

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL
DECEMBER 20, 2021**

Mayor Jack Stantz called the meeting to order with council members Jim Hohenberger, Scott Rohrs, Michael Sudholtz, Kyle Vance, Robert Valle and Jamie Vogelsong present. Also present were Charles Bakle, Penny Bakle, Alex Buchhop, Dawn Buskirk, Lt. Daniel Crites, Jeff Hurtig, Sherri Ramey, Dorothy Singer, Ed Singer, Darrel Rock and Chris Walker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Charles Bakle, representing the Defiance County Democratic Party, expressed concern about an incident which occurred at the Halloween Parade on October 31st, 2021 which involved vulgar language coming from the Sherwood Fire Department's vehicle. Dorothy Singer, Chair of the Defiance County Democratic Women, read a letter which expressed disappointment about the incident that occurred on October 31st and encouraged all present to work together in harmony for the betterment of our communities. Ed Singer, member of the Defiance County Democratic Party, shared three reasons why the incident involving the Sherwood Fire Department at the 2021 Halloween Parade was wrong. He stated that he hoped this situation would never happen again.

John Buskirk entered.

Sherwood Village mayor, Jack Stantz, thanked the persons who expressed their concerns about the incident which occurred at the Halloween parade for being at the meeting and stated the situation is being investigated.

Sherwood Village Fire Chief, Darrel Rock, apologized for the incident which occurred on October 31st and assured those present that it will be taken care of.

C. Bakle thanked the Mayor and council for listening to their concerns and thanked the fire department for all that they do to help the community.

Lt. D. Crites reported that there were 112 contacts for the month of November, half of which were business checks. There were 7 traffic stops, multiple miscellaneous complaints and quite a few rescues, some which were COVID related and some not. He stated that activity has slowed since young people are back in school and winter weather is upon us. He thanked the Village of Sherwood for working with the Sherriff's Department in 2021 and encouraged the Mayor and council to feel free to contact the Department in 2022 if there are any issues or problems. He reminded those present that the only way issues can be resolved is if the Sherriff's Department has knowledge that there is a problem.

S. Ramey informed Crites that the regular council meeting for the Village of Sherwood will be held on January 10th, 2022 rather than January 17th.

Lt. Daniel Crites, Charles Bakle, Penny Bakle, Dorothy Singer and Ed Singer left.

There was no Zoning Report.

D. Rock reported that the new Fire/EMS building is progressing with all of the work being done inside. He stated that part of the drywall has been completed, but inspections of the electrical and plumbing need to occur before the drywall can be finished. He asked that if anyone has extra time

to volunteer their services over the holidays to help with the building it would be appreciated. He stated he hopes to have new training classes beginning early in 2022.

Darrel Rock left.

Ordinance 21-10-01, an ordinance establishing compensation for the Village of Sherwood for the year 2022 was presented for the third reading.

There was some discussion concerning the rate of pay for the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer for 2022.

Mayor Stantz read a letter from Dawn Buskirk stating that she is planning to retire from her position as Fiscal Officer of the Village of Sherwood after finishing the 2021 reports and no later than January 31, 2022. Starting February 1, 2022, Sherri Ramey will be taking over as Administrator/Fiscal Officer.

R. Valle made a motion that the change to the amount of pay for Village Administrator/Fiscal Officer position be approved and that the Village of Sherwood continue to pay D. Buskirk at the same rate of pay until she retires on January 31, 2022 and that the third reading of Ordinance 21-10-01 with the changes be accepted. J. Hohenberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. R. Valle voted yea, J. Hohenberger voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea and M. Sudholtz voted yea.

Ordinance 21-12-01, an emergency ordinance amending the Appropriation Ordinance for 2021 was presented.

M. Sudholtz made a motion that emergency Ordinance 21-12-01 be approved. S. Rohrs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. M. Sudholtz voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

Ordinance 21-12-02, an emergency ordinance to make temporary Annual Appropriations for 2022 was presented.

