

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**

**April 19, 2023**

The Council for the Village of Sherwood met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the Community Room. Mayor Jack Stantz called the meeting to order. Council President Scott Rohrs, Council Members Jim Hohenberger, Jamie Vogelsong, Mike Sudholtz, and Alex Buchhop were present; Administrator/Fiscal Officer Sherri Ramey, Billing Clerk Faye Escalera, Zoning Inspector Gilbert Montez, Fire Chief Darrell Rock, Luke Kuhn, Levi Kuhn, Ken Bauer, John Phlipot, Dave Weaner, and Beth Krouse from the Crescent News were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Previous Meeting minutes**

<b>Motion to Approve the Minutes</b>	<b>S. Rohrs</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

**Financial Reports**

<b>Motion to Accept the Financial Reports</b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>A. Buchhop</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>

<b>Motion to Pay the Bills</b>	<b>M. Sudholtz</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>J. Vogelsong</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

**Committee Reports**

**• ZONING -**

S. Ramey informed council that a certified letter was sent out to the house at 205 W. Maple St., but it has yet to be received and a letter was sent to the home across the street at 300 W. Maple St. which has been received. Another letter was sent to a house on St. Rt. 18, and they said they cleaned it up. Lt. Dan Crites stopped at 200 N. Rock St. to inquire about the vehicle that has had many complaints and then they brought in another vehicle, so Crites delivered a notice to her and told her she had ten days to get it cleaned up. He also called about the Ford Escape that is parked in front of the home on what used to be 216 Vine St. In ten days, it can be towed. The commissioners are checking in to what can be done about the house. S. Rohrs asked about the property across from the fire department. S. Ramey said that they have been cleaning it up and she told her that once it dries up, she will be able to get more done.

M. Sudholtz asked the Kuhns if there was any progress with house by Crystal Fountain as far as the insurance. Levi Kuhn stated that their attorney is working with the insurance company to resolve it so they can get it cleaned up.

**Fire/EMS Report**

Fire Chief Darrell Rock informed the council that there were four new applicants, Madison Smith, Hunter Streeter, Santos Marroquin, and Rebecca Laney. And he asked if they would be reading on the levy. He said that even with these four applicants, times are still slim, and they would need to start looking at other things and other entities. J. Hohenberger stated that he thinks that they are at the point where they don't have a lot of choice. D. Rock said that he does not know exactly what that will look like, but he believes it is necessary. He said it could possibly be a joint district situation. He's concerned there have been some missed calls lately, Fire and EMS, so there is a labor shortage everywhere. J. Hohenberger asked if it is something that has been discussed with other departments. He said that it has been brought up multiple times by different people. But he thinks that now it is time to sit down with everybody and seriously discuss a plan of action.

As to the new firehouse, he said that they are working on the duct work now. But he has an inspection scheduled for within the next two weeks. The final inspection cannot happen yet because not all the duct work is in.

M. Sudholtz asked if the applicants were Fire and EMS or just EMS. D. Rock said that they are all only EMS. One of them is already through class and has a certificate, one is through class but has yet to test, and the other two both need to take the class. He said that they are from all over the coverage area.

<b>Motion to accept applications</b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>S. Rohrs</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogel song</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

D. Rock said that so far this year he thinks that they are about five to seven percent above the amount of runs that they had last year, and it increases every year. B. Krouse asked if the applicants are unpaid volunteer positions and D. Rock confirmed that they are.

He said that Sherwood Fire Dept is hosting a First Responders Class, and there is another meeting in a week to plan out the date and time. He says he is looking at potentially having seven students in the class including Williams County and Delaware Twp.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT MARCH 2023 SHERRI RAMEY**

**LAND/BUILDINGS**

Nothing to report on the library.

Metalink sent the village a cover letter which was attached to the current agreement and a proposed superseded agreement if council decided to go with it. SMTA sent a quote last month which was the upfront cost of \$1340 and a monthly charge of \$461.83 for four locations for telephone, two of those locations also have internet. Right now, the village is paying \$263.12 approximately per month for telephone. S. Rohrs stated that he would like to stay with Sherwood. S. Ramey said that the previous agreement that the village has with Metalink is a ten-year agreement and according to Metalink this agreement states that they can move to the new water tower. She said that she did not see anywhere in the agreement that would allow the village to cancel the agreement while they can. It states that they can terminate it for any reason, upon thirty days written notice, and then they would have sixty days to remove their communications facility from the village's water tower. So, from what Todd Harpist has explained to her, that he understands this agreement to mean that they

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can move to the new tower, and we can continue this agreement until it expires, or the council can sign a new agreement which would last for ten years. She said in the new agreement, there are some things she would recommend being taken out. She said that depending on what a solicitor would say, the village may not have a choice but to finish the term with the standing agreement.

S. Ramey told the council that a decision on paint color for the new water tower needs to be made today. Levi Kuhn asked if it had to be tarped and S. Ramey explained that it does have to be because of the cemetery. She said that if it weren't for the cemetery, it would be fine, but even if they rolled, they are afraid that they could get paint on some headstones and then they would be liable to get it cleaned. Luke Kuhn asked her what the budget for paint for the water tower is. She stated that she does not know if a budget was ever settled on because it had never gone any further than having "Sherwood" and lettering on it before.

