

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL
May 17, 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 President Scott Rohrs, Council Members Jim Hohenberger, Robert Valle, Jamie Vogelsong, Mike Sudholtz, and Alex Buchhop were present; Administrator/Fiscal Officer Sherri Ramey, Billing Clerk Faye Escalera, Fire Chief Darrell Rock, Luke Kuhn, Dave Weaner, and Beth Krouse from the Crescent News were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Previous Meeting minutes

Motion to Approve the Minutes	S. Rohrs
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

Financial Reports

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

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

Committee Reports

ZONING –

Not a report, but A. Buchhop wanted to address a nuisance around the grocery store. There are dirty rugs at the front of the building, and trash all around. Even though it was just mowed, it was not done well. His main concern was that it is the main intersection in the village and a lot of folks that travel through, it would be the most they would see of Sherwood, and it reflects poorly on the village. Also, because of the trash around the building, when it does get mowed, it gets blown into the pond and/or chopped into confetti. Just down from the store, is another business that has lots of tires stacked in the front. He stated that at his business, his insurance requires that he house any tires now. D. Weaner said that makes sense to him that it is required because any rain that would fall on them would create a mosquito nest.

S. Ramey said that one certified letter that was sent out went unclaimed, so she would have Lt. Crites deliver it. A vehicle at the same property has expired plates.

M. Sudholtz asked what was going on at the bank’s property. He voiced concerns about it becoming a mosquito pit. S. Ramey said that they are connecting with ODOT to try to get some dirt from the construction for the new bridge. They did not want to fill it in because it will have to be dug back out because there will be a basement, but they are going to have to because they realize there is an issue.

D. Weaner mentioned that he noticed the gray trailer at the corner of Taylor and Maple Street had an issue with a family of possums, so he wondered if anyone was living there.

Fire/EMS Report

S. Ramey stated that Chief Rock gave her an application for the Fire Department and possibly also EMS. She said that she does not have the physical application for council to approve, but just a vague approval, which would still require Chief Rock to also approve, would be appropriate.

Motion to approve application	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	R. Valle
Scott Rohrs	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogel song	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT MAY 17, 2023, SHERRI RAMEY

LAND/BUILDINGS

The library still needs to have the water heater replaced; it is a matter of finding the time to have it done.

The paperwork for the internet provider was given to by T. Vance. He looked at the contract with Metalink and suggested some changes for the proposed lease agreement. The village can get out of the contract with twelve months’ notice to terminate the agreement. It is up to the council what they would like to do with the internet for the village. The office does not need the highest tier of internet for watching videos or anything that requires high speed. A. Buchhop stated that while that may be the case now, with computers the way they are, before you know it, it does not even function. The biggest issue is whether the village will extend the contract with Metalink or give twelve months’ notice to terminate the contract and switch providers to SMTA. S. Rohrs said that he believes the contract with Metalink predated SMTA having fiber optic and S. Ramey confirmed that the village has had a contract with them since the early 1990’s. S. Rohrs also stated that he thinks that if we cancel the contract with Metalink, they may not want to put their antennas on the new water tower and may agree to an early termination. A. Buchhop asked how many people around the village use Metalink’s service and no one knew. R. Valle asked if the village terminates the contract, will that mean that what is being terminated is only what they are offering the village. S. Ramey said that it would be a termination of the agreement for them using the water tower. He asked if they would still want to use the tower through a new agreement that would not include Sherwood using their internet service. S. Ramey told him that had never been discussed or offered. The two options that were brought up would be to continue with the current agreement or sign a new agreement. An option where they would just pay rent to use the village’s tower has not been proposed.

Motion to Give Metalink a Twelve-Month Termination Notice	S. Rohrs
Seconded	R. Valle
Jim Hohenberger	Abstained
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogel song	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

EQUIPMENT

The Top Kick has a hole in the gas tank, possibly both. It will cost \$2000 to replace and does not include the cost of labor. They are reaching out to a couple of welders to see if it can be welded, if not the tank will need to be totally replaced.

STREET

The manholes need to be jetted out. J. Hurtig pulled the covers and most of them have build-up. The village's jetter would not be able to do this scale of a job and four to five people would be needed to direct traffic, so Cam-Tech will be coming out at \$235 per hour. They think it will only take one or two days, but they may need a bit longer than that. Of those that have been inspected only one has a seal that is leaking and needs to be replaced. The rest look pretty good except for the build-up.

PARKS

Memorial Park still needs to have its pond pump installed. And the lights need to be looked at to see why they are not working. The roof on the shed is completed. The gazebo's roof had a few end caps that needed to be reordered. They are now in, and Buckeye Roofing will be back to finish that up. There are lights to install on the underside of the gazebo. The mayor asked if he should talk to Defiance to see if they have a jetter that would be big enough for the job. S. Ramey said that there still would not be enough people to direct traffic.

Little Reservation Station will be having the story walk moved, the sides need to be fixed and the issues with the playground equipment have yet to be addressed.

Opening Day at Moat's Park was packed. Thanks to those who helped. There is a need for help with running the concession stand. There are teenagers willing to work, but adults are needed to work with them. S. Ramey asked the council members to sponsor one day a week to help cover the slack. It does not need to be them personally if they can find someone to help that would certainly suffice. There are games every weekday night usually starting at 5:00 or 5:30, second games start either 6:30 or 7:00, and rarely there would be a game that starts at 8:00. The Methodist Church is helping on Friday. D. Weaner has been down there helping a lot. He has been making announcements and playing the national anthem as well as helping teenagers in the concession stand.

The Field Two Sign was found along the ditch line. A new backstop was ordered and installed.

WATER & SEWER

There were ten shut off notices delivered, and one was shut off and it remains so.