R. Valle made a motion that emergency Ordinance 21-12-02 be approved. J. Vogelsong seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. R. Valle voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

Ordinance 21-12-03, an emergency ordinance authorizing the sale of approximately 23.335 acres of real property located at 435 and 445 Vine Street in the Village of Sherwood was presented.

S. Rohrs made a motion that emergency Ordinance 21-12-03 be approved. J. Vogelsong seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. S. Rohrs voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

Ordinance 21-12-04, an emergency ordinance authorizing the sale of certain real property within the Village of Sherwood was presented was presented.

J. Hohenberger made a motion that emergency Ordinance 21-12-04 be approved. R. Valle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Hohenberger voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea and M. Sudholtz voted yea.

Resolution 21-12-01, a resolution to transfer funds from the General Fund into the Parks and Recreation Fund was presented.

M. Sudholtz made a motion to suspend the rules, waive the three readings and approve Resolution 21-12-01 as an emergency. R. Valle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. M. Sudholtz voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

Resolution 21-12-02, a resolution for the transfer of Funds from the General Fund into the Parks and Recreation, Fire, EMS, Water Revenue and Sewer Revenue Funds was presented.

S. Rohrs made a motion to suspend the rules, waive the three readings and approve Resolution 21-12-02 as an emergency. R. Valle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. S. Rohrs voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

Village Administrator, S. Ramey presented her report for the month. Ramey stated that the roof of the maintenance garage is still leaking and as far as we know Wagner Metals has not been out to correct the issue. She again asked whether we should have another company do repairs and send Wagner Metals the bill.

C. Walker informed council that he has had no response from Wagner Metals, so the next step would be to find another company to do repairs and send the bill to Wagner Metals.

J. Hurtig commented that we need to have someone pull out the insulation and verify all the leaks. He has hesitated to do that because he did not want to nullify any warranty that we may have with Wagner metals.

C. Walker responded that most likely the situation will end up in court, but the next step is to find someone who will inspect the situation and do repairs, then he will move forward.

Ramey reported that she negotiated with Siebenaler to come up with an agreement on additional costs for work on the front of the Library. She stated that we did compromise on a price and will pay Siebenaler Construction Co. \$25,277. ~~The pillars for the Library have been ordered.~~ Ramey stated that as far as the new agreement with the Defiance Public Library System, she feels that they need to pay more than 25% for electricity and asked that C. Walker review the agreement to see if any other changes need to be made. Ramey informed council that the Inman lots sold for \$2000. She reported that Woolace Electric Corp. repaired the back light at the library for a cost of \$440.18 and Jay's Heating & Cooling replaced the circuit board and ignitor at the Village office for a cost of \$462.50. Ramey reported that we are having major issues with geese at the lagoons, so much so that the wastewater for the Village has been affected. J. Hurtig called the ODNR and we are hoping that we will be able to have a permit to have hunters eliminate the problem. She asked that council approve allowing hunters to help eliminate geese at the lagoons.

M. Sudholtz made a motion to allow hunters to shoot geese at the lagoons, subject to legal restrictions. R. Valle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. M. Sudholtz voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

K. Vance reminded the Mayor and Village Administrator that the sheriff's department needs to be informed if there will be shooting at the lagoons.

S. Ramey informed the council that the property at Crystal Fountain sold for \$270,000. She reported that the door on the Port a Jon at the Little Reservation Station is broke and cannot be repaired. We have been renting a Port a Jon from Grabers which will be pumped monthly and cleaned weekly. Ramey asked whether we should buy a replacement or continue to rent the Port a

Jon. Ramey stated that there are no Port a Jon's available at the present time for sale. Ramey suggested that we could use funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to build a restroom at the Little Reservation Station, but a security camera will be needed.

It was decided that we will continue renting the Port a Jon for the time being and look into the possibility of building a restroom at the Little Reservation Station area.

Ramey informed the council that the Topkick and the F550 are both at Dan's Trucking for repairs. At the present time we have no truck available for snow removal but hope to get the F550 back as soon as possible. There was discussion about purchasing an inbox salt spreader for the F550. J. Hurtig has started checking into prices for a hydraulic poly spreader and believes we could purchase one for approximately \$7,000.