S. Ramey said that J. Hohenberger had shown her an idea that he had involving a silhouette of a train with Sherwood's established date of 1891. He showed an example of what he envisioned that he had made with the Paint program. The issue that S. Ramey is concerned with is that putting any graphics on the water tower after the initial painting may void the warranty. Luke Kuhn asked how long the warranty was for and if it would be possible to hold off on the new ideas until three to five years down the line. S. Ramey said that she would have to go through the "book" of information to find that answer. But if there is anything done over what they do, it will void the warranty. The engineer is saying that the paint will last around twenty years and using Ney's water tower by the school as an example, it is being considered for repainting now and it is close to twenty years old. Luke Kuhn showed another design that he had made up that he based off a postcard and highlights the train history in Sherwood. He had Sherwood landmarks in mind while he was designing it. S. Rohrs said that unfortunately, there is only ten feet of space that can be painted with design. A. Buchhop asked how much it was going to cost just to do the letters and S. Ramey said just for the letters, it was around \$7,000 to do a second one on the other side. The original letters are already covered. The reason that she has been unable to get any rough estimates is that they need to have an artist come in, and that costs extra money. Having three different ideas drawn up that council does not like any of does not make sense, so council really needs to decide before it gets sent to the artist. A. Buchhop suggested that it is painted one color now and then figure out the details later. S. Rohrs stated that he is leaning towards that opinion as well. J. Hohenberger asked what the lettering color would be. The letters will be white on a dark blue that is called "Safety Blue". A few more ideas were brought up by the Kuhns. T. Vance mentioned that a future consideration to enter into a contract with the provider should be made. They will then do maintenance and possibly cleaning as well. After some discussion a vote was taken in which A. Buchhop, M. Sudholtz, and J. Hohenberger chose the color Safety Blue while J. Vogel song was hoping for red, and all remembered that R. Valle had voted for red previously. Safety Blue was the final decision. Once that was decided, discussion began on the matter of what should go on the one side that is included in the grant. S. Rohrs stated that along with "Sherwood" he thought having the established year would be a good. Luke Kuhn said the decision to do that might want to be put on hold because while he was investigating Isaac R. Sherwood there were some conflicts as to which year it was. S. Ramey asked if Sherwood celebrated its centennial in 1990. She asked if anyone remembered because that was the year a time capsule was buried. She stated that she had just been reading about that, and so believed it was either 1890 or 1891. The lettering will read "Sherwood EST 1891".

**EQUIPMENT**

S. Ramey informed the council that the plows were being taken off and that the maintenance crew is switching to spring projects.

**PARKS**

She said that a pond pump will be getting installed at Memorial Park and hopefully they will figure out why the lights around the pond are not working.

She said that Buckeye Roofing was out on Monday and replaced the roof on the shed and are working on the Gazebo now.

The story walk at the Little Reservation Station will be coming out. Also, the sides around the border of the park will need to be fixed. She said that all the issues with the playground equipment still need to get turned in.

Moat’s Park Opening Day is Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am. There will be concessions and donuts and she said that if anyone is available extra hands could be used. A lot of work was done on the concession stand so it hasn’t been open yet, but she is hopeful it will be open the week before Opening Day.

On another note, she told council that an old Sherwood Field 2 sign, a backstop that was behind homebase on Field 2, and the bench from the third base dugout on Field 2 have all been stolen. She told the council that the Sherwood Ball Association had to spend about four to five hundred dollars to replace the backstop. J. Hurtig just discovered that the bench was gone when his team had a scrimmage on that field.

She asked the council if a reward should be offered for the return of the stolen property, information, or conviction. They decided that a five-hundred-dollar reward for information leading up to the arrest, conviction, and return of the property would be offered.

**WATER & SEWER**

There were eleven shut-off notices delivered, one had the water shut off due to non-payment. It was turned back on but then needed to be shut back off due to a leak.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

A letter was sent to the commissioners about 216 E Vine St. Two of them are on the land bank. The State of Ohio is the owner and has been since April 2022. It will be good to get this nuisance cleaned up and taken care of. David Kern replied to the letter saying he will look into this for the village.

Certified letters were mailed out to 205 W Maple and 300 W Maple.

Two corrections needed to be made to the Cemetery agreement that was sent to Delaware Township. One changed “Sherwood Village Cemetery” to “Sherwood Cemetery” and the other changed a date from April 31<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Motion to agree to the changes to the agreement.</b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>S. Rohrs</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>

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Village Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8am- noon. There will be three dumpsters from Werlor and one metal dumpster from Okolona. There is a fourth dumpster from Werlor on standby. People should have proof of residency. There is a check list of residents ready to go. She asked who from the council would be there to assist. J. Stantz, A. Buchhop, S. Rohrs, M. Sudholtz, and J. Hohenberger said they would be there barring extenuating circumstances.

