

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

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Absent: Stark (excused)

Attending: Park Board Gee

*Motion by Erdei/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:

*372 Buckeye, in the amount of \$73.70, after a brief review, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve. Yeas All.*

*4145 Knickerbocker, in the amount of \$176.20, after a brief review, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve. Yeas All.*

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

Lake Breeze – Superintendent Hastings reported the Lake Breeze project; water main and then the resurfacing are very close to completion. We did and I of course, talked it over with the Mayor to extend the scope of the work on the curbs. Some of them were in very poor condition so we added to the total linear foot which kind of stretched this out right to the mark for the company and then the city actually prevented them from paving until the ambient temperature reached 50 and that is because of ODOT. So, the most recent delay was actually a decision of the Mayor after I was talking of the ODOT spec's. But nonetheless, it is in place and today they reset all of the castings for the sewer manholes which include a concrete ring around them. So, there is very minimal concrete work left and the next quasi warm day we will paint and wrap it up. We did have an excavation on Lake Breeze up by the railroad tracks at South Drive. Albeit, some weeks later we discovered that when they

put the water main in, the back of their bucket must have scrapped across the lateral which didn't immediately impact it but it cracked and was allowing stone to filter through. So, over time it plugged it and they called the city for which we actually set cameras up to confirm it before I dug up that road and confirmed it. So, that is why that hole is there at South Drive. We are currently against if you will, Columbia Gas contacted the city. That was about 6 days ago and they told me that they ran a new transmission line down Lake Breeze from the tracks on the east side of the road and then just south of Forestlawn there is an old gas transmission building and they connected to that. But, when they did all of that work they never connected all of the laterals if you will and tied together all of the mains. But they have since discovered that they are having natural gas emit to what they think is a minor leak. So, they contacted the city to dig up Lake Breeze which I told them no. So, I told the Mayor that I was taking a firm stance on behalf of the city and told them to pursue directional boring or pipe bursting and that is where we are now. So, we have them at bay now and I will follow-up with them Wednesday.

Roberts Street – Superintendent Hastings reported the project is all Friday with Griffith Paving who will be coming in to bomag and pulverize the road and reshape it and then pave. The city started that project at Ivanhoe and we also did some work on Ivanhoe from Lake Breeze heading towards Roberts. So, our final phase of this will be to dig through in early spring and reconnect to the main storm sewer but north of Ivanhoe for whatever reason was not eligible LMI grant. However, we will be replacing that pipe and then the Mayor and I have always discussed about repaving Ivanhoe once that is done. So, that whole area will be done and in good shape.

Pump Stations - Superintendent Hastings advised we did have the rain last night and we did bypass and I have a few reports on basements flooding. I don't have the specific report because I was off today. Nothing overwhelming but to the point of the pump stations, I do from the point of June when we started all of the specifications for the rehabilitations of our pump stations which we have been talking about for 8 months. I will have that pricing finalized within a week at which time we will be coming to Council for authorization to apply for that project which should come in between \$550,000 and \$750,000.00 and that will be VFD pumps that will manage this water as it is coming in and the pumps in the computer telemetry and everything and adjust accordingly based on volume. So, it will help, it won't solve and then once our house is in order at the 3 pump stations we can then move out into the system and improve that for which we have grants approved for a couple of hundred thousand dollars to camera and reline sewer starting next year. Mayor Bring advised we are looking at getting a new camera for the Water and Sewer Departments, it is about

\$65,000.00. We do have a couple demos of those coming out. You almost have to have those and the one we have now is antiquated at best. At Lake Breeze, when that line broke we had somebody come out and camera that and it was a couple of thousand dollars. Superintendent Hastings answered no, that little job was \$700.00 but when we camera'ed the hole, it was – yes. Mayor Bring advised so we are actually looking into doing that. As far as the rain event, Alan was just asking me how much and it was a good 3 inches of rain in a short period of time. It doesn't matter how good of a system that we have way Sheffield Lake is right now. There is nothing we can do to avoid some flooding and I think everybody flooded but we can continue to actively do the drains and do the ditches and do everything else.

Unfortunately, it is taking time. We have found a lot of obstructions and everything else and we have been taking care of it. Like I said, when you have this much rain in a short period of time there is going to be flooding. I got water in my basement last night. It was no fault of the city, there was just too much rain going in the house. I know that people are upset but we have done a lot and we are going to do a lot more. We are looking at doing a retention pond and it is all in the works and we are trying to do the best that we can. Councilman Erdei stated I was just going the ask about the retention ponds, I know there were 2 locations. Mayor Bring advised that is a grant application which we are applying for through Senator Manning. Superintendent Hastings advised I hoped to have an exhibit for you tonight but the Engineer asked for a little bit more time, engineering wise mathematically both sites; it is the Metro Parks, north of the tracks or the property south of the tracks which is private. Both offer the relief that we are looking for, if you will. But, the cost on the excavation is a little bit different and that is why the engineer wanted a little bit more time. I will actually have that for an exhibit for the Council meeting to start looking at it in advance. If the capital budget doesn't come through the state Senators Office, I would entertain pursuing other fund sources. It is a much needed project and have actually expanded it to include the schools for some training and science and interaction and stuff like that. We are trying to expand it so that we can capture every available dollar when you apply for the grant. Councilman Erdei asked on the pump stations, that estimate was just for the one pump station? Superintendent Hastings answered no, that is for all 3 stations which would be 8 brand new pumps, brand new skatta which is the telemetry that like right now at 7 o'clock at night I am talking to Shannon on the phone and I am looking at cameras on the phone and he is manually flipping things – we will be able to do it all from computers by the time that we are done.