K. Vance made a motion to allow expending between \$5,000-\$10,000 on a poly inbox salt spreader to be placed in the F550. R. Valle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. K. Vance voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

Ramey reported that we recently purchased the lawnmower we have been renting from Homier & Sons for \$7,325.

For utilities, Ramey reported that there were 17 notices delivered in November and 4 shut-offs, with 2 being turned back on. She informed council that the person hired for the Billing Clerk position did not work out and she will be reposting for the position this week. Ramey reported that the bids for the Water Tower were recently opened. Maguire Iron was the low bidder at \$1,227,500 for the legged tower and an additional \$39,000 for the alternate (pedosphere). Ramey asked that the council decide which direction we should move forward with, the legged tower or the alternate (pedosphere).

S. Rohrs made a motion that we accept the lowest bid from Maguire Iron and move forward with the alternate (pedosphere) option. R. Valle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. S. Rohrs voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

Ramey reported that we recently insulated the meter pits that froze last year and the property owners by the lift station on Pearl St. have agreed to sell the .3 acres to the Village for \$1000. C. Walker is working on paperwork to complete the sale.

Ramey noted that the owners of 102 N. Harrison did receive a certified letter on October 13th and it has been 30 days so we will take the next step necessary to eliminate the nuisance. C. Walker has filed the necessary papers to go through the court.

Village Administrator S. Ramey informed council that she went to the hearing for the Cepheus Solar Panel project last Thursday and testified. She reminded those present that there will be a Revitalization Committee meeting before the January council meeting at 5:30 p.m. on January 10th, 2022. Robert Valle, Jamie Vogelsong, John Buskirk, Mayor Stantz, Erika Willitzer and she are the members of the Committee who should attend the meeting.

Ramey reminded those present that the next Food Pantry will be held on Wednesday, January 19th from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM and that the office will be closed on Friday, December 24th and Friday, December 31st. Ramey informed the council that the village recently purchased a used washer and dryer from Menards for \$50.

There was no Park Board report. Ramey reminded council that new members need to be appointed to the Park Board.

The financial reports for November 2021 were presented.

J. Hohenberger made a motion to accept the financial reports for November 2021. J. Vogelsong seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Hohenberger voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, S. Rohrs voted and M. Sudholtz voted yea.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Sherwood Village Council held on November 15, 2021 were presented.

J. Vogelsong made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the Sherwood Village Council held on November 15, 2021. M. Sudholtz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Vogelsong voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

In old business, the cat nuisance was again discussed. R. Valle informed those present that he talked to Lynn, the pet groomer, and she has some donated money available for cats to be neutered.

In new business, there was discussion regarding the Sherwood Ball Association. J. Hohenberger and S. Rohrs recently took care of some end of the year things that should have been already completed.

S. Ramey stated that the ball fields need to be tiled and she would like to contact the Commissioner's to see whether donated funds could be used to go towards that. The main field cannot be tiled in 2022 because it would not be ready for spring play, but field 2 could be tiled and play could be on the main field and field 3. J. Hurtig has been given several names from Tyler Miller of people who could be contacted to do tiling. K. Vance suggested that Joe Nester may also have ideas of persons who could do tiling. It was suggested that Matt Stantz be contacted to come to the council meeting in January so that the situation with the ball fields can be discussed. It was also discussed that we need a formal agreement with the Sherwood Ball Association concerning the ball fields and finances since the area is village property.


K. Vance made a motion that all bills for the month of November 2021 be paid. R. Valle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. K. Vance voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.


R. Valle made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the employment of a public official. K. Vance seconded the motion. All council members voted yea. J. Vogelsong volunteered to leave the meeting.

Alex Buchhop, John Buskirk and Jeff Hurtig left.

R. Valle made a motion to come out of executive session. M. Sudholtz seconded the motion. All council members present voted yea.

R. Valle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. K. Vance seconded the motion.


Dawn Buskirk, Fiscal Officer


Jackie D. Stantz, Mayor

