

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MAY 17, 2021**

Mayor Jack Stantz called the meeting to order with council members Jim Hohenberger, Scott Rohrs, Chris Skinner and Michael Sudholtz present. Also present were Dawn Buskirk, John Buskirk, Lt. Daniel Crites, Bill Moats, Sue Moats, Gilbert Montez, Gina Montez, Sherri Ramey and Ken Vogelsong Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lt. Crites, liaison for Defiance Sherriff, gave his report. He reported that in the previous month there were 119 contacts, 40 of those being business checks, 3 rescue runs and 6 traffic stops. There were no major complaints or crimes. He stated that a juvenile vandalism situation from last month has been dealt with, the youths have been cited and are going to juvenile court.

There was some discussion about curfew times within the Village.

Lt. Daniel Crites left.

G. Montez presented the Zoning Board Report. He presented for the council's approval a variance of 7 feet of right of way on Maple St. and Rock St. for 130 S. Rock St. which has been approved by the Zoning Committee.

Jamie Vogelsong entered.

J. Hohenberger made a motion to approve the variance for the 130 S. Rock St. property. S. Rohrs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Hohenberger voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea, C. Skinner voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea and M. Sudholtz voted yea.

G. Montez asked for clarification about what nuisance needs to be corrected at a W. Vine St. property.

Chris Walker entered.

S. Rohrs stated that neighbors are concerned about rats becoming a problem.

J. Hohenberger asked whether the village can only issue a nuisance citation about the outside of a building.

C. Walker replied that the village cannot issue a nuisance citation about the inside of a building unless animals coming in and out become a problem and then that becomes a nuisance.

G. Montez will talk to the property owners about the situation. Montez reported that he talked to the property owners about the nuisance at 408 Harrison St. and stated that he would be back in 15-20 days and they would be cited if progress has not been made. He said the owner told him that he will start cleaning up the property. Montez reported that he has been working on getting people to put up house numbers and asked what should be done about tall grass.

Village Administrator, Sherri Ramey, replied that the village maintenance personnel deliver high grass notices.

G. Montez asked about the vacant property at 210 Vine St., informed council that a letter has been sent to the owner about the nuisance at the Pessafell property and questioned whether the owner of a mobile home which has no skirting needs to be contacted.

Montez was informed that a notice needs to be given about a big screen TV which has been sitting at 123 E. Vine St. for months, a vehicle nuisance on W. Elm St. and a vehicle with expired license plates which needs to be moved out of one of the village's alleys.

Gilbert and Gina Montez left.

Ordinance 21-03-03, an ordinance to authorize a contract to provide emergency medical service coverage within certain boundaries of Farmer Township was presented for the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

M. Sudholtz made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 21-03-03. S. Rohrs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. M. Sudholtz voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea, C. Skinner voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

Ordinance 21-03-04, an ordinance to authorize a contract to provide emergency medical service coverage within certain boundaries of Washington Township was presented for the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

C. Skinner made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 21-03-04. J. Hohenberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. C. Skinner voted yea, J. Hohenberger voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea and M. Sudholtz voted yea.

Ordinance 21-04-01, an ordinance establishing a schedule of fees for Zoning Permits for the Village of Sherwood was presented for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

C. Skinner made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 21-04-01. M. Sudholtz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. C. Skinner voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

Resolution 21-05-01, a resolution for the transfer of funds from the General Fund into the Refuse Fund was presented.

J. Hohenberger made a motion to suspend the rules, waive the three readings and approve Resolution 21-05-01 as an emergency. C. Skinner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Hohenberger voted yea, C. Skinner voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted, S. Rohrs voted yea and M. Sudholtz voted yea.

Village Administrator, S. Ramey presented her report for the month. Ramey informed the council that Siebenaler started Wednesday to do updates on the front of the library.

