

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL
June 12, 2024

The Council for the Village of Sherwood met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024, in the Community Room. Mayor Dave Weaner called the meeting to order. Council Members Jim Hohenberger, Scott Rohrs, Robert Valle, and Mike Sudholtz were present; Administrator/Fiscal Officer Sherri Ramey, Billing Clerk Faye Escalera, Sergeant Mike Shock, Holly Wendling, Don Hange, Ann Hange, Leslie Hange, Jeff Hange, Judy Speiser and Luke Kuhn were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion to Approve the Minutes	R. Valle
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to Accept the Financial Reports	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	R. Valle
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y

Motion to Pay the Bills	M. Sudholtz
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y

SHERIFF REPORT

Sergeant Shock presented the list of the Sheriff’s department calls to the village in the previous month. He stated that they were notified that someone was driving on the walking path, so patrols have increased to keep an eye on that. The department is aware of the wing fest coming up in July and they are planning to make sure their presence is felt during the event.

Council member Jamie Vogelsong joined the meeting at 6:06 pm

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

LAND/BUILDINGS

A quote was received to install new LED flat panels to replace the fluorescent fixtures at the Community Room at a cost of \$2,981.45. It would match the library’s new lights.

Motion to Replace the Bulbs in the Community Room	S. Rohrs
Seconded	R. Valle
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

The library will be having their carpets shampooed at the conclusion of this summer’s lunch program for kids. Kathy Holtsberry asked if the council would like to have the

Community Room’s carpet done at that time also, at the village’s cost. S. Rohrs requested that the council decide that once the cost is determined.

The rear entrance at the library needs to have an incline installed for power wheelchairs to get onto the sidewalk from the parking lot. It will need to be thirty-six inches wide, and that will cost around \$200.00 for a temporary ramp. A permanent one can be discussed in the future once a grant to pave that lot is secured.

PARKS

Play Mart responded regarding the Little Reservation Station. Replacement parts were quoted at \$5,118 with freight and it would be ten to twelve weeks until items would be ready to ship. S. Ramey told the council that according to the warranties, only some of the items have a limited lifetime warranty, while others are fifteen years, ten years, or one year. M. Sudholtz requested that before proceeding, which parts go with which warranties should be checked.

The walking path signs are installed that state no motorized vehicles allowed on the path. The village is still having issues with people driving down it and parking off of it. Bollards are not yet installed but will be soon. There is an issue securing it to the asphalt as the bolts that are recommended for them are intended to be used with concrete.

The village is waiting on a quote to have Field 2 at Moat’s Park tiled.

A quote to fix the lights at Memorial Park was given for \$3150.00. The repairs will involve replacing those that are burnt out, a couple have had the entire top broken off (vandalism), and some are not working due to suspected faulty photo-eyes/timers. The ideal replacements will have LED lamps with technologically better photo eyes. To replace each head, an old quote listed them at \$125 apiece. There are three that their concrete base has chipped away, and those will need repoured, as well.

Motion to Fix the Lights	S. Rohrs
Seconded	J. Hohenberger
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

WATER & SEWER

There were sixteen shut off notices in May, none needed to be shut off.

The village received an equipment grant from the EPA of \$4,999.95 that will be used for the Hydrant Buddy. It is used for valve exercising. The grant is a reimbursement grant so the cost will come first from the village funds.

MISCELLANEOUS

The new employee is working out well, and projects are getting checked off the list.

At the last meeting, purchasing stamps was on the agenda due to their increased cost at the beginning of July. Those will have to be ordered online and would need to be put on S. Ramey’s credit card and reimbursed. All stamps that will be purchased (postcard, additional postage (for mail over one ounce), and traditional postage stamps) are forever stamps.

The Sher’Wing Thing will be Saturday, July 27th from 4pm to 10pm.

The Food Pantry will be on Wednesday July 17th from 8am-10am. The food was distributed out of the old fire department at the latest Food Pantry, and it worked very well.

The Village Office will be closed on Wednesday June 19th.

The Medical Mutual Insurance was cancelled in June and Anthem is set up, so there will be a double bill for June and July for insurance. The Village has become members of the Defiance County Chamber of Commerce.

The Welcome to Sherwood signs will be delivered on Friday June 14th.

The milling on St Rt 127 was done on Saturday June 15th from Lawrence St. to a bit further than Elm St. It was completed on Monday. The paving that was supposed to start June 12th will now start on Friday or Saturday.

In regard to the Cepheus Solar Project, a small meeting was held a couple of weeks ago. It will be fully owned by BP in July. They are talking about removing the idea of the panels from inside the village and suggested that a field trip to their project in Fayette be taken to see how they manage solar fields and what the setbacks look like. They are asking that the council consider writing either a letter of support or a letter of neutrality.

-J. Hohenberger stated that they took Leo Shiningers portion of the project and other than that it was the same information that was already presented in the past. He said that he sees no change that would make the council decide anything different than they have in the past.

D. Weaner suggested a motion be made to go to the 'Citizens' portion of the agenda to let them speak on the solar issue.

Motion to amend the agenda to let the Citizens weigh in on this issue.	R. Valle
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

CITIZENS

Leslie Hange stated that she has heard a bit of what is going on with the statement of neutrality or support. After sitting in limbo for a little over fifteen months, she stated that the only way the Ohio Siting Board would consider changing their decision would be if there was new evidence of support for the project. The community would have to change its position on the project, and everyone she has spoken to has not had a change of mind and still does not support the project. So, the solar project would need to have a public entity's support showing that the local perception of the project has changed. And as such, these citizens attended this meeting to say, "Please don't support this project." Jeff Hange stated that, thankfully, Delaware Twp. has created exclusionary zones to very limited areas that would not be able to support large scale solar and strict zoning limits on what small scale solar is allowed.

