

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL
MARCH 19, 2025

The Council for the Village of Sherwood met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in the Community Room. Mayor Dave Weaner called the meeting to order. Council Members Jim Hohenberger, Robert Valle, Jamie Vogelsong, Scott Rohrs, Mike Sudholtz, and Alex Buchhop were present; Administrator/Fiscal Officer Sherri Ramey, Billing Clerk Faye Escalera, Zoning Inspector Gilbert Montez, and Lieutenant Brad Grillot of the Defiance County Sheriff Department were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Previous Meeting minutes

Motion to Approve the Minutes	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

Financial Reports

Motion to Accept the Financial Reports	R. Valle
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

Motion to Pay the Bills	J. Vogelsong
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Lieutenant Brad Grillot informed the council that there were no major incidents for the month of February, but he would like to see an increase in the number of traffic stops as there were only five. He said there were a lot of business checks for unsecured buildings and the rest of their business in Sherwood was relatively casual. Lt. Grillot asked if the council had anything they would like the Sheriff's Department to address. M. Sudholtz told him that he has noticed that daily around 3:30p to 4p someone has been speeding up Fountain St. D. Weaner said that not only has he heard it, but he has also seen it. He said it was a motorcycle, and from his distance away (around 350 yards) he could see it was a dark colored bike, and the driver was wearing his helmet.

Lt. Grillot asked how the traffic has been in the 25mph zone. S. Ramey said that while she was directing traffic at the corner of 127 and Maple St. and that she thought she was going to be hit by at least two semis that came barreling over the railroad tracks. He asked if there was a time frame when the semis are the worst. She said she was directing traffic from about noon to 1:30p and that is when she was noticing it, but she and R. Valle agreed it seems to be an all the time issue.

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S. Ramey said that there have been a lot of people complaining about neighbors burning trash. She asked Lt. Grillot what the best way is to handle it. He said that it depends on what, when, and how they are burning. But more often than not the fire department will be sent out and not the sheriff. Criminal charges are usually only filed if there is extreme negligence, like setting fields on fire.

S. Ramey informed Lt. Grillot that the 'Sher'wing Thing' will be on July 19th, Opening Day for at Moat's will be on May 3rd, and the Senior Parade is scheduled for May 24th at 11a.

Lt. Grillot emphasized that if there are any concerns, the village should reach out to the Sheriff's Department, and they will be addressed.

ZONING

Gilbert Montez stated that he stopped at a few nuisance places in the last week. He was able to speak with some of them. He talked to the property owner with the problematic bushes on Harrison St and the house on Rock St with all the stuff on their porch. T. Vance said that he filed five complaints with the Defiance County Municipal Prosecutor. S. Rohrs asked which five. They were for 110 E Maple St, 200 N Rock St, 204 S Harrison St, 205 N Taylor St, and 105 N Inman St. The procedure requires a notice be given and ten days to correct the issue. If unresolved, the complaint should be filed with the prosecutor's office. The notice can be hand-delivered or mailed, but evidence of the notice being given should be acquired.

S. Rohrs informed G. Montez that the property at 300 W Maple St should receive a notice for their trash that is blowing onto the neighborhood lawns.

If a nuisance property is a rental, both the resident and the property owner should both receive a notice.

M. Sudholtz asked T. Vance if there was any ordinance that states that vehicles are not permitted to bring mud clods onto the roadway. T. Vance said that Section 1111 of Sherwood's Zoning Code might apply. In which case, it would require that the parking space be kept up well enough that mud would not be created, in the same way that you would not raise dust. S. Rohrs asked if the ORC had any provisions. T. Vance said that he had researched it and could not find anything that directly addressed that issue. However, his recommendation would be to amend the village's zoning code to address the issue if deemed necessary.

T. Vance asked the council what they believe the guidelines regarding shipping containers within the village limits should be. He said enforcing regulations may be difficult, much in the same way that a property owner can paint their house any color they chose. D. Weaner proposed the zoning code have a section dedicated to buildings, side buildings, and sheds.

The Zoning Committee, consisting of Alex Buchhop, Jim Hohenberger, Gina Montez, Gilbert Montez, and Ken Vogelsong, will set up a meeting to discuss the many different zoning issues.

PARKS

The committee met on March 18th and discussed implementing several improvements to each park.

FIRE/ EMS REPORT-

Fire Chief Darrel Rock joined the meeting at 7:50pm. He told the council that unfortunately the department is not slowing down at all. He said it has been going as well as it can, and that the department needs more people. He also told them that the expired levy will need to be placed back on the ballot. Then he asked the council to send a representative to a Joint

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District meeting. He thinks that there is too much duplication of equipment in a small area between Sherwood Fire and EMS and Delaware Twp. He thinks combining the two departments should happen. He said there are four fire engines, four rescue squads, three grass trucks, two breathing air compressors, and three sets of jaws within two and a half to three miles. On the 27th of March, the commissioners and a representative from each jurisdiction are meeting at 7pm at the EMA building to talk about some sort of joint EMS situation. Beyond that, Chief Rock does not know what will be discussed. He asked the council who would be able to attend that meeting. He said that the meeting is to get the politicians from each jurisdiction up to speed on what the issues are and what some of the ideas floating around are. Then that will be brought back to the group for discussion about how to carry on in the future.

