

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

The Council for the Village of Sherwood met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, in the Community Room. Mayor Dave Weaner called the meeting to order. Council Members Jim Hohenberger, Robert Valle, Jamie Vogelsong, Mike Sudholtz, and Alex Buchhop were present; Administrator/Fiscal Officer Sherri Ramey, Billing Clerk Faye Escalera, Solicitor Taylor Vance, 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 with Corrections</b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>J. Vogelsong</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Robert Valle</b>	<b>Y</b>

**Financial Reports**

<b>Motion to Accept the Financial Reports with corrections</b>	<b>J. Vogelsong</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>A. Buchhop</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Robert Valle</b>	<b>Y</b>

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

**Sheriff Report**

Lieutenant Brad Grillot informed the village council that he and Sergeant Mike Shock would be on rotation to give the council their monthly report. He told the council his backstory about his education, how he started as an intern at the Defiance County Sheriff's Department during college, and through to the recent past when he was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant.

Lt. Grillot reported that during the month of January there were seventy-eight calls ranging from rescues, traffic stops, unsecured buildings, business checks, 911 calls, weapon offenses, and one fire. He explained to the council that business checks within Sherwood are a priority for the Sheriff Department because it has so many businesses in a confined space.

He acknowledged that excessive speeding on Harrison is an issue for the village. R. Valle stated that the worst of it seems to happen around 4-5pm. And Mayor Weaner said that once the bridge is open, the semis will again be speeding down St Rt 127. Lt. Grillot said that he would see about getting some more patrols but explained that the sheriff department is down two road deputies until their new hires graduate from the academy. When they are fully staffed again it will be easier to be in more places. S. Rohrs stated that the side roads, i.e., Maple St, also have people driving too fast.

Lt. Grillot was informed by S. Ramey that some road signs had been stolen and would have to be replaced along with some signs being tampered with and J. Vogelsong stated she knew someone who had witnessed such and was told it happened around 5am.

Later, he also addressed the council to discuss the Sherwood Ball Association and the issue with Matt and Kenyotta Stantz’ missing records and receipts. He was informed by S. Ramey that the records recently given to the Sheriff Department were the same information they started with when they took over the record keeping and none of the records that should have been collected while they had control of the Ball Association. The receipts for purchases are still missing. Lt. Grillot stated that when he spoke to Chief Deputy Vandemark, he suggested that the village have a forensic audit done. It would prove what happened and when. Once that audit is completed, the report can be turned over to the Sheriff’s Office and in turn presented to Defiance County Prosecuting Attorney Morris Murray. Solicitor T. Vance stated that the Attorney General would also need to be involved, because the missing records will relate to reobtaining 501c(3) tax-exempt status.

**Fire/EMS**

Mayor Weaner relayed to council that after reading a Cresent News article, it was brought to his attention that Sherwood’s EMS rates are severely less than that of what the surrounding communities’ EMS are charging. He stated that he would like the Fire Committee to meet and discuss some of the prices for EMS contracts around the Paulding and Defiance area. And that he thinks filling positions for both an EMS coordinator and a Deputy Fire Chief to address those contracts in the future would be best as to not burden Chief Rock with more responsibilities.

The Fire Committee consists of J. Hohenberger, M. Sudholtz, and A. Buchhop.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT FEBRUARY 21, 2024, SHERRI RAMEY**

**LAND/BUILDINGS**

The moldy drywall was removed from the village office and the closet area was opened up. The big storage cabinet and a fridge will be placed along the south wall and a countertop on the north wall. The walls and trim will be painted and moving the desks started today.

**INSURANCE**

The proposal was given to the council as well as the invoice for \$23,877.00. The invoice for 2023 was \$19,377.00. Included in the proposal are options for coverage for social engineering fraud and cyber/ data breeches. Lowering the deductible is also optional and the different options for that were shown.

One of the reasons that the invoice amount increased was the square footage was changed. After remeasurement, the area that was previously insured for the village hall, library, and community building each increased and now reflects the accurate measurements.

<b>Motion to Approve Payment of the Insurance Invoice</b>	<b>J. Vogelsong</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Robert Valle</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

**N HARRISON ST**

The project was awarded on February 16<sup>th</sup>, but there has been no word on who received it. The window to pave is between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> of 2024.

**PARKS**

**Memorial Park**

S. Ramey stated that she spoke with Dick Miller about the memorial tree. He was unaware that it existed and did not think it was purchased by his family. M. Sudholtz spoke with Dale Bennett, and he believed that it had come out of the fund. Mayor Weaner said there seems to be no need to replace it now, and the subject can be revisited in the future.

**WATER & SEWER**

There were seventeen shut off notices in January, with two having to be hand delivered. None needed to be shut off. There have been some issues with the postcard bills actually getting delivered, so the office is looking into possibly switching to a letter format.

Addresses and phone numbers are still being verified in the system.

100 Maumee had a significant water leak of 218,000 gallons. The home is empty and there is not a good number to reach anyone, so after consulting Solicitor Vance, J. Hurtig did shut the water off to the residence and left a notice it was shut off.