Luke Kuhn stated that he, personally, has been against the project the whole time and that it would destroy Sherwood's positive momentum. However, his political advice would be that with all the negativity and controversy toward the solar project, if the council should choose to support the project, there would have to be a legitimately good reason, or it would be very detrimental to them.

R. Valle said that when they said they wanted to have another meeting with the council he told them that the citizens should be there to voice their concerns and their opinions. The meeting that just took place seemed one sided because there were no citizens there. When he acts in the role of a council member, he does not only intend to vote the way he feels about it, but the biggest factor is how he knows the citizens would want to vote themselves.

D. Weaner described the solar fields near Fayette as being obvious from the south side as it is on a sand ridge even though it is set back about seventy-five to one hundred feet. It is a

little more indistinct from the north. It is about two years old; the grass is established, and the bushes are starting to grow.

Don Hange described the scene he and his wife witnessed in Hardin County and described that the people of the Upper Scioto Valley School District would definitely say it is a disaster. He said that they have visited twice, but the most recent time, which was a year or so ago, there were massive weeds and no apparent idea of how to control the weed growth with either equipment or manpower. While he does not believe it is BP’s project, seeing the disarray and unpleasantness of these sites, makes it hard to believe that it would turn out much better at any other location. He also said that he can not fathom how any of the big solar sites he has seen could ever go back to being farmable land. And there is no actual proof of that capability.

L. Kuhn also wanted to ask the question of what happens when there becomes a new technology that makes these solar panels so outdated that they become obsolete. He believes that BP has too much power and dealing with them comes with too many unknowns attached. He believes that sooner than later, the technology will be there that does not involve destroying the farmland and back yards of the community.

Motion to Send a Letter Stating that Sherwood Village Council’s Stance Has Not Changed	S. Rohrs
Seconded	J. Hohenberger
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

L. Kuhn had one other citizen’s comment. He wondered if anyone on the council was interested in pursuing the community trail idea from last year. He said he asked a property owner about her portion of the railroad that connects with the park and would lead into the trail that is now there. This could someday continue out to Coy Road. They have Rails to Trails that gives money to an existing park, like Moat’s Park. The goal would be to have the trail go all the way to the Maumee River via Blair Rd which has access to the river near the cemetery. Does the council think that is something he should pursue? J. Hohenberger says he thinks it is worth pursuing to see if there is grant money available to make it happen.

ZONING

Gilbert Montez joined the meeting previously at 6:38pm

He said that he did not have a lot to report. He spoke with the resident at 110 Sunset about the ticket he had for a nuisance already. He also talked to someone else who wanted to plant a tree. He advised them to call the office to see if there would be any obstacles. S. Ramey said that as of yet, she has not heard from anyone about it.

According to the resident at 425 W Maple St, the village had planned to take a tree from the property. No such considerations actually ever made.

When G. Montez went to Barbara Lane to see whether a zoning permit for a fence could be issued, there was no one home.

M. Sudholtz asked if there was a zoning permit issued for a property on US Hwy 127. He said it appeared as if they were building stairs and an upper story deck on the back of the house.

R. Valle asked about the house on Vine that took out their sidewalk. He wanted to know if they have to replace the sidewalks or if it is ok to refill with dirt. The sidewalks in question

were in disrepair and treacherous. And approval was given to get them pulled out. J. Hohenberger stated that there is not anything in the zoning that requires new sidewalks to be installed.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing new has been heard regarding the Feline Capture and Release Program.

D. Weaner said that he had not had a chance to work on photoshop to show the different exterior options for the Village Hall.

S. Rohrs mentioned for the Village Hall to get something going, focusing on one aspect, such as just the front windows, some progress can be made that way. It cannot all be done as once anyway. To do the front windows, Siebenaler quoted \$12,600.00 and Leever Glass was \$14,516.03. Both quotes need to be reassessed because they are over a month old. Once that is done, the council said S. Ramey should proceed with the lowest quote.

Motion to Have Windows Installed in the Upper Story Eastside of Village Hall by the Company with the Lowest Quoted Price	S. Rohrs
Seconded	R. Valle
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 24-06-01- TO USE SLFRF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE AND THE REMAINING AMOUNT FOR HEART MONITOR

Motion to Accept R-24-06-01	S. Rohrs
Seconded	J. Hohenberger
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

ORDINANCE 24-06-01- TO RESTRICT SMOKING, TOBACCO USE, AND VAPING IN VILLAGE OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Motion to Accept O-24-06-01 as an Emergency	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	R. Valle
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

J. Hohenberger asked about changing the order of the agenda to have the citizens closer to the beginning of the council meeting so they would not have to wait as long. D. Weaner said that if that seemed necessary during a meeting, it can be handled in the same way it was addressed tonight, by amending the agenda in the moment. Mostly, the citizens’ concerned can be addressed through the council’s discussion before the “citizen section” and thus, it saves a lot of repetition.

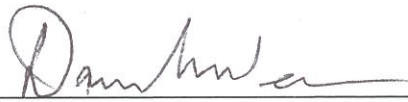
M. Sudholtz asked again about updating the tablets because the current ones are no longer dependable. The council agreed that S. Ramey can purchase new tablets at a competitive price.

S. Ramey asked G. Montez why the owner by the detention pond on St Rt 18 wants to plant willow trees. He said that he said it was because it is very wet there. The purpose of the pond is to catch overflow during wet periods to slow down the flow to the creek. G. Montez said that he would reach out to the property owner again to see what he wants to do. He should be advised that while it is not unlawful, but if it should cause issues with others' property by defeating the purpose of the detention pond, he will be opening himself up to liability.

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn	J. Vogelsong
Seconded	R. Valle
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y


Faye Escalera, Utility Billing Clerk


David M. Weaner, Mayor