

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
May 4, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, May 4, 2020. Councilman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Attending: None.

Absent: None.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting with any corrections noted. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:

633 Harris Rd. requesting a credit of \$690.64. After a brief review,

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

5015 Lake Rd. requesting a credit of \$803.16. Mayor Bring states we have been to this residence two times on overtime for this particular break. They demanded we turn the water back on. Both times we went, they were not home, and we could not contact them. Superintendent Hastings states we spent about \$300 in labor on those calls. Chairman Wtulich asks what about partial credit? Superintendent Hastings replies I personally would be in favor of partial credit contingent on the cost of labor. I would have to calculate it exactly.

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

672 Kenilworth Ave. requesting a credit of \$712.43. After a brief review,

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

MAYOR/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Hastings reports we redid all three pump stations. At pump station two, the resident has had flooding in his rental. Three times since January. This has not happened before. We did some research and it is the city's belief that because he did work in Lake Erie, including Armour stone both on his property and out into the lake, he changed the lateral drift of how the sand moves. Much like our boat launch and Avon Lake's, there is now a massive quantity of sand in our overflow pipe that is connected to pump station two. So, the water cannot get out. It blows the lid off the manhole in his driveway. I reached out to ODNR and the Army Corps of Engineers to see the permits and calculations for the sand. Unfortunately, the gentleman did not have permits. I learned from the state that they ordered him to deconstruct everything. For those reasons,

sand as it moves along the coast, is a big deal to engineers. As it turned out, he explained the sewer was not necessarily from the water coming out of that manhole and rolling into his house, but his own sewer line from that house to the city was bringing backwater. That is because the pump station cannot relieve water and our pump station floods. The whole area is impacted by the plugging of that pipe. I worked with him and his contractor and they are putting in a check valve to alleviate the problem. We still remain engaged with this pipe that is virtually plugged. Chairman Wtulich asks is it causing any other problems with moving water through there then. Superintendent Hastings replies yes, it would impact everybody east. The pipe that is blocked, typically doesn't run anything. Because of the infiltration of our sewers, we get so much rainwater where it doesn't belong, and then we pump it to Lorain for treatment. It's a mix of rain and sewage. It doesn't happen a lot, but we have had some bad rain. I only had one basement complaint on Kenilworth. On a side note, the gentleman also has a water supply leak from the street to his rental home and he blamed our construction on that. I had to explain we had no ground disturbance, we never dug anything. Chairman Wtulich asks is that flooding our pumps then? Superintendent Hastings replies they are submersible pumps, so it does not hurt them. But, if you get to floor number one, we have a problem. It's not good to be on the second floor. That's where the men are. The city is doing investigative sewer work along Irving Park, cameras and inspections of laterals, etc. This is in an effort to stop the rainwater from getting in. That was supposed to coincide with the construction on Irving Park, which is now on hold. Community is also on hold. I am opening bids this week on a project the city can't fund. Lincoln Nature Trail is also linked to the same fund source, so that is temporarily gone. In good news, the road program is commencing tomorrow. We will be grinding the streets and paving will follow soon after. One street is Treadway, it has made the list several years in a row. We are replacing some catch basins there. We do have the water tower disconnection plans approved by the Ohio EPA. They require it to be disconnected because it is not in service. All of the engineering and pressure studies I was going to start this year are temporarily stopped. I have to see if the funding is there and we haven't been able to meet with these people because of restrictions. The TLCI project will start a week from today. Mayor Bring states as far as funding, the city has taken a hit. We are going to be cautious as far as what we do. The city is not going to borrow money and put us in a bind. Councilman Radeff asks did you speak with Mr. Biebrick? Superintendent Hastings replies I did, today. I will go down and look again and follow up. Mayor Bring states we did not have to dredge the boat launch this year. So, we didn't have to spend \$20,000 on that. Chairman Wtulich states I noticed the concrete is starting to go in over there today. Superintendent Hastings replies yes, the Watershed project is starting to wrap up. New concrete was poured today. I am drafting the paperwork on our first draw of about 365,000 in refunds back to the city.

Our Law Director recorded the ownership of the easement through there. You have to prove that you own it, and no one will mess with it for 15 years to get the money. I got a call Friday and received a complaint that the fence along the bottom is not consistent with the earth and that a small child or dog could fall under it. I did go look and the earth is a little wavy, it's a ditch. You can put a pole in, but that terrain is not advantageous to a pole.

OLD BUSINESS:

5263 Willow Lane service credit- remains tabled.

Pump station's projects – reported on above.

Lincoln Blvd; nature trail from Oster to Lake Road proposal/wetland study – reported on above.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:33 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 May 4, 2020.

CHAIRMAN

William Wtulich Jr.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Richard Rosso