar investment that we need to maintain. So, we are going to get that done and we will roll right into leaf season. I checked all the neighboring web sites and every city starts at the end of October. So, we are right on track and don't feel like we are going to get assaulted in social media because the leaves are coming down a little early but that is just a reality. It is very much on track, very much consistent with the norm in Lorain County.

Councilman Erdei stated on Harris Road right, here we have had a lot of water leaks, do you have anything you are considering in replacing that main water line in there. Superintendent Hastings advised I would like to pursue that same approach that we did on Lake Breeze but we would have to go out 2 seasons to get that. Where Council already approved the city to apply for OPWC in 2018/2019 for Abbe Road. But the Mayor and I have had the goal of having Lake Breeze, Harris and Abbe all completed in his term. So, the answer to your question is yes, but will not be applied for until the next year for 2019. Councilman Erdei stated alright because you would be foolish to have it all torn up and re-asphalt it. Superintendent Hastings advised the pavement is really doing poorly. You know the city just finished paying on a loan that they had for the last time that they did that. It was kudos to the engineers because they gave a useful life and the term of your loan is based on the engineers predicted useful life and it was spot on. The loan got paid off and now the road is falling apart. But we do have that attachment with the new skid steer that will grind, so a lot of those areas we will be able to take it off and it will probably be spring with the leaf season coming. To your point, yes, we do have a plan to attack both the water and the road.

Councilperson Stark stated you were talking about Abbe and Walker, there were concerns about it being a major accident area. In coming that way on almost a daily basis, if you are taking Walker and turning onto Abbe a lot of time there is a vision line problem. Not so much that you can't see the stop sign, but very hard to see around that turn and then that is what causes most of the accidents. Superintendent Hastings clarified so you are talking about the wood row, the line of woods looking south. Councilperson Stark answered yes, because there is the gentleman's auto place right there and that gets overgrown on both sides and then on the other side you cannot see traffic coming this way and you have to pull part way into that intersection to see. Superintendent Hastings advised I would agree, we have trimmed that back from time to time way past our right of way. I will make note of that for sure.

Councilperson Gee stated with the change in some of the planning on Lake Breeze, is it still going to be a prediction of October 27<sup>th</sup>? Superintendent Hastings answered, oh yes, that is contractual. The only difference is they are going to put an intermediate smooth course on for the public then do a lot of this concrete work and restoration. Obviously, the final coat will be the last thing. You mentioned about the state contacting you about Abbe being 40 instead of the 35 we have? Superintendent Hastings confirmed yes. Councilperson Gee advised our trucks always told us it was 40 there and down on Lake Road where we go from the 20 back up to the 35 by the shopping center, our truck doesn't change for probably about 300 feet and then it changes. But on Abbe, it has always told us 40 even though we knew it was 35. Superintendent Hastings stated yes, that is how the state has it journalized. President Rosso stated remember when they opened Ford and the Village tried to get it to 50 mph, all the way down and it was all 35 and they came back and said no it is 40. They made it 40 in the village and it probably went all the way up to Lake Road but since we get along so well, nobody told us. Superintendent Hastings stated the project is actually fascinating, one of the studies that they did with the aerial surveying is they flew one of ODOT's planes from Ashland over our project sites and got a lot of their engineering done from the sky which I thought was pretty impressive. He quipped hence, 1.4 million, though – jet fuel.

**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 Erdei/Second by Stark 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.

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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 October 2, 2017.