

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
January 8, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, January 8, 2024. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Wtulich, Rosso, Stark, Kovach, Gee, DeBottis, Cizl, Mayor Radeff,
Service Director Hastings.

Attending: None.

Excused: None.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2023 meeting with any corrections noted. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Wtulich says we received correspondence for an ordinance establishing the sewer and water advisory board. Mayor Radeff states I just wanted to give you something so you're not starting from scratch. President Rosso asks this is just regarding really storm water though, right or sanitary? Mayor Radeff replies yeah, obviously we would have to tailor it. It kind of covers both. The point is having people be updated on what is going on and make recommendations on where they think we should continue our efforts. President Rosso says my only comment is going to be as long as people realize this isn't the stormwater utilities appeal board.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:

None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR/SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Service Director Hastings reports with water, I am waiting on engineering for the notice of violation and the water line we will be replacing underneath Day Ditch just south of the covered bridge. We turned ourselves in to the EPA for guidance and they are working with us on the timeline. I have a meeting with engineering Wednesday on the possibility of replacing a section of water main on West Shore between Hawthorne Ave. and Lake Rd. The reason is we had a very rare event and the waterline broke and flooded the home next to it. We repaired it and when we put it back in service, another crack exposed itself. The line is from the 20's and I don't feel comfortable making continued repairs without an assessment. As far as drains, I am going to revisit some engineering work we had for Forestlawn Ditch. I had elevations and some preliminary engineering done, but I want to revisit that and get that project

moving. Homeowners along Warwick received notification that Columbia Gas has started construction. I will be working with the administration on the annual road paving list. Two areas of construction waiting patiently are the south end of Treadway and Buckeye Cove. We have been waiting on these for construction to complete and most of it has. I will reach out to them. We have a significant deficiency in our street dept. I have been interviewing candidates and approached the mayor with my top ones. He also interviewed them and I believe he will be presenting two names tomorrow. Service Director Hastings gives a brief description of candidates. Chairman Wtulich asks with Forestlawn Ditch, that drain goes over Idlewood and drains into Day Ditch, right? Service Director Hastings replies correct. Member DeBottis asks did our water and sewer rates go up? Service Director Hastings replies the sewer rate went up. The City of Lorain has imposed a five year plan to get us to 50% of their in city rate. We also have a nominal increase of 3% internally. That was for a capital improvement plan that I wrote and we are following that plan. GIS including our sanitary system in our GIS program, was part of that plan. I was able to secure a grant in the last week of the year and it is paying for 75% of that task. Member DeBottis asks when did the rate hike take effect on the sewer? Service Director Hastings replies the first bill of this year. Member DeBottis asks did we have advance notice of that? Service Director Hastings responds we certainly had it in public meetings. I don't put a flyer out or anything like that. Chairman Wtulich asks what's the length of the waterline that needs replaced in Day Ditch? Service Director Hastings replies that is yet to be determined. Chairman Wtulich asks so we don't know cost yet? Service Director Hastings replies not yet, but Wednesday I'll know some numbers. Mayor Radeff states with the two new hires and snow coming, getting two people in that can help us plow is going to be a huge benefit. I think they will both be good and are highly qualified.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussed above.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Gee says I got a lot of complaints that they made it clear that the refuse wasn't being picked up until Saturday and they picked up a large part of the city Friday. They didn't come back through Saturday. Chairman Wtulich says they did on my street. Member Gee replies they didn't on our side. Member DeBottis says I thought the same. I put out on Saturday morning and they picked up Friday, but did come back Saturday. Service Director Hastings says in my experience, they always come back. Member Gee says they came back and picked up recyclables, but not refuse Saturday. Service Director Hastings replies I'll let the foreman know. Mayor Radeff says our new representative is Dan Given and I was there recently to tour the recycling center. He stated anyone is welcome to come out. They are doing a good job over there.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by DeBottis to adjourn at 7:19 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 Jan. 8, 2024.

CHAIRMAN

William Wtulich Jr.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Richard Rosso