

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
May 2, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, May 2, 2022. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Wtulich, Rosso, Kovach, Cizl, Erdei, Mayor Bring, Service Director Hastings.

Attending: Citizens.

Excused: Stark, Gee, Radeff.

*Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the Apr. 4, 2022 meeting with any corrections noted. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: *Service Director Hastings, Capital Improvement Plan-* Service Director Hastings presents a power point presentation with the following key points. Service Director Hastings states the city's sewer rates have not changed since 2020 which was the expiration of the last capital improvement plan. All of our sewage is gravity and heads towards Lorain and goes through a series of pump stations. We have three of those. The city typically moves 305 million gallons of sewage a year, which is average of 26 million a month and 750,000 a day. President Rosso asks do we pay Lorain? Service Director Hastings replies yes. We rehabbed all the pump stations. We have done sewer lining and grouting which is the focus of our current plan. We have purchased a backhoe, but it is on back order. We also bought a sewer camera system. For 2022-2026, the first thing I want to do is add the sewers to our GIS. One piece of equipment we do still need is a street sweeper, because it is so versatile. It would relieve some of the heavy work the current city truck is doing in our sanitary/storm sewers. Our sanitary billing is identified in codified ordinance. When I considered rates, I also looked at sanitary sewer surveys which capture all the data across the state of Ohio. When you compare the rates across the state, the average home is \$715/year. If you use the same estimate on normal household usage, gallons, Sheffield Lake comes in at \$537.60. The reality is we average far below the monthly consumption of water. The city has all sewage treatment done by the city of Lorain and our codified ordinance allows for my office to increase incrementally anytime an increase comes from them. However, our contract with them expired in 2018. They have recently reached out and we have meetings scheduled this month. As a reminder, any increase/decrease is pretty much automatically passed on to the residents of our city. Chairman Wtulich asks for someone who has a water bill of

\$100 a month right now, over the 5 years, what would it go to? Service Director Hastings replies added would be about .90 per unit charge a month, then .20 for capital improvement and .20 more cents for the base charge. About \$15 a year. President Rosso asks did you want to bring this recommendation to council? Service Director Hastings replies yes, my goal is to have this in place by July. *Motion by Wtulich/Second by Cizl to move Capital Improvement Plan to council. Yeas All.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:

None.

MAYOR/SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Member Cizl asks at the alumni park, at the pump station there, when you walk up and smell fumes, is that permanent? It hits you right when you get out of the car. Service Director Hastings replies the problem is inconsistent. At that particular station, we have problems with grease. There will always be an odor, we do have methods to treat that but sometimes it's not successful.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Chairman Wtulich asks is this set to be paved? Service Director Hastings replies the stone was too wet.

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 7:40 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

CHAIRMAN

William Wtulich Jr.

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 2, 2022.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Richard Rosso