



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

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Attending: None.

Excused: Cizl.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the October 7, 2024 meeting with any corrections noted. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

SEWER CREDITS/UNPAID CHARGES FOR TAX DUPLICATE: 413 Elm St. requesting a sewer credit of \$72.00. After a brief discussion/review by Service Director Hastings, approval recommended. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to approve the sewer credit at 413 Elm St. in the amount of \$72.00. Yeas All.

4136 Lake Rd. requesting a sewer credit of \$2,160.00. After a brief discussion/review by Service Director Hastings, approval recommended. Member Debottis asks why do you feel we're responsible for the \$2160.00? Service Director Hastings replies I'm not saying we are responsible. The water never went to the sanitary sewer; therefore, the city didn't have to expend that amount of money to treat the water. The total bill was \$3,542.52. The balance of that is still owed to the city, because that is potable water. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the sewer credit at 4136 Lake Rd. in the amount of \$2,160.00. Yeas All.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR/SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Service Director Hastings reports the city did receive \$700,000 in grants in a zero-interest loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission for improvements to West Dr. from Maple Grove Dr. around the bend and up to South Dr. We will be supplementing that project, which is coming in at \$1.1 million, with OWDA funds, but we can't pursue that until the contractor is awarded. Alameda Phase 2 is still on

track for bidding this year. That project is about \$680,000. Forestlawn Ditch phase 1 is now complete and we are pursuing a proposal for phase 2. We are continuing to work with our acquisition agent and appraisers to purchase the road right of way for our various phases of the connectivity project. The city is currently pursuing solicitation through ODOT to rehabilitate Walker Rd. The city is going to be notifying residents due to the Ohio EPA survey we conducted. Every customer known to have lead lines and those whose service lines are unknown, will be notified by November 15th. That represents about 1,800 customers. We do have our leaf crews out and underway. I had a little bit of concrete work scheduled including some sidewalks. I did begin working with engineering on Day Ditch and the culverts on Belle, Brockley, Knickerbocker and Holl. We actually do have a hydraulic and water study on file from 2019. At this point, I have earmarked to talk to the finance director about some engineering funds as we get into the 2025 budget. I would use engineering to figure out the hydraulic studies; what size is best, cost estimate, etc. I believe there might be some grant opportunities. Finally, the city did reach out to the OVI with about a \$20,000 proposal of which we agreed to pay half for the engineering and replacement of their water line. I could pursue funding through the water revolving loan account in which I believe they might qualify for principal forgiveness because of their historic classification. Chairman Wtulich asks we are paying half of the engineering? Service Director Hastings responds we proposed to split the cost. Member DeBottis asks the study on the ditch, will that help alleviate the flooding from Holl, Knickerbocker, etc.? Service Director Hastings replies yes. Member DeBottis says I noticed they are laying almost 2,000 feet of driveway that they started today. I know they have ponds this will be draining into, but everything flows north. Do we need a new study if there is more flow coming our way? Service Director Hastings responds in a perfect world, everything they design is calculated into the retention they build on their property. They are supposed to be able to retain all of their water. Member Gee asks can you talk briefly on what happened at Warwick? Service Director Hastings replies Warwick Dr. had a second water break. So, we have had two major breaks there over the last twenty years and each time they were in the same spot. The problem that we found was the deflection rate of the water main. Member Gee asks what's the chance of it happening again? Service Director Hastings responds over 20 years it has been in the same area so I think the deflection is in the end of this line. We can't predict water breaks, but in 40-50 years there have been no other breaks in that block. Both times had asphalt work done and vibratory rollers. I think that called out that deflection. President Rosso says I am going to tag onto Romolo's questions, what about when Ford opens and the water is

going to come up Abbe? Does it work its way to Forestlawn Ditch? Service Director Hastings responds Ford will go down at the end of 301, there is that massive opening of 60-inch pipe where the city cleared the trees this year. The majority of Sheffield Lake's portion of this big project is a pond. I think we will be ok. What concerns me is the sanitary sewer where I was unofficially told that it's heading into Sheffield Lake and that is not on the plans. I am going to research that. It's supposed to be going to Avon Lake. Member Stark asks have we started leaf pickup? Service Director Hastings replies we started last week. Member Stark asks do we find companies that come into the city that do people's landscape? I've seen a couple of them that are blowing stuff out onto the roads, not in the yards. It's blocking people's drainage and the neighbors are having to come out and clean it. Is that something we can look at periodically cleaning? How do we handle that? Service Director Hastings replies there are ordinances that prohibit them from doing that. It's not really a function of what I can send service out to cleanup. It's really no different than those that carelessly blow grass on the road. There are ordinances and while it may not be a high priority for our police dept., we can certainly mention it to them to try to curb it. Member DeBottis asks on 301 near the border of the village and Sheffield Lake, there are storm sewers in the road, do those go into Sheffield Lake or run back towards the village? Service Director Hastings responds into Sheffield Lake. Member DeBottis says so, I guess they will be running a sanitary line up to the Sheffield Lake/Sheffield Village line to accommodate the refrigeration plant. Service Director Hastings responds a sanitary line? Member DeBottis replies yes, does that sanitary line then run into Sheffield Lake? Service Director Hastings replies no, that would actually run south, the opposite of the storm. I am concerned about the water. The village also has a connection to the city there and our water systems are connected, but always closed off. I'm hopeful their engineers calculated the draw that this plant will take from their own water line.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to adjourn at 7:22PM. 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

CHAIRMAN

William Wtulich Jr.

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 Nov. 4, 2024.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Richard Rosso