

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**DECEMBER 18, 2024**

The Council for the Village of Sherwood met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, in the Community Room. Mayor Dave Weaner called the meeting to order. Council Members Jim Hohenberger, Robert Valle, Scott Rohrs, Mike Sudholtz, and Alex Buchhop were present; Administrator/Fiscal Officer Sherri Ramey, Billing Clerk Faye Escalera, Deputy Sabra Schumaker 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>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>M. Sudholtz</b>
<b>Robert Valle</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

**Financial Reports**

<b>Motion to Accept the Financial Reports</b>	<b>R. Valle</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>A. Buchhop</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>

<b>Motion to Pay the Bills</b>	<b>M. Sudholtz</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>S. Rohrs</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Robert Valle</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

S. Ramey informed the council that the \$250,000 that was requested to be transferred from the Sherwood State Bank in November’s meeting was transferred into STARS.

**SHERIFF’S REPORT**

Deputy Sabra Shumaker gave the council the department’s report. She stated that there were two or three alarms addressed at the VFE, which she noted is quite normal. She said there was a report of a suspicious person in the area of Rock Street, a gray truck with a cap. However, the department was unable to locate the vehicle. There was a hit and run at State Route 18 and Harrison St, a semi took the mirror off of a Chevy Cruz. The semi was found and stopped. There was a reported burglary at 216 E Vine; someone in a white four door Ford Taurus was taking items out of a vacant house. They were unable to locate him and there was no indication of what was taken from the home. There were quite a few traffic stops throughout the area and some citations as well. A couple of civil disputes and also a couple squad runs were handled. Someone courteously called in an open burn, too. When she asked the council if they had any questions or concerns R. Valle said that while there is usually a lot of vehicles speeding, he has not noticed any lately. She said that the Road Patrol has been sitting along Harrison Street a lot, and have stopped quite a few speeders, so hopefully that has been the difference.

**ZONING REPORT –**

Zoning Inspector G. Montez went to 204 S Harrison to address a dog that was making messes on the sidewalk that were not being cleaned. There was no response from within, so S. Ramey stated she mailed the property owners the nuisance violation since the village has an ordinance in place that mandates dogs must be leashed and cleaned up after, especially in public areas.

One zoning application permit was submitted for the property that was listed for sale as 412 N Harrison. (It will need an address change to 428 N Harrison.) The permit is for approval to live in a trailer during the time period when the home is being built. The potential property buyer needed to know before he purchased the property. According to the village's zoning laws, temporary housing is allowed. He has noted on the application an end date in six months' time but hopes to be finished sooner. There is septic at the property, and he is planning to have either a well or pond installed. To have municipal water may not be feasible because of the creek that runs there. The council agreed that it should be approved with a time stipulation of six months that could possibly be renewed for an additional six months if necessary. G. Montez said that he will look into getting signage that will read that the trailer is indeed only meant for temporary housing so that everyone will know it is not intended to be there long-term.

### **FIRE/EMS**

Defiance County Auditor, Jill Little, sent a letter stating that there is a levy expiring. S. Ramey contacted Fire Chief Rock and they both were unaware of the looming expiration. Upon researching, the levy that was referred to was a ten-year levy that still had five years remaining. S. Ramey passed this information on, and Jill Little said that she would correct it. Jill Little then emailed S. Ramey with new information stating that it is against the ORC to have a ten-year levy. So, unfortunately, the levy did expire. It is confusing why the levy was allowed to be submitted for the ten-years to begin with, instead of being corrected at the time it was passed. It went on the ballot as a ten-year levy, and it was passed and submitted to the State as a such.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

#### **LAND/BUILDINGS**

The LED lights did not get installed at the library because of concerns about them not adhering in the cold weather. The Christmas lights have been lit, although only half of them work.

At the Village Hall, Brian Keegan replaced the door trims around the garage door for a cost of \$772.10. A new garage door has been ordered from Nofzinger's.

#### **PARKS**

The replacements for the broken pieces at the Little Reservation Station have been received.

The lights that were installed on the gazebo at Memorial Park were not bright enough and stopped working as well.

There has not been any word yet on whether the commissioners will be giving money towards the purchase of bleachers at the Moat's Park ball fields. The previous quote for bleachers that had them at \$1000 a piece was for the wrong size bleachers. Fifteen-foot-long aluminum bleachers are actually \$1432 apiece from the only company that would offer a discount (-\$1500). The total will be \$15,265 for ten, fifteen-foot bleachers. M. Sudholtz asked if they would be here in time for Opening Day if they were ordered now. S. Ramey



stated that she was assured they would as she was told they could have them delivered within thirty days of being ordered.

