

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL
MAY 15TH, 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, Jamie Vogelsong, Mike Sudholtz, and Alex Buchhop were present; Administrator/Fiscal Officer Sherri Ramey, Billing Clerk Faye Escalera, Leslie Isaman, Jim Isaman, 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	A. Buchhop
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to Accept the Financial Reports	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

Motion to Pay the Bills	M. Sudholtz
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

SHERIFF REPORT

Sgt. Shock contacted J. Hohenberger with his round-up for the month. He said the Department had 110 calls for service: seven traffic warnings, six criminal arrests, seven citations issued, two accidents, fifty-two business checks with three open doors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The records commission met right after the last council meeting. The minutes of that meeting were included in the council packet.

ZONING –

Gilbert Montez joined the meeting. He reviewed the notices he issued in the last month. 310 E Maple had a high grass notice and have since mowed. 410 W Maple received a hand delivered notice as well as 300 W Maple. He said he spoke to the resident of 105 Inman and wrote him a notice yesterday. 200 N Rock received a notice. He spoke with the resident of 9902 US Rt 127 about the two trucks. He was told the little red truck’s motor is no good, and the other truck’s clutch is gone. G. Montez told him that they need to be moved. 425 W Maple had a notice left for them regarding the tires and trash in the front as well as the garbage in the back. 300 W Maple cleaned up some. G. Montez said that he will be going

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back to a few properties to follow up. When asked if there was any progress at 420 W Maple, he stated that it has been cleaned up a lot, with tires being removed and trash getting cleaned up.

G. Montez stated that since 105 N Inman has received many notices and when some gets cleaned up, something else is brought in. He also asked if a building permit was issued to that address because it appears that a shed is being built with three walls already framed. No permit has been issued. A certified letter will be sent.

M. Sudholtz asked about the white car behind the library. It does have plates, but it never moves. There are weeds up to the bumper because it cannot be mowed. S. Ramey said that the Sheriff Department can be contacted to see who the owner is and if it should be towed.

M. Sudholtz asked what to do when people blow their grass out onto the road and sidewalk. S. Ramey said that a public service announcement was sent out this week as a reminder of the ordinance.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

LAND/BUILDINGS

(Solicitor Taylor Vance joined the meeting)

The quote from Leever Glass for replacement windows and doors for the Village Hall was presented to the council. Some of the things were less expensive than Siebenaler's quote. D. Weaner asked if there was a major difference between the two quotes. S. Ramey said that Siebenaler was quoting for more than just windows and the cost of the windows themselves should be considered. However, she said that the total cost of the project will depend mostly on whether the council decides to have the Village Hall painted or to have siding installed. R. Valle asked if a new fire escape would need to be placed. S. Ramey said that the old fire escape should be removed, and the door that is there has a bad seal so could be either replaced or sealed over. D. Weaner said that he can take some pictures and send out texts and emails for the council members to consider, which will hopefully make the decision easier.

PARKS

S. Ramey talked with PlayMart about the playground equipment at the Little Reservation Station. She sent in the pictures and is working with them to get the replacement pieces. M. Sudholtz asked if the solicitor should get involved with the issue because he is concerned that they will make the village pay for shipping and the labor to have them fixed. And he does not agree with that because the company knew they had a defect when they sold the equipment, but never said they were defective. When a representative of the company came to the park to examine the equipment after some broken pieces had been repaired in the past, he assured the village that there would not be any more broken pieces, yet there are. S. Ramey said that she will see what they respond to the pictures that she sent before T. Vance gets involved. She said she had asked for a representative to come to inspect the broken pieces in person but was told that they do not have one that is nearby and so she sent fifty pictures approximately of the playground and the different parts that were seen to be broken. They responded saying that the pictures were received, and they have started the claim process.

Six removable bollards were purchased from Uline for the walking path at Moat's Park for \$1019.48. The signage is also ready to be installed.

Craig Nelson from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources came for a meeting about the location of the observation wells. Two wells will be installed: one at the southwest corner

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and one near the maintenance garage. The one near the maintenance garage will be able to be utilized by the village maintenance because it be able to have an outside yard hydrant installed.

EQUIPMENT

A skid steer mount angle broom was purchased at auction for \$1,125. Hicksville might be looking to purchase a new street sweeper, so they were asked to let the village know if and when they put their current one for sale. Mayor McCain will be asked about doing the sweeping for Sherwood in the meantime.

The council previously agreed to help pay for the new ambulance. S. Ramey told the council that she would like to use the SLFRF funds that are left from the American Rescue Plan Act to cover \$70,000 for half the ambulance and the remaining \$19,330.07 can go towards the heart monitor the council also agreed to pay for.

Motion to Create an Ordinance to Allocate the SLFRF Funds to Cover the Cost of the Ambulance and Heart Monitor	R. Valle
Seconded	J. Hohenberger
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y

WATER & SEWER

There were fourteen utility shut off notices in April, one was shut off.

MISCELLANEOUS

Adam Mack is the village’s new employee and he started on Monday, May 13th.