Ramey reported that since it has rained we have discovered that the roof of the maintenance garage is still leaking. Wagner Metals will again be coming out to inspect the situation. Ramey informed council that CR Hunt will be painting the lab when weather is warmer, around June 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated that after we get it ready we will be selling the old skid steer (1840) and the starting price will be \$10,000. She informed council that the parts are



in for the F550 at Dan's Truck Equipment and we will be dropping it off on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Also, the Challenger is at Heritage Farm Equipment in Van Wert being repaired for multiple problems and we are working with Case to see if we can utilize the warranty.

For utilities, Ramey reported that there were 8 shutoffs delivered in April and all have paid. She informed council that the CDBG allocation grant bids for looping the water lines were opened on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The recommendation from the Commissioners is for Dangler Excavating to bore the line in at a cost of \$58,054.50. Ramey reported that work on the Moat's Lift Station began today and should be done by Wednesday. She asked that council be aware that after these updates there may be future issues in areas further down the line, such as the Pearl St. pumps, and we may incur additional costs.

Ramey informed council that a transformer blew during opening day of ball and the original one from 1964 was replaced. Ramey presented a list showing cost of electricity at Moat's Park since 2016. She showed how that bill has raised extremely since the Donut Shack has been in the Park's kitchen. She asked how the council wants to handle the higher bills.

There was some discussion about the high electricity bills at Moats Park since the Fire Department has been using the kitchen. The council decided that it would be fair for the Fire Company to pay half of the electricity bills.

J. Hohenberger made a motion that the Sherwood Fire Company pay half of the electricity bill to help with additional costs due to donut making. S. Rohrs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Hohenberger voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea, C. Skinner voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea and M. Sudholtz voted yea.

Ramey informed council that the Fire/EMS Recognition Dinner will be held at Moat's Park on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

Ramey reported that the yard waste truck will be available on Mondays from 9:00AM – 3:00 PM. Since the F550 will be away for repairs we will be setting up a couple bags at the office overnight for people to use and cameras will be set up to expose any illegal dumping of items. She informed council that the owners of Iron Horse would like to put up a railroad crossing post/sign at the corner of Lawrence St. to provide a barrier for anybody turning out of the alley.

S. Rohrs made a motion that the owners of Iron Horse be allowed to put up a railroad crossing post/sign at the corner of Lawrence St. J. Hohenberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. S. Rohrs voted yea, J. Hohenberger voted yea, C. Skinner voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea and M. Sudholtz voted yea.

Ramey presented a Credit Card Policy, which the Auditors have recommended that we have, for the council's approval.

J. Hohenberger made a motion that we approve the Credit Card Policy. S. Rohrs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Hohenberger voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea, C. Skinner voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea and M. Sudholtz voted yea.

S. Ramey presented the bill from Werlor for \$1,715.12 and stated that we received \$243.60 from Okolona Metal & Iron for recycling metal for a total out of pocket expense of \$1,471.52 for the annual Village Clean-Up day held in April. Ramey presented the new health insurance policy renewal proposals.

Council discussed the insurance policy proposals and agreed that J. Hurtig could choose which of the two proposals he would like to have for the insurance renewal.

J. Hohenberger made a motion to approve the renewal of insurance for J. Hurtig and that he can choose which of the two renewal proposals he would like. M. Sudholtz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Hohenberger voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea, C. Skinner voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea and S. Rohrs voted yea.

Ramey presented information concerning the Delaware Township 40-year solar panel project with 7x Energy. She read a letter of opposition from Jeffrey and Lesley Hange. There is going to be an on-line public information meeting held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and she will be having a meeting with the Senior Director of the project on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

J. Hohenberger expressed concern that the process for the solar panel project began in 2019 and the village just heard about it recently. He is concerned that the village will lose new construction due to the eye sore the solar panel project will be and we really do not gain very much financially from the project. He questioned whether the village should take some form of action against the project. The village council can choose to not allow the north part of the village to be changed from residential to commercial.

C. Walker stated that the village should not take any action about the project at the present time since nothing is really before us.

Ramey asked that the council consider having a DORA district, which is a "Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area" in the Village of Sherwood. She gave them information regarding a DORA district so that they can be prepared should they be asked by citizens to have one.

