

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
March 4, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, March 4, 2019. Chairman Cizl called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: President Rosso, Cizl, Mayor Bring, Gee, Kovach, Wtulich, Radeff, Erdei, Stark, Superintendent Hastings

\*Motion by Erdei/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE: None.**

**MAYOR/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** advised below.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Pump station's projects* – Superintendent Hastings reported we have successfully removed all 4 pumps from station#1 which is the one down by Devonshire. We have two of them in operation now and the other two are in place. That included the demo inside of all of the electrical, new panels, new pumps, new transfer switches, all installed. They are staging now at pump#3 which is at Shell Cove and the trailers that you see there are bypass pumps, they essentially kill the power and remove all of the equipment but in the meantime, we have to keep moving sewage. That is what those pumps achieve. So, that project is moving well.

*Abbe Road/301* – Superintendent Hastings advised I had a meeting Thursday and I have tried to be as transparent as I can about this project. I have been working on it almost two years now with the State of Ohio who was originally putting us at numbers of about 1.4 million. As two years have transpired, unfortunately that number continues to climb. I explained that obviously, with the Mayors permission and in talking with the Finance Director that while we earmarked money for the road list this year that it is very possible that with 4.2 million dollars in major improvements between Harris and Abbe that we would have to exhaust all of our local funds and make up the road list in 2020. The Mayor pointed out as he is watching the Governor's increase in taxes on fuel that we might be able to realize a sizable increase that we would be able to recover next year, not only with our own funds but with that increase. So, I just want to be transparent as that is really the way

it is shaping out. The project started out at 1.4 million and we are now at 1.7 million dollars and the city has been able to fund over a million of that predominately in grants. Chairman Cizl asked are you permitted to use the road list, take me back to when we passed that. Are we permitted to use that if we don't do any roads? Superintendent Hastings answered yes. President Rosso advised we will be using it on roads. Superintendent Hastings advised the list that you approve clearly states in the bid process that the city can exercise the right to pave any or all. So, yes, we do have that right. It is very common that we will put 15 on a list and do 2/3 of it. President Rosso recalled the one year that we did Lake Road, didn't we use it to pay our portion of Lake Road. Superintendent Hastings answered oh yes, I am sure that you did. Mayor Bring advised that was over a million dollars too. President Rosso advised that won't be the first time that has happened. Mayor Bring advised if this gas tax goes through, it will help us out in the future and it will actually be very good for our city. Unfortunately, we are all going to be paying higher gas prices but we will see a nice little chunk of change. Superintendent Hastings added that could start as soon as July of 2019, the collection of that but I don't think the city would realize it until the last quarter.

***Ditch cleanings; Day Ditch by Holl/Shumaker Ditch – north of Richelieu, east side by Buckeye*** – Superintendent Hastings advised we did a little work on Shumaker this winter but the weather has been a little tough on getting the equipment back there. The grant project for Belle, Brockley, Knickerbocker and Holl, I am having a little bit of trouble navigating that through ODOT because of the recorded easements along that corridor. The Law Director help me trace back to 1890 plats showing the Day Ditch but as the years have gone by and developments have gone and a lot of it is still undeveloped, not every single portion had an easement associated with it. The grant requires proof that it is public property and we can argue that it is public property based on our authority to go in as a water way and to maintain it and so forth as we had been there in 1980 on an engineered plan but they called us out on it and that is what I am working on right now. The ball is back in their court as I submitted quite a sizable rebuttal of maps and so forth. The worst-case scenario would be that the city would have to get easements on some of these undeveloped lots which will take some time but is certainly possible. We have done that on the Ferndale project and it just takes time.

***Lincoln Blvd; nature trail from Oster to Lake Road proposal/wetland study*** – Superintendent Hastings advised I have submitted but quite frankly, I won't have any comment on that for about four months until that is reviewed.

***Harris Road*** – Superintendent Hastings advised as you know you passed the authority for OWDA application to go concurrently with bidding of the road. So, that

is all coming together and I suspect that will be out in April. Councilman Erdei asked did Columbia Gas ever get a hold of you for their lines on Harris or Abbe?

Superintendent Hastings answered ODOT has a utilities coordinator that is working on that for Abbe and on Harris Road, they have done preliminary marking for engineering but the main, is actually in the tree lawn and way up in the yard. The water line is currently, we have had two breaks in the last two weeks. So, our target of replacing that water line is being proven. Our water usage because of that break went from 700,000 up to 1.3 million in 7 days because it never made the surface. So, that is how substantial it is. Councilwoman Stark asked what did we say was a tentative date to start on 301 this year? Superintendent Hastings answered well, ODOT messed with that number because they keep changing it. But, it has been submitted and will be awarded in the end of May or beginning of June with construction theoretically could start the first of July. Unfortunately, that is now timing almost identically to Harris Road. I didn't quite plan it this way but they are just huge improvements for the city, these are the main routes in and out. I used our efforts on doing Lake Breeze and Harris and Abbe as part of the grant I wrote for connectivity to get the sidewalk and the trail from the covered bridge to the boat launch. That is going to somewhat off topic, approve by the Board of Directors at NOACA this month. We are the only city in Lorain County to get it, out of five counties quite frankly, about \$300,000. Mayor Bring recalled if you remember the ditch over there at Belle, Knickerbocker, etc., there was a church that wanted to give us that property and we declined that a number of years ago, so we may approach them again. We might get that property for that. I think there has been a couple of residents that didn't want it anymore, so we may end up acquiring that and that will help us out too. It just makes it harder for him when we have to do these little hiccups.

***Superintendent Hastings advised I remembered one other item that I have been talking about, the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward sewer relining*** – it has finally been submitted to the county and they will be putting that out for bid. That is the last 100,000, we have inspected them and cleaned them and now we are going to line them. There is about 400,000 identified and we have 100,000 left. The Mayor and I have been talking about the next round of CDBG to continue the efforts down there. I will be attending a meeting in March or April for CDBG, I think it is April and then we will continue that process. Mayor Bring added those of you that ran this time for your wards, most of you put in your reports that infrastructure was the main thing and you guys hit the nail right on the head. That is what we are going to be attacking next. He explained we are starting to get everything else in place and that will be the next big thing for

the city and it needs to be done. Those water breaks that we had just recently, what did Tom say those hubs were in the 1940's? Superintendent Hastings answered 1929. Mayor Bring continued that is what caused those water leaks to happen.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A) Update capital improvement plan for the water/sewer as well as the asset plan.

Goal; present that to you and consider funding that plan with potential increases as we have realized all 3 years that Council had previously voted on - Superintendent Hastings advised we are still working on.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:12 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.

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CLERK OF COMMITTEE

*Kay Fantauzzi*

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CHAIRMAN

*Mark Cizl*

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Richard Rosso*

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Committee certifies this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Roads & Drains Committee of March 4, 2019.