J. Hurtig and S. Ramey received their insurance renewal quotes. The less expensive, but better policy costs \$1587.90. To be eligible for the policy, the Village of Sherwood has to become members of the Defiance Chamber of Commerce. Tier one with them is \$150 per year. The paperwork will be ready to be signed tomorrow, May 16th.

Due to the 7% rate increase on postage, the village office will be buying a bulk of stamps to sustain operations for a year or two and save some funds.

The Senior Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 25th at 11am beginning at Moat’s Park.

The Sher’wing Thing is scheduled for Saturday, July 27th. Helpers and sponsors are being sought. ODOT approved the closure during the festivities. Coming from the south, St Rt 127 will be closed from W. Lawrence to Inman to W. Elm and from the north from E. Elm to Wilmot to E. Lawrence St.

The new bridge dedication will take place on Friday, May 17th at 10am on the south side of the bridge.

Someone asked if there would be community wide garage sales this year. A flyer was published asking if there is any interest and if so, to contact the village hall.

The Defiance Foundation had a community spotlight on the Sherwood Foundation.

The cost of the village clean-up was \$2,331.48 to Werlor and \$175.96 was received for the scrap in the metal dumpster so the final cost to have the clean-up was \$2,155.84.

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The food pantry will be on Wednesday, June 12th from 8 am to 10 am. It is one week early because of Juneteenth. Notices will be mailed to those who are signed up to receive food. The council meeting will also be held on June 12th. And the village office will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th.

The checks for the tax from properties that did not file an exemption were received for a total of \$12,429.26.

OLD BUSINESS

R. Valle emailed and has not received any word back about the Feline capture program. Heidi Hull has reached out expressing her interest in helping out with the catch and release by getting potential sponsors to help cover the cost and assist in rehoming the cats.

The maintenance garage had a bit of progress getting the fire department remnants taken care of, but there is a lot of work left to do.

S. Rohrs asked if there was any news regarding the Ball Association and T. Vance stated that he has been contacting accounting firms for someone who would be willing to do the forensic audit at a reasonable rate. He said the Attorney General’s office did not seem to care. But the forensic audit needs to be completed before giving it to the prosecutor’s office.

CITIZENS

James Isaman, the pastor of Open Bible Church, addressed council stating his concern that the village’s website and Facebook promoting the hiring event that Theory Wellness announced. He said that he knows that medicinal and recreational marijuana are now legal in Ohio but believes it should not be promoted by the Village. He wondered if the village had a chance to opt-out of recreational sales. J. Hohenberger told him that the issue of growing, distribution, and sale of marijuana was on the ballot in 2017 or 2018 to see what the people wanted because the council did not want to make that decision. It passed the vote. R. Valle said that he thinks the village posting the hiring event has more to do with letting people know that Sherwood has jobs available than it does with promoting marijuana usage. J. Isaman stated that he feels that it is indirectly doing so, and he does not think tax dollars should go towards that advertisement. R. Valle made the comparison that if a gas station in Sherwood, which sells alcohol and tobacco products, would be hiring and the village posted their flyer, it would not mean that Sherwood was promoting drinking and smoking. A. Buchhop said that the gas stations will soon be selling vapes as well, but because they are legal, there is nothing the village has a right to do about it. M. Sudholtz stated that they have everything well secured and that even for recreational purposes, there are several security measures in place. J. Isaman said that his concerns are with the long-term effect on people and their well-being and that he feels like he had to speak up about it. T. Vance said that from a legal standpoint, it would probably cause issues for the village to pick and choose which legal businesses are promoted once requested. If the village’s open platform is opened to one, it should be open to all without discrimination. The council was thanked for listening to the concerns and for giving explanations.

New Business

ORDINANCE – 24-05-01- AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF PART-TIME SEASONAL MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to Accept O-24-05-01	R. Valle
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

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Alex Buchhop	Y
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RESOLUTION – 24-05-01 – A RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND INTO THE REFUSE FUND

Motion to Accept Resolution 24-05-01	A. Buchhop
Seconded	R. Valle
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

RESOLUTION – 24-05-02 - A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF A SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF SHERWOOD, OHIO

Motion to Accept Resolution 24-05-02	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

RESOLUTION – 24-05-03- TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF ‘THE NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 FINAL PLAN’

S. Ramey explained that the Defiance County 911 coordinator reached out to her about the new statewide 911 plan. It is in the infant stages of being set-up statewide and part of the beginning process is to submit a final plan to the state on how the 911 center will connect into the system.

Motion to Accept Resolution 24-05-03 with Approval of the Plan	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

FIRE

Chief Rock was not able to attend the council meeting but asked S. Ramey to ask the council to look at an application with prior approval. Because the applicant did not go through the classes, the application will need to be approved again.

Motion to Repeat Applicant Approval	R. Valle
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

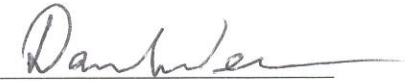
S. Ramey let the council know that there is only one light working at Memorial Park. Two bases are loose and will need replacement, as well. Five bases are missing entirely.

ADJOURN

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


Faye Escalera, Utility Billing Clerk


David M. Weaner, Mayor