

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

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, November 2, 2020. Councilman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**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 Erdei to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting with any corrections noted. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

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

None.

**MAYOR/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent Hastings reports Irving Park is going to have the full depth repairs finished hopefully by Wednesday. That is the trenches that they excavated for water lines, etc. They are looking at paving through the weekend and complete on Saturday. There were holes down by Lake where they milled it out in preparation for that, it was addressed today. Community Rd. is scheduled to commence the end of November, beginning of December. On Oster Rd., the village reached out to plan it and we are going to work with them with a target date of June 2021. Lake Rd. resurfacing and replacement of culverts and water lines is still on track. I hope to realize the majority of that project, which is coming in at about \$1.4 million, 95% through grants and state contributions. The EPA continues to press upon us rules and regulations, the latest of which is the survey of commercial properties. They intend that the utility go and visually inspect every business in the city which includes apartments, etc. I have been working with them for the last few months, the whole premise is backflow prevention. We were able to submit that and some written surveys to the various businesses to satisfy them. So far, that has been accepted. As far as the sanitary sewer system, the easement has been agreed to by city council, the administration and in theory, the homeowner. That is in front of attorneys for signatures and we are ready to move forward on that. We are working on a capital improvement plan for sanitary sewer. As you know, the incremental increases council approved expired in January of 2020. There is nothing

set for our own capital planning moving forward 21-24. I hope to have that in the coming weeks. Finally, for refuse, the city was able to get grant funds for a flyer and informational packet with a city map. This is something the mayor had on his backburner for the city to produce. It is going to include bulk pickup and the collection of leaves and yard waste, information about our police and fire, our parks etc. The goal is to direct mail these to 4,000 residents and pickup more for inventory here. Councilman Radeff asks for Lake (inaudible) what is the target year for that? Superintendent Hastings replies fiscal year 2023, which would be construction in June 2022. The city is applying for OPWC funds and grants to cover our share. Councilwoman Gee states I am seeing a lot of residents blow their leaves out into the street instead of just the tree lawn, I was wondering if next year we could put the ordinance about it being against the law on the water bill. Superintendent Hastings replies yes, I can look into that. This pamphlet will have the general instructions. Mayor Bring states Pat and I were talking, and we are going to repave Lake Rd. and do the larger walkway on the southside, but maybe we can look at doing all the sidewalks down Lake Rd. on the northside too. There are a lot that have been sold that haven't had that done. Pat said we have \$100,000+ in the account, so we are going to have to do those. We will have to outsource that, because we don't have the time. President Rosso asks how would we pay for that? Mayor Bring replies we wouldn't, we would have to assess it and figure it out. President Rosso states a long time ago Joyce told me that there was a discussion, they had some money, I don't know where it came from, the talk was putting sidewalks down Lake Rd. or build Memorial Park. They decided to build the park. Mayor Bring states I am going to have our building inspector go through all this and get a list and we can have a discussion. Councilman Cizl asks is there any kind of gauge as where we are at as far as houses that have sold through the years and haven't gotten sidewalks? Superintendent Hastings replies we have gotten very good data on the money and what needs done. It is hard to place blame, but a lot of the problem was in Safebuilt as they never pursued any of it. Then we transferred our billing department, so it kind of filtered to my office where I had big hopes. The reality is, with three guys and we are putting in miles of pipe, to think I can put in all this sidewalk is tough. When the civic center was built, I reached out to that contractor and said let's get something going this fall and he went around and looked but didn't want to touch it. The problem is where you have a house with no sidewalk and need professional surveying, then the next one had a sidewalk here and the next one needed lined up here, and he just walked away. Now I have set it up where our engineering company would, for a flat rate, go set these pins and then Mr. Melbar and myself have talked about a public bid with our annual bid. So, a contractor would come in with x amount of dollars going in, everything clearly marked and not all the controversy. We have done a few recently and trying to find these property pins is next to impossible.

Mayor Bring states and with some of these properties he has looked at, technically where it goes is way inside their yard. Superintendent Hastings states Mapleview for example is an 18 ft. wide gravel dead end street off of Walker, but the right of way of the city is 50 ft. Meaning the sidewalk, you go to the outer limits of the right of way and then move yourself in 4 ft. for the sidewalks. That is why you need the professional surveys out there and the pins marked. It is all driven by point of sale, the sale of property. We have a plan now and we have 6 figures worth of work. The recent grant I wrote for the sidewalks on Lake Rd. on the southside, is through ODOT safety funds. That is half a million dollars and is from our community center to the existing trail at Brookside. The goal is to go after it in sections, but even these projects are two and a half years out. Councilman Erdei asks on the Community Rd. project, are they gonna put in all new water lines and sewer? Superintendent Hastings replies yes, water lines, sewer casting, service lines, etc. It will have a sharrow and connection to the sidewalk. Councilman Erdei asks are you going to have concrete curbs to hold that asphalt in? Superintendent Hastings replies no, it will not have curbs because they still need to access the back of the Shoreway. Chairman Wtulich asks is the plan to do all of Lake Rd. in one shot or in pieces? Superintendent Hastings replies everything. It is going to be challenging and I am a little concerned for Amber Oaks which just reopened and Bi-Rite because they are going to be sandwiched in between two culverts being changed. We are on a tight schedule and I will talk to them about maintaining these businesses which is critical.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Superintendent Hastings reports all of our wetland work has been done and I have applied for a jurisdictional notice from USAC. They are the ones who would issue a permit to allow us to do construction. Chairman Wtulich asks is the plan to do that in 2021? Superintendent Hastings replies yes, the plan is to have that approval over the winter. At the same time, the city authorized engineering which is happening now for the design. I hope to put it out to bid in spring.

**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 7:20 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*

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 November 2, 2020.

CHAIRMAN

*William Wtulich Jr.*

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Richard Rosso*