

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
July 10, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, July 10, 2023. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Wtulich, Stark, Kovach, Gee, Cizl, Radeff, Mayor Bring, Service Director Hastings.
Attending: Citizens
Excused: Rosso, Shaw.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2023 meeting with any corrections noted. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:

766 Harris Rd. requesting a sewer credit of \$1,935.84. After a brief review by Service Director Hastings, he recommends approving half, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve a partial credit of \$967.92.

564 West Shore Blvd. requesting a sewer credit of \$1,112.96. After a brief review by Service Director Hastings, *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to approve the sewer credit for 564 West Shore Blvd. Yeas All.

541 Maplewood Ave. requesting a sewer credit of \$1,255.04. After a brief review by Service Director Hastings, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the credit for 541 Maplewood Ave.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR/SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Service Director Hastings reports the sanitary survey was completed by the Ohio EPA. That is an in-depth analysis of the utility concerning water. We fared very well, but had one notice of violation. It was identifying a 94-year-old cast iron pipe that is exposed in Day Ditch near the covered bridge. We brought it up to them for recommendations and were recommended to repair it. Typically, you have 30 days. However, something of this magnitude, I lobbied for the time to have site surveys, engineering, funding and a completion time of spring of next year. We have the backflow prevention program that wrapped up this past month. That is for businesses and homeowners that have sprinkler systems or any hazardous conditions that water might backflow into the potable water supply. There are about 5 that have not complied and are subject to

having their water terminated. It is a risk of public health and safety. We will also be performing our lead and copper testing for the EPA. That is where bottles are given to select homes. Specifically, based on the age in which they were built and the propensity of lead being there. That will be done by August. Crews are currently working with our concrete contractors and our water dept. because of the meter pits, curb boxes, etc. that need to be adjusted to grade. We are about \$60,000 complete in our sidewalk program and anticipate meeting the goal. The city has performed restoration on all of the pipe installs we've done internally on Dunny, Lafayette, Pasadena and West Shore. We have scheduled work for Alameda, Pasadena, Idlewood and Grantwood. The city repaired the outfall of Treadway which serves as one of the drains for the new development of Treadway Ponds. We were putting in pipe south of Richelieu, but were flooding out the north end. With the new culvert, we were able to lower everything and drain the development. The city released the performance bond for the infrastructure installed at Treadway. We had final seeding and linear grading on the Ivanhoe project. I will have legislation to put Warwick out for bid. This project is in excess of \$700,000. Road paving for our target list is scheduled. I am trying to coordinate that with the repaving of our two basketball courts, one which will be striped for pickleball. Our street sweeping operations and roadside mowing are occurring in addition to the pipe install and asphalt repairs. I was visited by the board of health prompted by the Ohio EPA where a complaint was made that we were somehow illegally using our machine. I was easily able to provide all of the documentation/lab testing for metals and the process in which we get rid of it. I have asked for a follow up confirmation on the work I did and the work I provided and they have yet to answer. The service issues we had with missed pickup, littering and bulk pickup have improved greatly. I was recently given permission by the mayor to sit on the solid waste management policy committee and I will be sworn in tomorrow by the commissioners. As far as grants, the city was awarded \$1.6 million through ODOT and Governor DeWine's commitment of \$54 million to statewide projects. This will continue our connectivity trail along Lake Rd. with a 10ft. wide sidewalk from Elm to Cove Beach and will include upgrades and pedestrian improvements to the traffic signals at 301 and 6. Two other grants we were able to collect for that same project amounting to approximately 1 million more will continue the trail from the covered bridge to Harris Rd. Chairman Wtulich asks the board of health said we were illegally using what machine? Mayor Bring replies the new street sweeper. Chairman Wtulich asks with the lead/copper testing, is that done in house or did you have to hire somebody? Service Director Hastings replies we facilitate supplying the bottles and doing the reporting, but we send it out to a lab. Member Stark asks the recycling trash cans, if they need replaced, do they reach out to the city or waste management? Service Director Hastings replies they should reach out directly to Republic. Member Stark asks what is the process for people to put up

signs such as children at play, no parking, etc.? Service Director Hastings replies they can call my office and it will be reviewed. Member Stark says I have gotten questions about the parking from here to the corner one. Service Director Hastings replies that's a standard ordinance across the State of Ohio. That would be a function of the law to enforce. Member Gee says there are concerns about the shrubs growing up when you go to turn off Harris Rd. onto Lake Rd. around the dollar store sign, it has gotten high. Service Director Hastings says historically Dollar General is difficult to deal with. They're corporate owned and the people we talk to are out of state. They currently have a dumpster that is in shambles, they had a fence section fall down that took the better part of half a year and the involvement of court. While we will respond to your concern, it is going to take time. Mayor Bring says last time the fence fell down, we ended up having to cite the store manager which is totally unfair because she had nothing to do with it, but that was our only recourse according to the law. She came to court, but we dismissed the case. It was the only way we were actually able to get Dollar General to put the fence back up. Member Gee says I was hoping their lawn service would do something. Service Director Hastings says the lawn service blows the grass out into the curbs which is highly dangerous to motor cycles and detrimental to our system. They also haven't complied with the backflow prevention and will be shut off in the near future if they don't.

OLD BUSINESS: Member Kovach asks how are we coming with anything on the water tower? Service Director Hastings replies that will move forward with a hydraulic study of the water. We submitted all the data we had on hand and were unable to find water mains along Forest Lawn Ave. which is undeveloped. After much searching, we went to the previous engineering firm to get that information. There is some delay on the people who won the bid on the tower as well.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to adjourn at 7:39 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 July 10, 2023.

CHAIRMAN

William Wtulich Jr.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Richard Rosso