

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
March 2, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, March 2, 2020. Councilman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Attending: None.

Absent: Stark, Cizl, Radeff

*Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting with any corrections noted. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE: Chairman Wtulich asks Mr. Hastings, you approved these credits? Superintendent Hastings states all four requests met the requirements of documentation and receipts. We were able to verify in most cases that there were excavations for full replacement. The one that caught my eye was the request for \$1700.88. After speaking with the clerk, they did experience a small spike in their water bill but did not react. An entire month went by and that is where all the water was lost. Everything was legitimate and documented. I recommend they all be approved.

664 Rowelyn Ave. requesting sewer credit of \$426.31.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the request. Yeas All.

626 Alameda Ave. requesting sewer credit of \$100.71.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the request. Yeas All.

927 West. Dr. requesting sewer credit of \$381.83.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the request. Yeas All.

4865 Lake Rd. requesting sewer credit of \$1700.88.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the request. Yeas All.

President Rosso asks they submitted this in October, why is this just now coming through? Superintendent Hastings replies admittingly, it sat in our office for a while.

MAYOR/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Hastings reports I met with Dave Kidder from Republic. He was touching base with all his contracts concerning yard waste pick up. They have been having trouble with frequent dumping here locally at Kurtz brothers. He wanted to let us know Republic has secured a sizable amount of land for composting themselves. He commented that he did see a couple of the brown yard bags on his way in last Tuesday. He said they

shouldn't be out this time of year. I reminded him by contract that on bulk pickup day, they could be out. This time around, because it was so few, the city picked them up. The city has a meeting scheduled with NOACA and ODOT and our engineers this week. It is for the replacement of culverts underneath Lake Rd. near Elm St. and Lafayette. Our goal is to get these replaced prior to the paving of Lake Rd. Although that project is 18 months out, it takes a lot of time to navigate with them. These are being funded through a grant the city got. Just under a quarter million. Our goal is to have these replaced, then pave Lake Rd. somewhere in the neighborhood of 2021-2022. We have a pre-bid meeting for TLCI. The bid will then open next week. Our engineering is nearly complete for Irving Park. I have a meeting this week to go over the particulars. As it stands now, when we have a water break, we shut down 6-10 valves to isolate it. The city is going to move forward and get these valves closer. We started surveying Community Rd. The Mayor entered into a contract for that engineering. We put our target road list out for bid, it also includes stone and fuel. As far as water, the EPA reached out to us about our violations. Some of them were backflow related. I think there were 4 total. One was to remove and separate the water tank. You aren't allowed to have an empty tank connected to the water system. That was engineered to be done and is being reviewed by Ohio EPA. Another one was backflow prevention. They say the city has a right to go into a home or business to inspect. But if you do a public advertising campaign to let the people know it is required, they accept that. We did post that on our website. I then got an email today saying that is not going to satisfy the requirement for commercial properties. They are almost implying we need to go into those and verify. I'll dig more into that. At one point, my effort was to get away from the traditional road paving plan that we do where we pick a road, they grind two inches and we overlay two. I wanted to incorporate a little engineering into that to keep the material in place. Do like a pulva mix which introduces an emulsion, etc. Unfortunately, the timing involved to get the engineering done, get the annual quote, etc. We would skip another whole paving season. I would say the majority of the potential roads are already a poor condition solid asphalt base. The only one that is a true chip and seal is Buckeye. When we crafted the bid, we wrote it may include the grinding. The full engineering, that I hope to direct the city into in the future is a little more consuming on time than I thought. Councilman Kovach asks so that would hold you back every year? Superintendent Hastings replies no, but I need to start now for the following year. Councilman Kovach asks about those culverts that are being replaced, how old are those? Superintendent Hastings replies those go back to the 60's. Councilman Kovach states so those are original installs. Superintendent Hastings states the one at Lafayette is driven also by the resident there and then the gentleman on Park St. where the outfall is eroding bad. The pipes are falling in, the ramps are impacted, etc. The Mayor and Law Director actually drafted an agreement that the property owners

take care of this, but the gentleman fell ill. That is when I went after this grant money. The bad news is that it does not cover all the way to Lake Erie. That will be another phase. I am also having trouble identifying the easement that says we are allowed to be there. As far as the public right-of-way, the public street and the public outfall, that will be renewed. If we are going to pump out \$1.7 million onto Lake Rd. to pave it, we should take a look underneath. The Lake Rd. paving is coming in between \$1.4-1.7 million. So far, we have our match down to about \$300,000. I'm going to try to get that through public works grants. Chairman Wtulich asks so for those two culverts, is it going to cost a quarter million dollars? Superintendent Hastings replies that was the estimate when we wrote it. We wrote this almost a year ago and those costs are climbing. Those numbers are subject to change.

OLD BUSINESS:

5263 Willow Lane service credit- Superintendent Hastings reports I have no news. I suspect that they have not pursued with the city. Since they have not responded, I suggest it could be removed. Chairman Wtulich states we will talk to Law Director Graves about the process of un-tabling this before we move forward.

Pump station's projects – Chairman Wtulich asks have you been able to scale back the speeds on those? Superintendent Hastings replies yes, the technology does it for us, but we can intervene if we have to. We have had no flooding. That, with the cleaning of our ditches has been very beneficial. Mayor Bring states I think the leaf pick up has made a huge difference. At Lake Breeze when we ran the water line, they dug the whole road up. I think that acts like a French drain a little as well. I also think they found some obstructions. Superintendent Hastings states they did several repairs to the storm sewer.

Lincoln Blvd; nature trail from Oster to Lake Road proposal/wetland study –

Superintendent Hastings states we are waiting on the State to supply a contract for the Mayor to sign. I cannot do anything until they act. I wanted to build it this year.

Councilman Kovach states I assume our ditch project is done or close to done.

Superintendent Hastings replies there are a lot of plantings that will be going in.

Inside of the straw matting are seeds that are designed to break open when they freeze. There will be some signage identifying the ditch and there will be painting of all the headwalls and concrete in front of them will be replaced. The lions share is done. Personally, that is one of the projects I am proudest of. It was challenging.

Chairman Wtulich asks so the ditch behind those houses on Holl, was done also, right? Superintendent Hastings replies yes. A little off topic, but the Metroparks

(inaudible) ditch is also now applying for wetland credits. I think all of our work has inspired something over there. Chairman Wtulich states I heard they were going to put in some ponds. Is that going to direct some rainwater towards those?

Superintendent Hastings replies our plan had potential ponds, their plan is to saturate

everything. They want to plug up all access. Except for the upland areas. They have a proposal for a raised wooden boardwalk throughout the property.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Erdei asks did you come to a conclusion on the water coming from Sheffield, underneath the railroad tracks? Mayor Bring states no, we have not done anything with that. If they do the development down by Abbe Rd., we will have to do something. I have talked to the Mayor.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: **None.**

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei 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 COMMITTEE

Brandy Randolph

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 March 2, 2020.

CHAIRMAN

William Wtulich Jr.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Richard Rosso