S. Ramey would like to change the broker for the insurance. She said she needs to add herself to the insurance and that the response from the current agency, One Digital, has been very lacking. She sent the same message five times, and they sent the same response, and it was not the information that was needed. She contacted Conrad Beck, who used to do the insurance. It is a local company, out of Toledo, so if there are any questions they can be answered locally. He is hoping to offer better, hopefully cheaper, insurance. More information will be provided before the renewal date in June.

The Cepheus Project rehearing has been approved.

There was a meeting with the commissioners to discuss the April 8, 2024, solar eclipse. She said she is supposed to bring them back any information that the council has regarding watch areas or no-go zones. They are hoping to have a central website that will have all of Defiance County's information and there is also the state's eclipse website that is updated with accurate watch areas. It will start at 3pm and will be a three-hour event. The meeting is set for Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. D. Rock will be going on S. Ramey's behalf.

There is another Commissioners meeting scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> that is for Senate Bill 52 which would give the ability to restrict unincorporated areas of the county from construction of any future wind and solar facilities.

The 127 bridge is closing on May 8<sup>th</sup> and is expected to be closed until August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

The Senior Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.

The Food Pantry will be on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am-10am.

The Dispensary is hoping to have their final inspection in two weeks and have it open in May.

The Village Office will be closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

### **Old Business**

J. Hohenberger asked if there had been any progress with the Ball Association money. S. Ramey said that H. Hyman has sent Matt Stantz a certified letter which asked questions regarding withdrawals and purchases that were made that did not seem to be associated with the Ball Association. There has not been any word back, but it was received. The next step if there is no reply is to call the Sheriff's department about it or going to the Federal level with it.

J. Stantz said that he would talk to Mayor McCann to see if Sherwood can get involved with the next Trap, Neuter, Release event that is happening on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

S. Rohrs asked if there were still speed limit signs that needed to be put up. He said either the one on Barbara Lane or Elmwood Drive had an empty post. Also, the goal is to have the state championship signs up by Opening Day.

**Citizens**

John Phlipot came to the council because he had his land surveyed and just found out that a section of land that he has been maintaining and that he wants to install a fence on, belongs to the village. So, he was hoping that they could work something out for the eight feet by one hundred thirty-two feet section of land so he can build the fence. He requested an easement so he can put the fence up. T. Vance said he thinks that if the council agreed they could legally grant the easement. He said he would do some research on it to confirm. S. Ramey asked if it could be a lifetime easement that would be deeded onto his property. T. Vance said that it could be set up that way, yes. J. Phlipot is going to wait for council to get back to him with the agreement once everything is verified.

Ken Bauer showed the council pictures he took back in January. He stated that in every corner of his house there were cracks. He said that he read the June council meeting minutes, and it stated that work being done on the roads should be cleared by maintenance. S. Ramey looked back at those minutes and informed him that was referring to a sewer repair to the sewer main under 127. That had nothing to do with road 127, it had to do with making sure the sewer main was connected correctly.

K. Bauer said that he brought it to S. Ramey’s attention in December. She said that when he did, he complained that the repair was high then and she explained that it would have to settle. Currently, there is a call out to the engineers because it has settled so much now. It is not the village’s contractor, however. It is a sub-contractor to the contractor that the commissioners approved for this job. The engineer relayed that it needs to be documented, written documentation and proof of the damage, then it needs to be submitted to them and then they would submit it to their insurance. It is out of the village’s hands.

**New Business**

**RESOLUTION 23-04-01 – A RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND INTO THE FIRE AND RESCUE FUND**

<b>Motion to accept <u>RESOLUTION 23-04-01</u></b>	<b>M. Sudholtz</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>A. Buchhop</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>

**RESOLUTION 23-04-02 – A RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND INTO THE REFUSE FUND**

<b>Motion to accept <u>RESOLUTION 23-04-02</u></b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>S. Rohrs</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

**RESOLUTION 23-04-03 – A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A TWO (2.0) 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.**

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<b>Motion to accept <u>RESOLUTION 23-04-03</u></b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>M. Sudholtz</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

**ORDINANCE 23-04-01 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION  
ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SHERWOOD, OHIO FOR 2023 AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY**

<b>Motion to accept <u>ORDINANCE 23-04-01</u></b>	<b>S. Rohrs</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>A. Buchhop</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>

<b>Motion to go into executive session to discuss the sale or acquisition of property, the compensation or employment of a public employee, and things required to be kept confidential by law</b>	<b>M. Sudholtz</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

<b>Motion to Leave Executive Session</b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>S. Rohrs</b>
<b>J. Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

<b>Motion to hire Taylor Vance as the Village's Solicitor</b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>S. Rohrs</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

<b>Motion to go into executive session to discuss the sale or acquisition of property, the compensation or employment of a public employee, and things required to be kept confidential by law</b>	<b>S. Rohrs</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>M. Sudholtz</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</b>	<b>Y</b>


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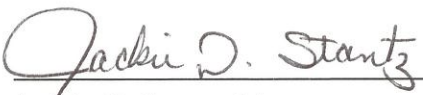
Jamie Vogel song	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

Motion to Leave Executive Session	S. Rohrs
Seconded	M. Sudholtz
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn	J. Vogel song
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y

  
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Faye Escalera, Utility Billing Clerk

  
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Jackie D. Stantz, Mayor