The new hydrant that was installed on Fountain St has a leak. The engineer has been reaching out to Dangler Excavating to get it taken care of, but they have yet to respond.

MISCELLANEOUS

Regarding the complaint from 402 N Harrison about water line across Harrison St, there has not been any information received from him. He was informed that he will need to turn in pictures and proof of damage. The village office is keeping accounts of all information provided and contact made.

Lt. Dan Crites delivered the nuisance notice to 200 N Rock St for the vehicles. There is still a truck there and now there is a van as well. G. Montez was messaged to have him check it out to see if it is considered a nuisance.

The Escape parked at 216 E Vine St is set to be towed and the property will be turned in for demolition once funding is available through Maumee Valley.

The certified letter that was sent to 205 W Maple St was returned as unclaimed so Lt. Crites will make contact. Regarding 300 W Maple they are having some issues due to the owner being in jail. S. Ramey said that she would reach out to Lt. Crites to see what can be done.

The cemetery agreement has been signed by both parties.

The Commissioners meeting will be held to discuss restricting solar and wind projects in unincorporated areas on Tuesday, May 23rd at 6pm and a representative from Sherwood has been asked to attend. The mayor stated he would go.

May 17, 2023

An Electric Aggregation that would help residents with their electric bills needs to be on the November ballot. Hicksville will be joining once their current contract ends. S. Rohrs what exactly it would do so he can help inform residents who have questions, and he does not know anything about it either. S. Ramey said that she believes it has to do with the suppliers because AEP rates are increasing. And so, she thinks this would be about going into a contract with a different supplier and the price would be locked in. S. Rohrs asked if there was a possibility of having someone from the commissioner's office come and talk to the council about it, so they can better answer questions from the community. S. Ramey stated that she would ask.

The Senior Parade will be held on Saturday, May 27th starting at 3pm.

The Food Pantry will be held on Wednesday, June 21st from 8a-10a. Thank you to the Buchhop Family for their donation.

The dispensary opened on Monday.

As a reminder to residents, with it being mowing season, a nuisance notice will be issued if mown grass clippings are blown onto the road and/or sidewalk without being cleaned up. First, a notice of warning will be delivered. If it occurs again, no new notice will be issued, the village will clean it up at \$100/ hour with a minimum of one hour, which will be charged to the owner through tax assessment.

Grass is not to be higher than ten inches. If you receive a notice, we are warning you to get the grass cut. We are understanding of rain, etc. There is no need to call the office to complain that you received one and your neighbor did not, because if their grass is high, they also received one.

The office will be closed on Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day and on June 7th.

There is an issue with where a resident is parking on Elm Street that was brought to the office. A paper was given to the council members to look at and they discussed. The consensus was that there is not a lot that can be done by the council and the council suggests that they contact the resident themselves and try to resolve the issue civilly.

Old Business

The village received the certificate of estimated property tax revenue.

J. Stantz found out information on the cats. He said that he and the mayor of Defiance had a meeting yesterday at the Iron Horse. He said he learned that it cost Defiance \$6000 for eighty cats that were all spayed or neutered in one day. He was told that they will loan us their cages, so Sherwood will not need to purchase any. He said the way Defiance accomplished it was by distributing the cages on Sunday and the animals were brought in on Monday morning. The Humane Society would need to be contacted for an appointment. Defiance is doing it again in September. How many cages are necessary will need to be calculated. R. Valle said that he would reach out to the humane society.

J. Phlipot is fine to proceed forward with figuring out exactly what he will require from the village to finish his fence project.

Nothing has yet to be resolved regarding the ballpark money. T. Vance did receive all the paperwork that H. Hymen had in motion.

The village switched over to a new insurance broker. They are in the process of getting quotes from a different company. J. Stantz said that he will ask the CIC about insurance.

S. Ramey stated that she believes the best course would be to deposit \$250,000 into the STARS account. She will get it started soon.

J. Hohenberger asked about the state’s property at 216 E Vine and if there is something that could be done to take care of it that would not cost the village a lot of money. S. Ramey said that she was just contacted by email asking if there were any properties within the village limits that should be added to the demo program list. That would not cost the village any money.

M. Sudholtz asked if direct deposit would be available soon. S. Ramey said that she had yet to see about making that option available.

Citizens

D. Weaner talked to the council about the meeting regarding the solar eclipse in April 2024. He stated that it would be good to have children out of school for that day or at least be dismissed by noon. Planning for exit routes should be a high priority since law enforcement will be occupied.

L. Kuhn asked for the council’s feedback on naming the event being held in Sherwood on July 22nd. And discussed the planning stage. He said he realizes the time to plan may not be optimal but hopes that it will be a yearly event, and this will just get it kicked off. R. Valle asked about security and if there would be deputies there. L. Kuhn stated that he would reach out to them and hoped he could have some there.

New Business

R. Valle brought up that the post office building is looking haggard, and that it should be addressed as it reflects poorly upon Sherwood. It was purchased in 2019 and some improvements were made, but more should be done.

RESOLUTION 23-05-01 – EMPLOYMENT OF TAYLOR VANCE AS SOLICITOR

Motion to accept RESOLUTION 23-05-01	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Robert Valle	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

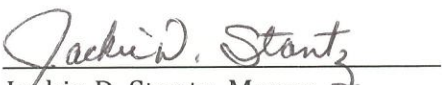
Motion to go into executive session to discuss the sale or acquisition of property, the compensation or employment of a public employee, and things required to be kept confidential by law	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y

Motion to Leave Executive Session	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	R. Valle
Robert Valle	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

Adjourn

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


Faye Escalera, Utility Billing Clerk


Jackie D. Stantz, Mayor