

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
April 2, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee were held Monday, April 2, 2018. President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: President Rosso, Mayor Bring, Gee, Kovach, Stark, Radeff, Mayor Bring, Superintendent Hastings

Absent: Cizl, Erdei, Wtulich (excused)

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the March 5, 2018 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:

4360 Lake Road in the amount of \$86.25 - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve credit. Yeas All.

4345 Tennyson Ave. in the amount of \$125.65 - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to TABLE. Yeas All.

610 Kenilworth Ave. in the amount of \$207.00 - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to TABLE. Yeas All.

877 Community Rd in the amount of \$82.80 - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to TABLE. Yeas All.

819 East Dr. in the amount of \$403.65 - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to TABLE. Yeas All.

5501 Lake Rd./building#30, in the amount of \$757.10 - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to TABLE. Yeas All.

President Rosso advised I would like to see that Mr. Hastings has recommendation to approve or deny.

MAYOR/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Hastings advised I wanted to update the committee on regarding with sewer. We have submitted and I have talked about for over a year now the plans for the pump stations and I could assume that the Ohio EPA is terribly backlogged because they continue to not respond to me timely. They are the financing arm of the OWDA which we can approach directly. There are some advantages to going through the EPA through percentages on interest. However, because we have a history we will realize some of

those same advantages. So, I just want to keep the committee updated that I continue to try and am somewhat stalemated because they are not responding and we have a serious deadline to have all this done so that we can negotiate with the City of Lorain by the end of 2018. We have serious, not failures but they are just not adequate, they are on their last leg of useful life. So, I may be coming to the committee to bypass the EPA's portion of it and go directly to the OWDA and I am trying to avoid that. President Rosso asked would you need any action from Council to do that or could you just determine in discussions with the Mayor to say hey we aren't getting anywhere? Superintendent Hastings answered yes you would have to approve, I have an application in for the loan but you guys would have to approve pursuing it and putting it out to bid. We are not allowed to borrow the money without the Council. President Rosso stated I thought do you need Council's approval to go directly to OWDA? Superintendent Hastings answered absolutely and I would do that, I would come to you. President Rosso stated I was just trying to make your life easier. Superintendent Hastings advised I am puzzled to be honest with you. I have written very professional emails, I have called, I have done everything and I am just not getting a firm answer. I don't know what to think. Mayor Bring stated regardless, we have already told you guys what we are going to do, it is basically the amount of money that is going to be the percentage of the borrowing. So, that is what it comes down to. We have even gotten the engineers involved, Pat called the engineers and asked them to look at that and they were astonished that the EPA is not responding. Superintendent Hastings explained I had them in my office with me when I did a cold call and the guy said I am busy, I will get to you in a week or so. I asked point blank if the project was somehow in jeopardy and he said no, I'm busy. And I submitted my stuff in 2017 and we are now into the fourth of 2018. I cautiously even bring it out in public meetings because I don't want to fire up the EPA. President Rosso stated well at least they would respond. Superintendent Hastings stated the only thing that I would circumvent is their financing arm the OWDA, if we can go directly to them like we did on the water main on Lake Breeze which we went directly to them. The benefit of going through the Ohio EPA the percentage break, like I said which because we have a history with the OWDA we would almost match that and typically when you go through the Ohio EPA you start building a massive data base so that your paperwork is not so redundant project after project. They just have an on-going record of our work. As far as the roads, I had been approached and I had mentioned to the Mayor a gentleman had approached the city for street lights on Elm and had actually requested it back in 2016 but when that sewer line failed, that kind of took the forefront of our project in focus and he backed off. But he is back and it is one of

the few streets that does not have street lights, a relatively newer development. I actually had an opportunity to pay for the improvements through our grant, NOPEC which I would get to you in the form of a resolution and the grant is substantial enough that I can also escrow money towards the Community Center for that project as well for lights, anything energy related. I suspect I will have that for you by the 10th. Not that it has to be an emergency but Council has to approve it. Then I had approached Steve and this isn't exactly this committee but the same fund source, NOPEC also supports community minded civic events, so I will be doing a supplemental mini grant for the Community Civic Counsel for their functions to our community. That does not need resolution of Council though.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shumaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye – Superintendent Hastings advised I did read in the newspaper that the Governor passed certain portions of the funding of the capital bill which are Day Ditch water retention was part of that package. I think the Mayor was officially notified yet but \$450,000.00 will be a part of that and I have setup a meeting with our engineer as soon as next week to get some preliminary stuff together for that. It is a wonderful financial contribution, but it doesn't quite meet the mark on what we needed. So, we will have to adjust the scope of work and maybe consider the idea of contributing some finances ourselves. This is a pretty singular opportunity for a problem area since 1950's.

Lincoln Blvd; nature trail from Oster to Lake Road proposal – Superintendent Hastings advised we are working with the Army Corp of Engineers now, designated wetlands and streams.

Rededication of Community Road behind Shoreway Shopping Center – Superintendent Hastings advised this was sent to the Building Department, they have to recommend that before it goes to Planning. I suspect that Planning will move favorably on that and it will make its way to City Council. We also have in connection with that, a potential lot split where an investor has approached the Mayor and I believe our Building & Lands committee to purchase a little bit of property and build condo's there. All of which is necessary should the city decide to sale that land and they develop they would need access to it because that is currently a private road. They would landlocked to access the very property that they bought. So, that is part of the reasoning behind the dedication of Community. President Rosso asked that is storage condo's right? Superintendent Hastings answered right.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:26 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 2, 2018.