GIS mapping – Councilman Wtulich asked is the GIS mapping all done then? Superintendent Hastings answered no, that is an eighteen month project. They do

have all of the points up to about Devonshire/Dillewood area. So, the mapping is close to done – yes. But, now you have to plug all that in and we have to get a little bit of hardware as far as pads and software training and that kind of thing. Mayor Bring stated I will say one thing we were very lucky because we didn't have a lot of leaves on the ground because that would have been a disaster. This has been the longest I have ever seen leaves stay on trees. Superintendent Hastings stated as a sidebar, we have gone through the city twice with our leaf pickup, very proud of the men. Chairman Cizl thanked Superintendent Hastings for responding so quickly when we got that rain down Warwick with the sewage in the basement and everything. That was before the big rain and I appreciate you responding so quickly because I walked over there and I really expected things to be torn up. I did see your jet truck over there and nothing was torn up at all. So, what exactly happened? Superintendent Hastings answered it is just a function of maintenance, we are actually working on the east side of town as Councilperson Stark asked why we were there with that truck. We systematically clean sewers and it is just a function of dropping those jets in there which we sit baskets in place and then we drag all of the debris and material in it. That is why you don't see anything on the surface. On Warwick we did pull out some noticeable debris truthfully. The city can't control 3000 toilets and what gets flushed down them. I could no sooner schedule them to be cleaned and 2 weeks later and a toddler throws down an action figure and boom, it starts backing it up. The thing that is peculiar about Warwick is that it really is that one house that is having an issue. When she approached the committee before, I did follow through with here and we did dye test her property so we have always been working with her. She is still experiencing a problem, we did clean the sewers. So, we are doing everything on our behalf. I did mention to her, perhaps what efforts have you done as a homeowner, whether it be to clean your drains, camera your drains, clean your downspouts, that kind of thing. I haven't heard back from her so I don't know how she faired after Sunday night. Councilman Cizl stated I was curious because they said it was the 2 houses. Mrs. Jensen is the one that took the pictures or whatever and they said it was 2 houses and I didn't know if they were neighbors or what. I was guessing that it was a blockage close to their houses and it backed up. Superintendent Hastings answered well again, typically if a sewer backs up a trunk line, you are going to effect all of the houses. This was one for sure and the second did experience trouble. Although, he emailed me personally and asked not to be included in this potential city problem. He is not convinced that it is entirely ours. So, actually I thanked him for that and told him that we are going to continue our maintenance anyways. President Rosso asked is the house on the northwest side?

Chairman Cizl answered yes. Mrs. Jensen is the neighbor across the street and she took pictures and all of that in the basement because there was raw sewage in the basement. How big is the pipe there on Warwick? Superintendent Hastings answered 8 inches. Mayor Bring advised I responded to Mrs. Jensen but she didn't say if it was 1 basement or 2 basements? I didn't know that the truck was down there so, I tried to kind of ask questions and she got a little bent out of shape and I said to her I am just asking you questions about what is going on. Then she apologized and sent something back. I just found today that our guys were down there cleaning but that lady has had a lot of problems. But, just like Pat said if there was a blockage, everybody on the street would have been screaming. There has to be something else going on with that lady. Chairman Cizl stated I know you had said that whenever utilities go through, you have to paint mark where all the water lines are. I know my house had blue paint on it on Lakewood Beach and one down the street. Is there utilities that are going to be going on on Lakewood Beach? Superintendent Hastings advised it wasn't generated from us. Very well could be Columbia Gas. President Rosso stated I think they are all marked on West Drive and Warwick too when I was out on Trick-or-Treat. Chairman Cizl stated I thought it was a city issue. Superintendent Hastings stated the city is contacted of course, for anything. I mean if a realtor puts in a Century 21 sign, they have to call OOPS. If Columbia Gas digs, they call OOPS, if Elyria Fence digs they calls OOPS. Any excavation by law has to contact the major utilities. Now, you can go online and check that out. You can punch in your address to Ohio Utilities Protection and they also Apps, I just get within the vicinity of and hit near ticket and it will capture every ticket within a block of me. What they are there for, what they are doing, etc. Chairman Cizl advised I was asked but I thought the city had to do it.

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 7:21 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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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 November 6, 2017.