Motion for the Village to Purchase the Ten 15’ Aluminum Bleachers	M. Sudholtz
Seconded	R. Valle
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

S. Rohrs asked if the old sets of bleachers could be sold. S. Ramey said that she had already been approached by an individual who was interested in buying some of the old ones. A flyer will be prepared to advertise the fundraiser for the bleachers.

Different areas at Moat’s Park have been flagged to have a dozen trees planted. S. Ramey, J. Hurtig, and F. Escalera will be donating a tree as a memorial for Mike Gregg.

**WATER & SEWER**

There were fifteen shut off notices in November. Four were shut off and all four were turned back on. There are still two shut-off from previous months.

Dangler Excavating met with J. Hurtig. They will be getting the line fixed on Fountain Street.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The food pantry will be on Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 10am. Thanks to Iron Horse for the Thanksgiving meal they provided for the pantry recipients. Also, thanks to the Alex Buchhop Family for their canned goods donation this month.

Bryan Excavating will be giving the Village a quote for the culvert on Fountain Street to be widened.

The old ‘Welcome to Sherwood’ signs made their way to their new owner. That individual will be donating to the parks.

Thanks to Brian Ramey and Scott Rohrs for volunteering their time to help install the snowflakes.

The Village Hall will be closed for the holidays on Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The council meeting dates for 2025 were announced. There are no holidays that will conflict with holding council meetings on the third Wednesday of any month.

A lantern was sent on behalf of the council for Mike Gregg’s funeral.

A letter was drafted to be sent to Dollar General about adding the Green Market. S. Ramey asked the council members to sign it, and she would mail it out tomorrow.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-01 – ALLOW MAYOR DAVID M WEANER ACCESS TO SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX**

Third and Final Reading

Motion to Accept Third and Final reading Resolution 24-10-01	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	S. Rohrs

Robert Valle	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-10-01 – ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025**

Third and Final Reading

Motion to Accept the Third and Final reading of Ordinance 24-10-01	R. Valle
Seconded	M. Sudholtz
Scott Rohrs	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-10-03 – AUTHORIZE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CHARGE FEES TO RESPOND TO CALLS FOR SERVICE OUTSIDE VILLAGE COVERAGE AREAS AND NOT WITHIN CONTRACT AREAS**

Third and Final Reading

Motion to Accept the Third and Final reading of Ordinance 24-10-03	R. Valle
Seconded	J. Hohenberger
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 24-12-01 – AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

As an Emergency

Motion to Accept Resolution 24-12-01 as an Emergency	S. Rohrs
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y

**ORDINANCE 24-12-02 – PROHIBITING LOUD AND UNNECESSARY NOISES**

First Reading

Motion to Accept Resolution 24-12-02 First reading	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	R. Valle
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

**ORDINANCE 24-12-03 – TEMPORARY ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR 2025**

As an Emergency



Motion to Accept Resolution 24-12-03 as an Emergency	M. Sudholtz
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y

S. Rohrs asked if there had been any word about when the new window will be installed at the Village Hall. S. Ramey stated that the measurements have been taken, and she thinks it will be ready to install sometime next year. B. Keegan will be doing the trim because Leever Glass does not take care of any of that.

S. Ramey stated that she will be going to Carpet Wholesalers to pick out the new carpet tile for the Village Office. And then that installation will be scheduled for both the office and the library.

T. Vance sent a letter for S. Ramey to present to the council. He said that he reviewed the proposed noise ordinance, and he believes it is thorough enough.

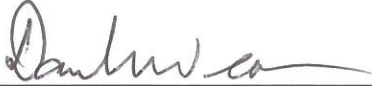
In T. Vance’s letter to the council, he stated he will be sending a letter to 205 N Taylor about the zoning violation. Then there will be ten days for the violation to be resolved or it will go to the prosecutor. He said the other zoning violations have been submitted to the prosecutor and all will be filed within the month. R. Valle asked if there are any fines that will be assessed with the property at 205 N Taylor, to deter anyone from having the same idea. S. Ramey said that the prosecutor will be assessing any fines, not the EPA or Health Department, so it is up to the prosecutor to define which fines will be charged. T. Vance’s letter addressing the violation will be sent this Thursday or Friday. Councilmembers M. Sudholtz and R. Valle both expressed their thoughts on the urgency of the situation, and how it needs to be addressed and resolved as soon as possible.

J. Hohenberger asked if there was an update on when the land bank house would be demolished. S. Ramey said that J. Hurtig spoke to J. Schroeder, and it is slated to be taken down next Tuesday.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn	R. Valle
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y

  
Faye Escalera, Utility Billing Clerk

  
David M. Weaner, Mayor

