

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL
MAY 21, 2025**

The Council for the Village of Sherwood met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 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, Matt Meyer, Princeton Meyer, Kevin Koithahn, Tom Shining, Levi Kuhn, and Beth Krouse from the Crescent News were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance recitation was led by scout Princeton Meyer of Troop #77 out of Defiance, Ohio.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to Accept the Financial Reports	S. Rohrs
Seconded	M. Sudholtz
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

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

CITIZENS

Tom Shining addressed the council telling them that the water heater at his Wash & Shine business had a blow-out. It was caught when J. Hurtig was taking the water meter reading. He asked the council if the sewer portion of the resultingly expensive bill could be forgiven and he could pay instead the average of what a usual bill would cost, approximately \$30.

Motion to Excuse the Majority of the Sewer Portion of Wash & Shine's Bill with an Average of the Previous Six Months Being Owed	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

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Matt Meyer introduced himself and his son, Princeton Meyer, to the council stating that Princeton is working on his Communications Merit badge. The requirements entail that he attends a school board meeting or a town council meeting and writes down what was discussed and the processes involved. Princeton Meyer spoke to the council telling them that he is a scout with Troop #77 out of Defiance and a freshman at Fairview High School.

Kevin Koithahn had a complaint about his neighboring property on Rock Street. He stated that he has been having issues for the last three years with junk and garbage piling up. M. Sudholtz let him know that the pictures he took were shown to the council.

S. Ramey stated that there was a letter from Doug Hohenberger regarding junk at his neighbor's property as well.

A. Buchhop asked if there would be a way to have trash pick-up added to village residents' water and sewer utility bills. S. Ramey said that it is possible and would require the village to go under contract with a single trash company. When it was looked into in the past, the cost of residents' trash service would increase in order to cover the administrative costs. The council at that time chose not to go under contract for it.

S. Ramey asked what would happen in the instance that a resident does not pay their utility bill, would their trash service be discontinued as well? Would the contracted garbage company have to be told not to pick up at that address? T. Vance stated that he would have to look at what Ney's policy has been. He said it is allowable that the village would cover the cost for trash pick-up and then assess it on property taxes. A. Buchhop asked if it made a positive difference when Ney moved to having trash, water, and sewer all on the same bill. T. Vance said that it did for the issue properties that did not have trash service prior. He also said that for the people who did have trash service already, they actually saved money when Ney transitioned to one bill. T. Vance said that his understanding is that the jurisdiction has been changed from the municipal court to now common pleas court. Which basically means that a resident can file a complaint in the common pleas against their neighbor for any nuisance affecting their property.

J. Vogelsong asked if it would be allowed for the property to be cleaned up and the cost assessed on the property taxes. T. Vance said that if it were identified as a public health hazard, that would be legal.

T. Vance said that the prosecutor no longer prosecutes such cases, but it would be himself that would need to prosecute because of the new legislation in place. Morris Murphy will no longer prosecute for the villages, only the townships. It will now be on the individual village solicitors to prosecute the zoning complaints. S. Ramey asked if it would be easier and better if the village had the Mayor's Court back. T. Vance stated that it would be a lot easier because all of the ordinances could be imposed in the Mayor's Court. T. Vance said that the collections of fines would have to go through the attorney general's office. He also stated that if the Mayor's Court was reestablished there could certainly be timely hearings on the complaints.

R. Valle asked if there is a way that the village can mandate that residents have trash service. There really is no way to enforce that. Going into a contract with a trash service and adding the charge to the current utility bill would add to the likelihood that the nuisances would be cleaned up and ensure all residents had the service.

M. Sudholtz said that he thinks reinstating the Mayor's Court should be the first step toward cleaning up the village and taking care of the nuisances.

J. Vogelsong stated that she thinks quotes for the trash service should still be sought.

Mayor Dave said that he was researching the Mayor’s Court and, in the Ohio Laws and Administrative Rules under Section 1905.01. It states that a Mayor’s Court holds jurisdiction over a violation of a municipal ordinance. He said that he would be required to complete a six-hour course. He did not know the cost of that course but believed it would certainly be less expensive than sending cases through municipal court for prosecution.