J. Hohenberger stated that he wasn't sure there was a proper area available for a DORA district.

Ramey reported that we are filing the paperwork to have the nuisance/safety issue at 102 N. Harrison St. taken care of.

There was a question about whether a Demo Grant could be applied for to take down the nuisance property on Vine St.

Ramey replied that the Demo Grant for this year has already been allotted to a location on N. Harrison St.

She reminded those present about the Food Pantry on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. She reported that we will again have a Senior Parade on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM starting at Moats Park and a slide show is on display in the office window showcasing senior pictures and names. She informed the council that the office will be closing at 1:00 PM on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, All day Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> for Memorial Day and Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

There was no Park Board Report. Ramey reminded council that new members need to be appointed to the Park Board.

Ramey stated that she has been informed by Fire Chief Darrel Rock that work continues on the new Fire/EMS Building and that Robert Valle will be coming home on Wednesday. Rock would like the streets of the village lined with well-wishers. As soon as we know



what time Robert will be arriving in the village Ramey will contact the mayor and council members.

Ramey reported that she recently talked to Dave Brown about making new "Welcome to Sherwood" signs, since the old ones are getting shabby. The sign will be raised a little higher so that a banner can be placed underneath the sign. We would like to have solar lighting and put posts in the ground for hanging baskets instead of landscaping on the ground.

The financial reports for April 2021 were presented.

J. Hohenberger made a motion to accept the financial reports for April 2021. C. Skinner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Hohenberger voted yea, C. Skinner voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea and M. Sudholtz voted yea.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Sherwood Village Council held on April 19, 2021 were presented.

C. Skinner made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the Sherwood Village Council held on April 19, 2021. M. Sudholtz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. C. Skinner voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea and M. Sudholtz voted yea.

There was no employee meeting.

In old business, J. Vogelsong asked whether we have gotten anywhere with the survey of the Crystal Fountain area.

Ramey replied that Access Engineering was in the village on Friday surveying the CFA area. After we get the results of the survey we can begin the process of putting the property out for bids.

Bill and Sue Moats left.

C. Skinner made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the purchase or sale of property. S. Rohrs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. C. Skinner voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

John Buskirk and Ken Vogelsong Jr. left

C. Skinner made a motion to come out of executive session. S. Rohrs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. C. Skinner voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

John Buskirk reentered.

D. Buskirk informed the council that she contacted the Defiance County Auditor and it would take a levy of 12.5 mills to raise \$150,000 per year to have 40 hours of police protection in the Village of Sherwood.

J. Hohenberger asked whether Ramey has found any financial help for renovations to the library.

S. Ramey replied that the Defiance Foundation does not meet until July so we won't know anything until then and she doesn't believe the Sherwood Friends of the Library will be able to contribute very much.

S. Rohrs asked whether anything has been done about the Nature Preserve sign for the property on US Highway 127 on the south end of the village limits.

S. Rohrs asked who the tree behind the Methodist Church belongs to and whether the tree was located in a village alley.

There was some discussion about the tree and Sam Rhodes will be informed that the tree is on his property.

S. Rohrs asked that a partial alley that runs north and south on South Inman St. and South Rock St. to Cedar St. be closed.

The Village Administrator will begin the process to close the alley in question.

C. Skinner gave the council his resignation as council member of the Village of Sherwood because he is relocating to Texas for a job promotion. He stated that tonight will be his last meeting and that he has enjoyed his time in Sherwood and being on the council.


M. Sudholtz made a motion that the Sherwood Village Council accept C. Skinner's resignation as council member for the Village. J. Hohenberger seconded the motion. All council members reluctantly voted yea.


The council was asked to be thinking about people who could be appointed for the Park Board and to become a council member for the village.

Several council members suggested that Mayor Stantz contact Wes Hall to see whether he wants to remain on the Sherwood Village Council.

J. Vogelsong made a motion that all bills for the month of April 2021 be approved. S. Rohrs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

J. Vogelsong made a motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Sudholtz seconded the motion.

  
Dawn Buskirk, Fiscal Officer

  
Jackie D. Stantz, Mayor