J. Vogelsong asked Chief Rock if the Fire Department would be hosting an Easter egg hunt again this year. He said yes that they wanted to have it at Moat's Park. He told S. Ramey that he would get back to her about what time that would be scheduled for. He said last year it was scheduled for the Saturday before Easter.

R. Valle mentioned the earlier discussion about the Fire Department still having some things in the shed at LRS. Chief Rock said that he would look to see if there is anything of value that they want.

The entrance and exit signs for the Fire Department should be positioned so that the south drive is the entrance because there is a wider view of hazards coming from behind the building. No semi turn around signs are not necessary, Chief Rock said, but no parking signs will eventually be needed for the front.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

LAND/BUILDINGS

The carpet will be installed at the Village Hall on April 2nd and 3rd and then the library's carpet is scheduled for installation on April 4th.

The new garage doors have been installed at the Village Hall. Decisions need to be made on updating the exterior of the building. S. Ramey is hoping to get a quote to replace the first story front windows, four windows on each side, and to have siding halfway up.

PARKS

The lexan and new swings were installed at the Little Reservation Station.

Moat's Park ball fields need to be set up for Opening Day on May 3rd. There is a Ball Association meeting scheduled for Friday March 21st.

STREETS

There was a sink hole at the 300 block of S. Harrison St. A makeshift repair was done until it can be completely fixed during the S. Harrison St Project.

The patching estimate for chipseal was \$24,270.09. Fog sealing will not be used over the chipseal. It changed the cost from \$14,539 for the chipseal to around \$31,000. Fog seal is meant to keep the dust down.

EQUIPMENT

The TopKick started holding pressure, so it was not taken to Stykemain, and J. Hurtig is keeping an eye on it for the time being.

WATER & SEWER

There were nineteen water shut-off notices given in February. None were turned off.

The water meter for 205 S. Harrison froze. When this happened to meters that were in stone before, credit was given for the water bill, and this will be credited as well.

MISCELLANEOUS

Widening Fountain St Culvert

The culvert on Fountain Street that needs to be widened was submitted for an allocation grant from the Defiance County Commissioners. The village's engineer was at their meeting this week and it sounds like they are moving forward for the grant for Sherwood.

Office Laptops

Docking stations for both office computers have been ordered along with power strip surge protectors.

Health Insurance

The current village employee's health insurance has an 11.13% rate increase, so the forms have been completed to see if there are other cheaper comparable options.

Energy

The village council went with a one-year energy contract last year, and it will be expiring soon. The capacity pass through option is the one that is recommended. The village is considered to be commercial.

Motion to sign up for the 60-month contract with the capacity pass through	R. Valle
Seconded	J. Hohenberger
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y

Website

F. Escalera met with Drew Wort (Wort Technologies) from Hicksville about setting up a website for the village. He set up the new website for Hicksville. There is a \$2000 set-up fee and a \$50 a month charge that includes making it a secure site (SSL) and keeping the current events posted and updated. The website address can be changed to sherwoodohio.gov. It can be set up that tax forms can be completed and filed online and sent directly to Hicksville.

Motion to	S. Rohrs
Seconded	R. Valle
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y

Trap and Release

Don Hange reached out with the name and number of Stacey Fredderick who would like to help facilitate the TNR of the feral cats in Sherwood. R. Valle said that he spoke with her, and she had the same advice as what he had already done. He is waiting to hear back.

Income Survey

They have been sent out and the engineers have already received a few back. There is a meeting for the grant next Monday at 7pm in the Community Room.

Marijuana Host Community Fund

OSU did an inquiry into the impact of eliminating the host community fund. Both the Senate Bill 56 and the House Bill 160 maintained a fund for host communities. The House bill puts a certain time restriction on how long the fund will last.

Upcoming Events

The Village Hall will be closed on March 26th and March 28th for the Local Government Officials Conference in Columbus. The Office will also be closed for Good Friday on April 18th.

The Food Pantry will be on Wednesday, April 16th from 8am to 10am.

Village Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th from 8am to noon.

The Senior Parade will be on Saturday, May 24th, beginning at 11am.

Senior pictures and information can be emailed to sherwoodutilities@gmail.com.

Sher'Wing Fest will be on Saturday, July 19th.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 25-03-01- Approving the Obligation and Allocation of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Motion to accept R 25-03-01	A. Buchhop
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

Resolution 25-03-02- Declaring it Necessary to Levy and Additional Tax for Fire Protection in the Village of Sherwood and Requesting the Defiance County Auditor to Certify the Total Current Valuation of the Village and the Dollar Amount of Revenue that would be Generated by the Additional Levy and Declaring an Emergency

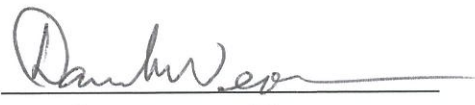
Motion to	A. Buchhop
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

ADJOURN

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Motion to Adjourn	J. Vogelsong
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y


Faye Escalera, Utility Billing Clerk


David M. Weaner, Mayor