

**Minutes of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
June 3, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer & Refuse Committee was held Monday, June 3, 2024. Acting Chairman Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Attending: Citizens.

Excused: Wtulich, Rosso, Petrucci, Cizl.

*Motion by Gee/Second by DeBottis to accept the minutes of the May 6, 2023 meeting with any corrections noted. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from resident. Service Director Hastings says the letter is from John Yaskanich on Kenilworth. The sanitary manhole is not connected to the sanitary sewer in a wooded lot currently at the end of the street. Also, the water dept. said they had the sewer line viewed with a camera and the sewer line stopped 10ft. short of that manhole. The three parcels are currently for sale, please locate my lateral connection to that sewer line and connect the sewer line to the existing manhole. The water meter shut off valve has also been located; can the water dept. check the shut off valve to see if the water can flow? This is two parts; The water line most likely is lead. The house that it would have otherwise serviced is gone. I'm guessing it was an original cottage. With the mandates of the EPA, we wouldn't be allowed to activate a lead line. We can check into that further. As for the manhole, that's an unusual one. I haven't experienced that. They are saying the line goes down the street and stops and is probably otherwise capped yet a manhole exists beyond it. In the city's purview, but otherwise wouldn't be pursued unless there's an interest in the property itself. I have no objection to extending the sewer, but I do have concerns with the water service given its' age.

John Yaskanich, Kenilworth Ave. says the water dept. was down there marking the sewer location and the water tap. They said that when they camera'd it, it stopped 10ft. from the manhole and it was blocked with concrete, not a cap. Concrete was poured down there either through the lateral or through the end of the sewer. I don't know how that strange event happened. I thought I could connect at the manhole, but now there's no sewer going to the manhole and I'm wondering if I even have a lateral somewhere that I can connect too. If Pat is going to connect the sewer, then I can just tie in with plastic pipe when you extend it. I think you can cut the end of that pipe off

and then put a Fernco coupling on the end and connect the plastic pipe and extend into the sewer. Service Director Hastings replies that's generally on the right course. I of course have to confer all this with the dept. They told me briefly about it, but I haven't looked at the video footage. I'm happy to work with you. Mr. Yaskanich asks when they try the water line, when you are saying you're not sure that it is lead pipe, can they check it? There's a shutoff at the water meter and another in front of that. Service Director Hastings replies yeah.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE:

395 Parkview Dr. requesting a sewer credit for \$122.40. After a brief discussion, approval recommended by Service Director Hastings. *Motion by Gee/Second by DeBottis to approve the credit at 395 Parkview Dr. in the amount of \$122.40. Yeas All.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR/SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Service Director Hastings reports as far as the water dept., I am working with the EPA on an extension for the replacement of the 94-year-old water main that is exposed in Day Ditch just south of the covered bridge. The reason for our request is our engineering is a little backed up on our projects and they're instrumental in assisting me in bidding and inspection of a job like that. I am working with them to get an extension with the EPA and am comfortable that that project will be done this year. We also have a proposal request out to engineering for the design and plans of Alameda Phase 2. It's the 700 block of Alameda which ranks as probably the top 5 worst streets in the city. This is a two-year grant cycle and while I was anxious and hopeful to see it go into construction this year, which it still might in fall, we are currently waiting for a proposal for that job. We have a small proposal to replace a section of water main on West Shore between Hawthorne and Lake Rd. That is currently valved off. However, there are no customers so that would just otherwise impact the loop system of water. That is because of age that we are pursuing that. Finally, the city has a project on Lake Rd., it's not really our project, but it's our easement for an outfall. There was some work done, then it was undone and then there was some quarrelling between the residents and ultimately a solution. So, in defining the easement of the storm sewer, we identified the pursuit of a water main to go from Lake Rd. and connect into Park Dr. That is down the line, but the outfall work will happen this year. As far as roads, we did a notice of award and notice to proceed to Griffith Paving who was the best and lowest bidder for the annual paving. Typically, that work is done before school starts and that's the agenda we laid out for them. Refuse; because of the construction on Warwick, we did ask them to move their pickup day to which they obliged. I will be reaching back out to them because as part of that project, we poured a significant apron around our storage building and it has a bit of an angle to it and the garbage company would otherwise drive around that

loop and I don't think it's going to sustain the weight of that vehicle. Unfortunately, for them it will just become another dead-end street. Once I confirm with Republic, we will reach out to the residents on Warwick to have everybody to put garbage on the side. We have a series of recycling dumpsters out here in the parking lot available for public use. Unfortunately, it is often contaminated so they charge us a fee of \$225 of which I call and remind them that we are a city government and we don't monitor this 24 hours a day. I may have them removed or see if they have an alternate plan. Member DeBottis asks are there anymore septic systems in Sheffield Lake? I think the last one was at Mizpah and that house was torn down. Service Director Hastings replies there's still one in the Mizpah. I think we have 8-9 currently. I have to report that on the MS4 annually. Member DeBottis asks those never had to be mandated to be connected to the sanitary line? Service Director Hastings responds it's not that we don't mandate them, it's that our ordinance requires their connection if the sanitary sewer is adjacent to/parallel with. In those cases, there is no sanitary. Gives examples. The goal of Lorain County Board of Health and the City of Sheffield Lake is to eradicate all septic. Member Stark says thank you for getting the pilings to the playgrounds and off Walker Rd.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: *Diane Yuhasz, 527 Treadway Blvd.* says we had a storm sewer replaced last year because it got crushed from the big trucks going up and down. Backfill was put in, but it's settled a lot now so it's still needs more dirt. My small sewer that sits in the yard is higher than the ground, it's settled a lot and plus the edge of the roadway is getting busted off from people still going off the edge of the road. I'm looking for some dirt and some grass seed put in. Service Director Hastings states I will get it scheduled.

Amelia Walthers, 3918 East Lake Rd. states we just wanted to see if there is any update on the drainage in our yard. Service Director Hastings responds I feel terrible in that I haven't set it up. We did put the line item in for it and we have \$10,000 earmarked for the project. I have to get it out to bid. My original plan was to have our team do it in house, but I had 2/3 of the dept. turnover unexpectedly. The operators I have now while proficient, I'm not comfortable with them being on State Route 6, 6.5ft. deep. I will reach out to 2 local contractors we use and I'll give you an update. A plan is established.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Gee/Second by DeBottis to adjourn at 7:20 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 June 3, 2024.

ACTING CHAIRMAN

Steve Kovach

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Richard Rosso