The village applied for the EPA equipment grant but did not receive it. They reached out to say it was awarded in the second round. It is valued at \$4999.95 which will be used for a hydrant buddy for valve exercising. Once the paperwork is received, it will be purchased, and they will reimburse the village after its purchase.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Hicksville reached out to S. Ramey to ask if the village wants to mail out “reminder postcards” for the local tax. Hicksville has mailed them out in the past but will not be doing so this year due to the rising costs, and so asked if Sherwood would like to follow suit. The reminder will be posted on the utility bills and the website instead of with a postcard.

Defiance County Economic Development distributed applications for communities to sponsor “Four Flags of Freedom.” This campaign is an initiative aimed at building four massive flag monuments that “will put Defiance County, Ohio on the map.” It will consist of four 120-foot-tall poles with thirty by sixty-foot American flags. The four flags will be located at four companies along US 24: Keller Logistics, Premier Bank, Werlor and ProMedica. The current cost of the project is \$200,000.

Village Clean-up will be on Saturday, April 20 from 8am to noon at the front part of Moat’s Park in the stone area.

The next food pantry will be on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 10am.

The Village office will be closed from Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> through Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> for the Local Government Officials Conference and also on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday.

The June council meeting will be moved to June 12<sup>th</sup> because of Juneteenth. The July Council meeting will be moved to July 24<sup>th</sup>, right before the “Sher’wing Thing”. And the April Council meeting will be moved to April 10<sup>th</sup> because F. Escalera will be out of town on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

The “Sher’wing Thing” will be held on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Sherwood Economic Development Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5 to 7pm at 123 E Vine St. RSVPs were submitted for S. Rohrs, R. Valle, D. Weaner, and S. Ramey.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 24-01-02 – AUTHORIZE CONTRACT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WITHIN CERTAIN BOUNDARIES OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Motion to Accept the Second Reading of Ordinance 24-01-02	S. Rohrs
Seconded	R. Valle
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

**ORDINANCE 24-01-03 – AUTHORIZE CONTRACT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WITHIN CERTAIN BOUNDARIES OF FARMER TOWNSHIP – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

Motion to Accept the Second Reading of Ordinance 24-01-03	M. Sudholtz
Seconded	J. Hohenberger
Robert Valle	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

**ORDINANCE 24-01-04 – AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE COVERAGE TO THE EASTERN HALF OF MARK TOWNSHIP – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

S. Ramey stated that Mark Townships contract did get changed. Chief Rock is now charging them also per run instead of just the yearly charge.

Motion to Accept the Second Reading of Ordinance 24-01-04	R. Valle
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE – 24-02-01 – APPROVING, ADOPTING, AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING’S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2024 EDITION2**

Motion to Accept Ordinance 24-02-01 as an Emergency	S. Rohrs
Seconded	J. Hohenberger
Robert Valle	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

**ORDINANCE – 24-02-02 – AMENDING SHERWOOD INCOME TAX ORDINANCE and Declaring an Emergency**

D. Weaner explained discussion about this ordinance can begin once a motion and second to the motion are given. J. Vogelsong made the motion to accept the ordinance, and J. Hohenberger seconded the motion. Then, T. Vance explained to the council that there were changes made to the Ohio Revised Code that must be adopted by municipalities to stay in compliance. The first of which was a minor change to the definition of ‘net profits,’ and another clarified the difference between a taxpayer that is an individual and a taxpayer that is anything other than an individual, such as a business entity. There were also changes to how penalties and interest are assessed.

Motion to Accept Ordinance 24-02-02 as an Emergency	J. Vogelsong
Seconded	J. Hohenberger
Scott Rohrs	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

**OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTION AGREEMENT- For debt collection of the taxes.**

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

M. Sudholtz asked if Dan Brown had been contacted about the ‘Welcome to Sherwood’ signs and S. Ramey said that it was on her ‘to-do’ list for tomorrow.

**New Business –**

S. Rohrs stated he had a few topics for discussion. The first was asking about signs for the new walking path at Moat’s Park. He said that he saw a golf cart driving on it recently. He said many signs and posts will be necessary because there are several places where the path can be entered. He then said that there is a nuisance violation of junk collection happening at the property at 300 W Maple St. and it is blowing throughout the neighborhood. Lastly, he noted that the water tower does not have lights on the top and wondered if lights could be placed at the bottom that would shine upward. S. Ramey said she would look into how much that would cost and will bring her findings back to the council.

S. Ramey told the council that Siebenaler will be coming tomorrow, to go over the options available for the village hall.

J. Vogelsong stated that it has been brought to her attention that someone is possibly living in a shed, she thought the source was reliable. T. Vance said that would be a zoning violation, if so. He said that a notice of zoning inspection can be issued if that is how Gilbert Montez wants to go about it.

**Adjourn**

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

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Faye Escalera, Utility Billing Clerk

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David M. Weaner, Mayor