

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
March 4, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, March 4, 2024. Chairman Wtulich called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Attending: None.

Excused: None.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:

725 Irving Park Blvd. requesting a sewer credit for \$50.40. After a brief discussion, approval recommended by Service Director Hastings.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the sewer credit at 725 Irving Park Blvd. Yeas All.

5240 Lake Rd. requesting a sewer credit for \$396.00. After a brief discussion, tabling pending further investigation recommended by Service Director Hastings. *Motion by Gee/Second by DeBottis to table the credit. Yeas All.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR/SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Service Director Hastings reports I have a meeting later this week that will better define the Forestlawn Ditch. We are going to solicit local contractors as it will most likely not rise to the threshold of a public bid. It will be cleaning the ditch from Oster Rd. to Idlewood. At this meeting I will also begin the conversation with Schumaker Ditch. That will prove challenging as I don't think there are a lot of recorded easements through there. However, I am getting phone calls as of late of water not moving so well. I still don't have a definitive answer on Alameda Phase 2. That is pending design, but it has to be approved by the commissioners. I am going to draft for the council meeting the road list for 2024. We have agreed to pursue Treadway and Cliff where new construction has taken place. Our water dept. has been responding to quite a few small leaks in the system. I have a meeting scheduled to do the kickoff on the GIS locating of all the sewer assets of the city. Essentially that

allows us to use a digital format as opposed to the old maps. Member Gee asks what was the work done on Walker hill north of Tennyson? Service Director Hastings replies there is a big catch basin there and there is a breach where the mortar had failed. Member DeBottis asks how long ago was Day Ditch dug and cleaned out? Service Director Hastings responds in 2018. Member DeBottis asks are there any plans to keep and maintain the sides? I noticed they were starting to grow trees again. Service Director Hastings replies the vegetation that was planted there was designed by landscape architects/engineering so they wouldn't grow very big, etc. It would be challenging for our service crews to do it unless they walked through it by hand. I can take a look. Member DeBottis says the last flood in August, at the covered bridge there was a large shift in shale and it moved past the bridge. The creek used to flow constantly, but now it has to get to a certain level to get past that shale. Is there anything we can do to clean up the shale to get that moving properly? Service Director Hastings replies the problem we have now is our ability to get our equipment in there. It's possible our extended backhoe can get in there and I can try. Otherwise, we would have to get in there and move it by hand. Member DeBottis asks do you know how many streets are slated to get done? Service Director Hastings replies I don't have a firm list yet. Chairman Wtulich asks I know you are doing Forestlawn Ditch, are you guys planning on cleaning the ditch from Idlewood south to Day Ditch? Service Director Hastings replies I didn't have it on my schedule. I'll take a look. Chairman Wtulich asks are there anymore thoughts on doing anymore underneath the roads going on Holl, Brockley, the culverts? Service Director Hastings responds it was my impression that was going to be the function of this subcommittee. If that committee never materializes, I'll move forward. At the end of the day, I need engineering and probably \$10,000 to put together real numbers.

OLD BUSINESS: Subcommittee for sewer. Chairman Wtulich says I believe with that we are going to go to public hearings quarterly for Roads & Drains. President Rosso says create a subcommittee that has however many people you want to put on it that has a couple open meetings that the public would be able to comment on. As David pointed out, we can't have a committee where we appoint residents without creating that committee through legislation. Chairman Wtulich replies before the roads & drains committee quarterly, we would have all council here and then any residents could come and speak, that would be my suggestion. I'll probably set up a public hearing before our next roads & drains meeting at 6:45.

NEW BUSINESS: Service Director Hastings states I got a call from a gentleman who owns quite a bit of property along Walker Rd. and he was calling the city to see if we had any plans to install sewers between Maple and Abbe. There are a lot of woods there, but no sewers. The streets do not have water mains. He was interested to know if the city had plans for that and my answer publicly is we do not, because we have so much infrastructure that is old, I would rather focus the money on that.

Should developers come through some day, they would bear the burden of that kind of expense.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,

*Motion by Kovach/Second by DeBottis to adjourn at 7:18 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 Mar. 4, 2024.

CHAIRMAN

William Wtulich Jr.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Richard Rosso