

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
June 6, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, June 6, 2022. Acting Chairman President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Rosso, Stark, Kovach, Gee, Cizl, Radeff, Erdei, Mayor Bring, Service Director Hastings.

Attending: None.

Excused: Wtulich.

\*Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2022 meeting with any corrections noted. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

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

None.

**MAYOR/SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Bring reports with Republic we are getting some conflicting answers from them. We are going to meet with the new director on the 13<sup>th</sup> to find out exactly what is going on. Their staffing is a problem, just like everywhere else. Lorain has called us for the sewer billing, and we have been going back and forth with their mayor, law director and service director. Pat and David are going over on Wednesday to try to straighten it out. Lake Rd. is going to start on the 13<sup>th</sup>, they will be getting ready to pave. We are having an issue with Corna. He was told to get the underground water supply ready, and he has had several months to do it. If he doesn't, it will tender up our new road and I will not let him do it. I put a call in today and am waiting for a response.

Service Director Hastings states the ODOT repaving is in advance of the culvert work. Unfortunately, when we awarded that contract all the elliptical pipe and some of the water mains are backordered for 5-6 months. Everything has been impacted. We will move forward with the paving. I am now looking at fall for the installation of the culverts and we will do a concrete cap over that. Internally we are working on hydrants and storm drains on Alameda. We will be returning back to asphalt repairs. Member Gee asks is there any improving on our sewer vac? Last I heard, it was broke down. Service Director Hastings replies the tank itself is starting to deteriorate. We invested a lot mechanically into it, but the tank is failing. Preliminary estimates are at about \$80,000. We are exploring the replacement of that in a few years. Member Gee

asks because of those issues with the sewer vac, did that put the street sweeper on the back burner? Service Director Hastings responds no, it just affected how the city would pursue funding. I intend to bring more detail at tomorrow's meeting. Member Cizl asks on Warwick Dr. is there something going on with the sewer grates on the first and second blocks? They are spray painted. Service Director Hastings replies probably because there was an OUPS location. If a homeowner is doing anything from a street sign to a mailbox to any excavation, the utilities will go out and mark. There is no work from the city currently. Member Stark asks is there any progress at the end of Thelma at Erieview/Hawthorne with the ditch? Service Director Hastings replies the latest progress is that I attempted many times to get them to come meet with our law director. It's an implied easement and we are going to go in, but we don't want to do that without a face to face. Member Stark asks with Lake Rd. starting on the 13<sup>th</sup>, I see signs directing traffic from 83 down Lake and onto 301, is that right? Service Director Hastings replies yeah, that is because of Avon Lake, they are identifying a truck route. Mayor Bring says I spoke with Nathan and Gayle Manning the other day about what is going on with Walker Rd. With the increase and Ford plant, more trucks/traffic are going to come down that. I am seeing if we can't get something done with the road between Avon Lake and us with the whole section of road. Member Kovach asks where do you think this construction will be at on July 14<sup>th</sup>? Service Director Hastings replies I did explain in our preconstruction meeting about the festivities and fireworks. Regardless of where they are, they will be cognizant of our festival.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Lincoln Blvd; nature trail from Oster to Lake Road proposal/wetland study-*** Service Director Hastings reports the paving and restoration is done. The city will put guardrails at the end of all 13 streets to prohibit traffic, we have signs in place now. I had Irving's in town Friday and Saturday doing restoration on the driveway aprons that we tore up for water breaks and storm sewer. Then the city intends to follow up with them in the fall for another \$40,000 worth of sidewalks on property transfers.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Bring states we are still having trouble with a resident on Alameda with the Metro Parks path behind his house with the ditch. He had an altercation with one of our employees today and he has threatened to sue, etc. I just wanted to tell you what is going on.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:** David Alten, 504 Treadway Blvd. says we were told we are supposed to start here with vacating Madison Ave. It is right next to our property. President Rosso says currently, this portion of Madison is a paper street. Mayor Bring says it does connect to Treadway and Lafayette, that would be the only thing. Pat and I will sit down and take a look. Service Director Hastings says there are utilities there as well. So, even if we vacated it, we would have to draft a legal description for an easement. Mayor Bring says we will be in touch.

Doug Bell, 685 Lafayette Blvd. says my neighbor and myself had our driveways done in 2012. We had a contractor come and put piping in and covered up the pipe from the street to the sidewalk. I was wondering since you guys got some grant money, if we could get some of that money back since we paid for it ourselves? Mayor Bring replies it's not grant money; we are using storm water utility money to do this. We charge for driveway pipe, people that don't want to wait for the city can do it and pay for it themselves. I can't possibly think of how hard it would be to go back retroactively and pay people back, it would bankrupt us. Mr. Bell asks there is an empty lot by me, and I wanted to know are you going to remove the drain ditches like you did on Lafayette? Service Director Hastings replies the city currently installed pipe from Richelieu to the end of the proposed development. We intend to revisit it and pipe it all which would include that.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl 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.

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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 June 6, 2022.

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**CHAIRMAN**

*William Wtulich Jr.*

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**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

*Richard Rosso*