K. Koithahn asked if the village has tree trimming scheduled soon. S. Ramey said that it is typically the homeowner’s responsibility. When the tree is on village property, a company is called in.

Levi Kuhn told the council that he is in the process of selling the mobile home at 125 N Oak. He would like to split another parcel to give the new owner more of a yard.

L. Kuhn asked if there is a village ordinance that prohibits parking vehicles in grass. T. Vance said that he believes that it would be a zoning violation. He said he would look into it. He spoke on it later in the meeting citing section 1111 of the Zoning Code which states that the required number of parking and unloading spaces set forth in sections 1110 and 1130 together with driveways, aisles, and other circulation areas shall be improved with such material to provide a durable and dust-free surface. He said he interprets that as not having parking on grass.

L. Kuhn said that he would like to ask for a variance in fencing requirements. He would like to put an eight-foot fence at the Crystal Fountain venue.

Motion for a Variance to the Zoning at 445 E. Vine to Allow an 8 ft Fence to be Installed on the West Side of the Property	M. Sudholtz
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

L. Kuhn also asked if he could use crowd control fences occasionally to create a small outdoor space for people to use while they rent the East Vine venue. It would not be permanent fencing. The council did not have an issue with it as long as there was prior notice of when they would be utilized.

UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

During the Utility Committee Meeting, the Utility Billing Policy was amended and agreed upon and the issue with Tom Shiningers’ water heater at Wash & Shine was also discussed.

ADMINSTRATOR’S REPORT

LAND/BUILDINGS

The windows were installed upstairs at the Village Hall. A few pictures were presented to the council regarding the outside of the building. The council liked the idea of keeping the columns of brick in between vertical siding. The stairs on the north side of the Hall have been removed.

PARKS

S. Ramey thanked Jim Hohenberger, Scott Rohrs, Robert Valle and Miguel Escalera for their help putting the bleachers together at the ball fields. And to Jim and Scott for the extra hands on Opening Day. The \$20,000 from the commissioners was received for the ball fields. It will go toward improvements to the dugouts as well as more concrete.

There is the possibility of a grant for new playground equipment at Moat’s Park.

STREETS

The patching has begun to the streets.

WATER & SEWER

There were seventeen water shut offs with one being turned off and then turned back on.

MISCELLANEOUS

The new website has begun to be built. It will be sherwoodohio.gov.

Thanks to all who worked to get the income surveys turned in. They were turned in and the village does qualify. The state has been emailed with the results.

Don Hange reached out to S. Ramey because they did a trap and release of ten cats last week and covered the cost to have them spayed/neutered through the Friend of Feline at a cost of \$45.00 per animal. They have another appointment for ten cats, but only one spot is filled. They will cover the cost but need to have the rest of the spots filled. The animals have an ear clipped, and belly tattooed. D. Hange said he would be at June’s Council meeting to discuss the program. S. Ramey asked the council to have an idea of how much they are willing to spend on the program and in the meantime, she will reach out to Friends of Felines to make sure they will allow the village to do the same as he was able to.

The split rail fence was taken out at Little Reservation Station and parking bunkers were installed. The split rail fence between the cemetery and Memorial Park was also removed.

The CDBG allocation grant for \$40,000 for the culvert on Fountain St was approved from the commissioners as well as an \$80,000 grant given to Sherwood Development Corporation for the demolition. The villages application for the Neighborhood Revitalization was accepted for the South Harrison St Project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Food Pantry will be on Wednesday, June 18th from 8am to 10am.

The 2025 Senior Parade will take place starting at 11am from Moat’s Park.

The Sher’wing Thing will be on Saturday July 19th and a sign-up for volunteers is available.

F. Escalera will be on vacation and the Village Office will be closed on June 4th through the 6th.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION- 25-05-01- A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A ONE (1.0) MILL ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE- FOR FIRE OPERATING EXPENSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH REVISED CODE §5705.19(I), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to Accept Resolution 25-05-01 as an Emergency	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

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Coffee and Conversation with Mayor Dave will be on held on the third Wednesday of the month from 10a to approximately noon at the Village Office.

ADJOURN

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

