

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
February 5, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, February 5, 2024. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Wtulich, Rosso, Stark, Kovach, Gee, DeBottis, Cizl, Mayor Radeff,
Service Director Hastings.
Attending: Citizens.
Excused: None.

*Motion by Cizl/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2023 meeting with any corrections noted. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:

None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR/SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Service Director Hastings reports our water dept. have been responding to a couple situations. A fire hydrant got struck on Lake Rd. and we repaired that, there was a water main break on Gayle that was repaired and as a result of shutting that down, the valve broke. We also had a break at Shoreway Shopping Center and were able to shut it down and then the valve body broke. The road dept. has been out doing cold mix. I met with engineering and I'm hopeful in spring to reach out to local contractors to redig Forest Lawn Ditch. The Warwick project has all the main lines in for the gas and will remobilize to hook up the individual gas lines on every body's home. Then our contractor will begin. I submitted a grant application for about 1.7 million dollars in improvements to the sanitary sewer system on Irving Park and every dead-end street off of it. I will be attending an Ohio EPA water control loan fund seminar this week in hopes of preparing an application for our water tower project. I am still working on the road list. The mayor did host Lorain County Community Development recently and they know we are hopeful to get some answers soon. Member Gee says there was a sinkhole in the 500 block of Lafayette and it has happened again, east side of the street. Service Director Hastings asks north of Richelieu, in the grass? Member Gee replies yes, it was underneath the stormwater pipe. Service Director Hastings will look into it. Chairman Wtulich asks have you

done any more work with engineering about how to increase/enlarge the flow in Day Ditch? Service Director Hastings replies I have not. I was under the impression we were going to put a subcommittee together so I was kind of waiting on that and I have about nine projects with engineering right now. I'll pursue that goal.

Mayor Radeff reports I went to the Lorain County Mayor/Manager's meeting and they had two of the commissioners there. One of the big topics was the regional sewer district that they are looking to possibly do. They are in the process of purchasing land that would involve the county kind of taking over Vermilion, Lorain and another facility. The idea is to set the pricing for sewage pretty much the same throughout the county. They will provide more information going forward. It doesn't seem like it will affect us much at all, if any.

OLD BUSINESS: Subcommittee for sewer. Lengthy discussion with the following key points/questions. President Rosso says we know we have engineering with the culverts, etc., but what else do we need to look at? If that is going to take months to figure out, can we be doing something else? Pat is already doing the Forest Lawn Ditch and he submitted the grant for the sanitary sewer which will stop the infiltration in the Knolls, and will help with the storm water and sewer issue too. Chairman Wtulich asks Forest Lawn Ditch, when was that put in? Service Director Hastings responds 1999 I believe. Chairman Wtulich asks where did that water drain to before that was put in? Service Director Hastings replies it didn't. It made its way down to the ditches of all the dead-end streets off of Ferndale and flooded those streets often. Mayor Radeff asks so are we putting one (subcommittee) together, or no? President Rosso replies my comment was we will see what happens tonight and maybe leave it on the agenda for next month and see what is going on then. I didn't know if anybody had an interest, etc. Also, meeting during the day frees up his (Pat) time in the evening. Mayor Radeff states it's not something that necessarily has to be meeting every month, it can be quarterly. I think Matt is looking so that citizens have some input, which I think is important. Mayor Radeff asks citizen Matt Harper his thoughts. Mr. Harper replies I want to look for different ways that we can either try to reroute this water or come up with ideas to better the routes it is traveling. Previously it has been talked about putting in 6ft. drainage, cement culverts and then topping it and using it as a walkway. I know something like that is going to be expensive and we don't have all that money, but maybe that is something we can look at. President Rosso says let's organize it. How many people do we want on it, do we want to set a minimum/maximum, how do we get people involved, etc. The only thing is I don't think chairing that subcommittee should fall on Pat. Do we want to put the word out and try to come up with somebody for next meeting? Mr. Harper replies I think you should do an even split of residents and people who are already chairing boards. Mayor Radeff says I think someone from Planning can definitely be on this. I'm working on the other boards and I've had interest on those. I'm going to meet with a

couple people and tell them the open boards. Member Kovach says maybe start with four, one from each ward. President Rosso says it should probably have a council rep on it and Mr. Hastings should be involved in it. Service Director Hastings says I'm happy to help. When Councilman Wtulich asked did you engage in engineering, I will say in my mind that triggers anywhere from \$5-10,000. They are a consulting engineer so even exhibits and preliminary work is money. President Rosso says so we need to prioritize. Member DeBottis asks Pat, what are the 2-3 areas you would improve right now to improve the drainage? Service Director Hastings replies Schumaker Ditch, drainage on Lake Rd. and Day Ditch. Chairman Wtulich says so for the subcommittee we are thinking six total people, a resident from each ward, Pat and a council rep. Mayor Radeff says I can be on it and represent Pat. Mr. Harper says Pat has the ultimate knowledge. Mayor Radeff says I would love to be on the board and Pat can come quarterly and give updates. Chairman Wtulich says so the main function of this subcommittee would be to figure out exactly what needs to be done and how we are going to fund it. Service Director Hastings asks in both storm and sanitary? Chairman Wtulich replies sure. Mayor Radeff says maybe you want to write something up about your functions, etc. Service Director Hastings says I plan to bring in an engineer right out of the gate. Member Cizl asks do we have a map or any kind of idea of how many properties are still sharing storm and sanitary, interconnected? Service Director Hastings replies no.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:34 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 Feb. 5, 2024.

CHAIRMAN
William Wtulich Jr.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
Richard Rosso