

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL
JUNE 21, 2023**

The Council for the Village of Sherwood met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19th, 2023, in the Community Room. Mayor Jack Stantz 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, Luke Kuhn, Levi Kuhn, Dave Weaner, Amanda Joost and Beth Krouse from the Crescent News were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Previous Meeting minutes

Motion to Approve the Minutes	R. Valle
Seconded	J. Hohenberger
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

Financial Reports

Motion to Accept the Financial Reports	M. Sudholtz
Seconded	R. Valle
Alex Buchhop	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y

Motion to Pay the Bills	J. Vogelsong
Seconded	J. Hohenberger
Robert Valle	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

ZONING

G. Montez was not able to make it to the meeting as he is working. He said he feels really bad because he really did not intend to be working as much. S. Ramey told him if he wanted to step down it would be okay, and he is thinking about it. So, if anyone is interested in being a zoning inspector there may be a position open. R. Valle asked what the requirements for the position are. S. Ramey said that a main requirement is attendance at the council meetings because they are responsible for nuisances as well. J. Stantz and J. Hohenberger both mentioned that being capable of speaking to residents is a must. M. Sudholtz said being capable of going to properties and inspecting for building permits regarding boundaries, set-backs, rules, and regulations.

Regarding the discussion about the mess at 542 N Harrison last month, J. Stantz said that he spoke with them about the garbage and informed them that it was not acceptable. The mess has since been cleaned up.

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LAND/BUILDINGS

Buckeye Roofing came and did the library roof for \$2530.00, which includes the \$950.00 down deposit. They pulled back the rubber at the eaves and replaced the wood and added

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fascia and a new rubber termination bar. Then installed new gutters. Hopefully this resolves the leak.

The construction crew has been maintaining at least one lane of traffic during the N Harrison St project so far. The road will be closing completely down due to some close calls that have happened. There will be times and days when they will be installing tiles and both lanes will be closed. J. Hohenberger asked if both lanes would be closed all the time or if the road would be open in the evenings. S. Ramey stated that from what she understands it seems like it will only be closed as they are working on it. But it is entirely up to the contractors because it was bid out as a closed road project. They are trying to maintain it so that people can have access as needed.

EQUIPMENT

The Top Kick had the hole in the gas tank welded for \$640.00. It is waiting on the straps to come in so it can be reattached. The second tank was eliminated altogether because it also had a hole in it. It has been getting fueled up twice a year, so now it will be filled four times a year.

STREET

The manholes were jetted out by Cam-Tech for a total of \$6,051.25.

PARKS

The pond pump has been installed at Memorial Park. The gazebo roof was also done for \$3950.00.

There are still equipment issues that need resolved at the Little Reservation Station.

Help is still needed with the concession stand at Moat's Park, but it looks like the next day's game will be the last for the summer rec season. The tournaments are starting for softball, but it is unknown if any will be played in Sherwood. Kuhn Brothers and SMTA donated misting fans to help players beat the heat. J. Hurtig, M. Gregg, and S. Ramey have been spending a lot of time working for the ball games.

WATER & SEWER

Eleven shut off notices were delivered but none were shut off.

The paint crew should be in to start on the water tower the week of June 26th. The paint supplies and tarp are slated to be delivered tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS

There still has been no contact from 402 N. Harrison about his complaint.

Some homeowners have been contacted regarding nuisance trees and shrubs encroaching into the village's right of way.

The commissioners meeting about the solar panels was rescheduled for Wednesday, June 29th at three o'clock and will now be held at the Defiance County commissioners building.

The Electric Aggregation would help residents with the supply part of their electric bill. A resolution is on the table regarding whether the council would like to have it on the November ballot.

The Food Pantry will be on Thursday, July 20th from 8am-10am. It is being changed by one day, and notice was given to those who picked up from the food pantry today.

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Brandon from the dispensary said that he would be at a council meeting in a few months to give the council an update on how things are going.

Old Business

T. Vance sent a letter to get a description of the easement that was requested for 100 W Vine. That area needs to be surveyed for the village to give him an easement on that piece of land. He said that the council will need to approve that description of what exactly he wants an easement on. It must be a legal description of the desired land from the surveyor.

T. Vance also talked with the council about Metalink's lease of the old water tower. At this point, the current lease states they require the ability to place their equipment on a village owned sufficient structure. They offered to enter into a new lease on the new water tower, but he knew that the council did not want to go forward with that. However, there is no way out of the current lease, the village can give them the option of putting their equipment up on the new tower, but they will incur a substantial cost to move it the new water tower for a short period of time. There is no lease termination available on the village's end, but they may be willing to terminate it on the knowledge that the village does not intend to go forward with a new lease on the new water structure. T. Vance asked for some guidelines of what council intends to move forward with, if there is a price point that the council would find acceptable for a new lease or if the village intends to let this lease expire and not continue business with Metalink. R. Valle asked how tall the structure must be for Metalink to be able to broadcast their signal. T. Vance said that information is not specifically indicated, but he believes the only structure that would be tall enough would be a water tower. He said that with the cost of moving their equipment to the new water tower, knowing that the village does not intend on a new lease, they may decide to mutually rescind the contract. T. Vance will ask them to move their equipment in conjunction with the water tower being painted, if Metalink does decide to move their equipment to the new tower.

The ballpark monies and alleys are still on the solicitor's book and will be addressed shortly.

The STAR money will be transferred.

There was some confusion about who would get in touch with the Humane Society regarding spaying and neutering the stray cats around the village. R. Valle said that he would get in touch with them.

