

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
December 2, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, November 4, 2019. Councilman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Cizl, Rosso, Stark, Kovach, Wtulich, Radeff

Attending: Mayor Bring and Superintendent Hastings

Absent: Gee, Erdei

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to accept the minutes of the November 4, 2019 meeting with any corrections noted. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

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

672 Kenilworth Ave. requesting sewer credit of \$712.43. After a brief discussion and explanation by Superintendent Hastings, he would deny request based off lack of evidence. I don't deny the leak, but without receipts or proof, it is hard to credit over \$700. Chairman Cizl asks is this something that can be tabled? Superintendent Hastings replies I believe so.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to deny the request. Yeas All.

5263 Willow Lane requesting sewer credit of \$417.76. Superintendent Hastings states again, we do not have any proof other than the homeowner stating it has been winterized and he will repair it in spring. I suggest tabling it until the homeowner can provide proof of repair.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to table this credit until resident can provide repair receipts. Yeas All.

5501 Lake Rd. requesting sewer credit of \$365.54. Superintendent Hastings states the claim is a spigot was left on. I have no way of proving that. It's hard for me to support that. This is for OVI #30. Again, the burden of proof is on them. Member Stark asks is there a time limit to request a credit? Superintendent Hastings replies there is no defined limit.

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to deny request. Yeas All.

5463 Lake Rd. requests credit of \$119.36. After a brief discussion, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to approve the credit. Yeas All.

689 Maplewood Ave requesting a sewer credit of \$373. After a brief discussion by Superintendent Hastings, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to approve the credit. Yeas All.

**MAYOR/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mayor Bring has no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Pump station's projects*** – Superintendent Hastings states the city was able to seal all the areas in the electrical panels that the gas was getting into. We have reached out to the vendor to put in another circuit board to wrap this project up. Member Kovach asks are there any ideas on how to contain the odors on that one by Dillewood? Superintendent Hastings replies we have been working on an aeration system. Last week we got the quotes and it was over \$100,000. That included things that are used in sewage treatment and we don't do that. Now we are looking at the blue book and aerating it. The air system is designed to move everything outside of the building. So, inside is fine but outside of it, it smells bad. There have been some complaints. We put in freshener socks, but they didn't do much. The alternative is to turn the pumps back to where they turn on and off, but it defeats the whole purpose. Chairman Cizl asks is it being compounded since we send it to Lorain? Superintendent Hastings replies yes. Last month we pumped 6 million gallons at #3 and 12 million at #2 and by the time you get to #1, you are looking at 18-19 million. They make a carbon filter, but it costs \$4,000. It continues to be a challenge. I am working on it.

***Abbe Road/301*** – Superintendent Hastings states most of the final touches will be occurring in the spring as we are getting late into the season. Mostly cosmetic work. It is open to traffic.

***Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shumaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye*** – Superintendent Hastings states we started day ditch, I have a meeting with them tomorrow. They successfully cleared the Idlewood access and all along the tracks and came up Hull. They are repositioning at Knickerbocker. As it stands now, the project starts at the railroad and ends in and around Ferndale Park. There is another 850 linear feet going up to Ferndale Ave. It is substantially blocked by growth, etc. It is not eligible for the ODNR funds but is eligible through our local funds. Chairman Cizl asks is there any work being done on the railroad track that would make trucks come from Sheffield Village, like access from Colorado? Mayor Bring replies they are taking all that dirt from back there and making a lake for Timkowitz, well, not for him, but he is allowing them to use that dirt. I believe they are taking it to the steel mill. Member Radeff asks on the ditch, does that cover part of the ditches by Sheffield Rd. as well? Superintendent Hastings replies yes, it will run parallel to it.

***Lincoln Blvd; nature trail from Oster to Lake Road proposal/wetland study*** – Superintendent Hastings reports part of our greater goal, if we don't get the grant, we might look towards installing some of the storm sewer work on that so we can stay ahead of the curve on this project. I can continue to apply for the grant.

***Harris Road*** – Superintendent Hastings reported this is predominately done. There are some crack sealing issues yet and some punch list items. I suspect it will be spring before this is wrapped up. Chairman Cizl asks regarding storm sewers, what grass do you use? You put down seed and without watering it, there was grass in a week. It is

incredible. Superintendent Hastings replies, we do go out and water it, but not the ones on Lakewood beach. We use a local mixture from Kurtz brothers.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Superintendent Hastings reports the sanitary report, our water report, was submitted to the city today. They go over asset management and the procedures, how the city follows the EPA rules and the safety of the drinking water. There were a few violations. One was the water tank, which we have identified on the Capital Improvement Plan. We have to disconnect the water supply to that tank. Then the first of the year begin our study on how we want to approach that tower. More than likely we will take it down and consider building a new one. We have to update our website on backflow prevention. This is easy to remedy. The third violation was contingency training. Basically, if there is a water emergency in the city, any one of us can go in and get these manuals. They still require us to document and train all the guys who work for the city. I couldn't prove we do that. They need signed forms and documentation. I will have that done by the end of the year. Mayor Bring states we have something similar here. If there were to be a tornado or storm or crisis here, they want everyone trained. We will probably have to do that in the near future. Chairman Cizl asks how often do they do these inspections? Superintendent Hastings replies every three years. President Rosso states there is nothing in there I would say is critical. Member Wtulich asks Pat, have you had a chance to use the iPad at the variable speed pumps? Superintendent Hastings replies we use them for the GIS system. We use our desktops for the pumps. I could pull them up on the iPad or even my phone, but there are corrupt files.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,  
\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to adjourn at 7:46 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 COMMITTEE  
*Brandy Randolph*

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CHAIRMAN  
*Mark Cizl*

I, Brandy Randolph, duly appointed Clerk of Committee certifies this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Roads & Drains Committee of December 2, 2019.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL  
*Richard Rosso*