Citizens

Amanda Joost addressed the council about funding that may be available to make updates and upgrades at Moat's Park and asked if there were any plans in the works. She has heard about the walking path that is going in, but wondered if there was anything else. She specifically asked about the area next to Field 3, where the tennis court and sand volleyball court once were. She expressed her desire to see that area upgraded, perhaps with a pickleball court and a revamped sand volleyball court. She wondered about putting up a new sign, as well. J. Vogelsong told her that the sand volleyball court was revamped not too long ago, and shortly after there were issues with vandalism such as glass and knives buried in the sand. A. Joost then asked if there was any way to improve the safety and security there. She said that she would be willing to start a sand volleyball league. She estimated it would cost \$6,500 to \$8,000 to revamp the volleyball court with new nets and sand, and she thinks that the equipment to do so could be borrowed from local businesses. As for installing a pickleball court, her research estimates it would cost around \$45,000. She asked if there were any funds available for these upgrades and wondered where the village or council stands on that process. R. Valle stated that her ideas sound great, and he

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assumes that there may be some grants available, but the village does not have a spare \$65,000. J. Vogelsong said that there would need to be fundraising involved. M. Sudholtz recommended forming a committee to start collecting donations. A. Joost asked if the village has any funds that are specifically meant for the park and if there is a park board. S. Ramey informed her that there is a park committee, not a park board, and that 10% of the village income tax is allocated to the parks, but that does not even cover the upkeep and salaries of the employees to maintain it, as it is. And now that the Ball Association is under the village, some of that had to come out of the park monies as well. A. Joost asked how formal of a process it is to start a committee. M. Sudholtz said that when he was involved with the Little Reservation Station project, he just asked folks who he thought would be interested to come on a committee with him, so that was how it was formed, and they began raising funds right away. He said they went through a 501c3, which was a church, so that the money would be tax-free. A. Joost stated that she is the executive director of a 501c3, so that is not an issue. S. Ramey said that there is a nature grant and a local government grant, but those are taken up with other things such as the downtown renovation. A. Joost stated that she has experience with grant writing, so if there are grants that are identified, she could help. S. Ramey advised that it would be the nature grant that she would want to consider because that is the best bet for anything having to do with the parks. As for the sign to Moat's Park, it was taken out because it was in disrepair and was not in a good location. S. Ramey reached out to Mrs. Pannell to see if she would be open to painting the back of the dugout on Field 3 that faces west but has not heard back from her. Levi Kuhn said that she does not like to do outside stuff, he had asked her recently because they would like to have a mural on the side of their downtown building. He then asked the woman who worked on the new mural in Hicksville, and she said she normally charges six to ten dollars per square foot depending on how elaborate it is. S. Ramey stated that the village has lights that are going into the parking lot but is a matter of time and manpower when they can be installed. There are cameras on the maintenance garage that are hard wired there, but the options are limited to putting more up because there is no Wi-Fi. Levi Kuhn stated that he may be able to assist with the cameras as he just recently had to have them installed at the Kuhn Brothers Service Center. With that A. Joost asked if there was a timeline for getting the lights put up since making improvements before then would not be reasonable. She also asked if one could also be installed on the pavilion that would shine on the courts. S. Ramey said that the lights that are already purchased to go on poles around the outside of the parking lot would not be suitable for that area, so the right sort of light would need to be purchased. She stated that when there was a light that shone on the basketball courts, they were broken off and the wires were pulled out. New basketball nets are needed two or three times a year because they are being ruined. A. Joost asked if the county sheriff was ever informed and while the answer is yes, it is hard to catch the perpetrator(s) in the act because the park is so far back off the main roads. With the construction project going on, it is not possible to get an accurate timeline for when the lights can be put up because it was decided to do it in-house and there has not been the time to get it done. A. Buchhop suggested that if the village has all the necessary parts and the lights are just waiting on installation, maybe some volunteers could assist. Luke Kuhn asked if it would be allowed for volunteers to install them. S. Ramey said that it was and that was what would have happened if they were installed at the Crystal Fountain Auditorium as was originally planned. When asked how many light poles there are S. Ramey stated that she believed there are fourteen, but not all of them are going up at Moat's Park. A couple of the lights will be going up at the Little Reservation Station. J. Stantz stated that there will be cameras going up at the new firehouse. Only the lights will be going up at the LRS as the existing poles are fine. Also, S. Ramey called AEP and reported the light there as being out. The park committee consists of J. Vogelsong, R. Valle and S. Rohrs. R. Valle said that a park committee meeting should be scheduled, and it can be

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addressed. Where the lights for the parking lot at Moat’s Park are destined to be is mapped out already and the Park Committee can have a copy.

Levi Kuhn addressed the council and asked for volunteers to help the day of the Sher’wing Thing with set-up, selling tickets, et cetera that will help it go as smoothly as possible. Luke Kuhn asked the council to be hands on deck during the event to help as needed if something should come up that extra hands are needed.

New Business

RESOLUTION 23-06-01 – Authorizing all actions to affect a governmental electricity aggregation program AS AN EMERGENCY

Motion	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	R. Valle
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

RESOLUTION 23-06-02 – To proceed with submission of the question of levying a two-mill additional tax in excess of ten-mill limitations for providing current expenses for fire operating

Motion	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	M. Sudholtz
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

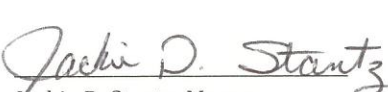
There was no other new business to discuss.

J. Hohenberger asked J. Stantz if there was any update on the new fire station. J. Stantz said that he thinks all that is left is to get the inspector in. He said that with all this construction going on he does not think it would be any good to move in the new station because of the ways they are shutting the street down. J. Stantz said that there is a first responders class going on there that seems to be going pretty well.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn	J. Vogelsong
Seconded	R. Valle
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y


Faye Escalera, Utility Billing Clerk


Jackie D. Stantz, Mayor

