

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**May 18, 2022**

The Council for the Village of Sherwood met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, in the Community Room. Mayor Jack Stantz called the meeting to order. Council President Scott Rohrs, Council Members Jim Hohenberger, Robert Valle, Mike Sudholtz, and Jamie Vogelsong, Zoning Director Gilbert Montez, Administrator/ Fiscal Officer Sherri Ramey, Billing Clerk Faye Escalera, Harvey Hyman, Esq., Beth Kroust of *The Crescent News* and Mark Weaner were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gilbert Montez reported to Council that the following properties had received a nuisance citation: 204 S. Harrison, 513 N. Harrison, 110 E. Maple. 408 N. Harrison, 9902 N. Harrison, 205 E. Elm, 215 E. Elm, 205 North Taylor, 205 W. Maple, 420 W. Maple. Only 215 E. Elm and 205 N. Taylor were fully cleaned up.

Montez asked what the next step would be in issuing a final notice. S. Ramey said that it can be sent from the Village. A letter saying that there are only so many days left to get it cleaned up. Then after that, it would go to the solicitor. Montez stated that he had talked to some of the residents on a couple of properties and that he would start noting which people. S. Rohrs asked if the notices are hand delivered and if the Village should have the final notices hand delivered. The initial notices are hand delivered, as for the final nuisance notices, the sheriff department will be asked if it is appropriate to have a deputy deliver them.

Montez stated that he believes he has spoken to a couple of properties more than enough times and the village should pursue the next step accordingly. The issue with one of the properties is that the mail would go to someone other than the person living in the home. And on the same property, there is a bush that is blocking the stop sign. Weaner mentioned that the property at 205 W. Maple is becoming increasingly cluttered in addition to the washing machine that has been outside for two years. And there may be a cause to ask the Health Department about a wellness check.

Now that there has been the village-wide clean-up and folks have had the opportunity to get rid of their stuff, it is time to take the appropriate action on those properties that have not made the effort to clean up.

**Resolution 22-05-01 - Transfer of funds from the General Fund into the Refuse Fund**

Motion	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Robert Valle	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

**Resolution 22-05-02 - Employment of solicitor**

Motion	R. Valle
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

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### Ordinance 22-05-01 - Creating position of part-time seasonal park employee

Motion	S. Rohrs
Seconded	R. Valle
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT MAY 2022 SHERRI RAMEY

#### BUILDINGS

Maintenance Garage the Seagate Inspectors report cost \$728.40. S. Rohrs asked if that were money the village would potentially get back. That will be discussed at the meeting scheduled with the solicitor next month. There was a discussion regarding whether Wagner is still in business under the same name and whether that could potentially affect the village's ability to pursue legal action. The solicitor stated there is a statute of limitations on how long after the services were performed that litigation can be pursued, but the name of the company will not make a difference. Things are going according to schedule for Nofziger Doors to come change the bay door.

#### LAND

The house on the Pearl St property has been successfully demolished by Shininger for the cost of \$9500 which came out of the sewer fund because the property was purchased due to the lift station.

#### EQUIPMENT

J. Hurtig had an accident with the F550, and JDS Auto Body estimated the cost of repairs. Since it will be over \$3,000, the insurance company will be sending out an appraiser and they will be working with the other vehicle's insurance company to repair the damages it sustained as well. Fortunately, there were no personal injuries to either driver.

#### PARKS

The new part-time Parks employee, Phil S. has been working out great for field preparation. S. Ramey has been waiting for the finalized baseball and softball schedules and they have finally come out this week, so she is working on scheduling for the concession stand.

The village is putting in more hours than expected into the parks so that will need to be kept in mind because there will most likely be some transfers from other departments towards the parks soon.

Maintenance will be putting the extra bleachers inside the tennis court to get them out of the way because the court is in disrepair anyway and it gives a place to store them for now. A few panels of fence are going to be removed and placed on the court. As for the future of the tennis court the cost to repair is around \$60,000 and it does not seem like a beneficial use of funds currently. If the village goes for a grant for the parks, the cost of repairs could be included if there seemed interest or using the space for something else could be considered at that time.

J. Vogelsong asked about the condition of the sand volleyball court, and S. Ramey said the issue with it is there are kids who have hidden glass and knives in the sand, so it is a safety hazard. A new volleyball net was purchased years back and a kid came through and cut it to shreds. The vandalism is a real concern. The village is currently in talks with SMTA to set up internet that would be capable of running a surveillance system. Also, the lights that were going to be used a CFA will now be installed at Moat's Park and that should help a lot because it gets so dark there.

The bricks are falling apart to the sign at Moat's Park. And it is not in a particularly suitable location as it is not found at the actual entrance. The flagpole that is with it will be going to the new fire station because there is already a new flagpole there and there is not a need for two. After speaking with the fire department and the VFW, who donated the pole, there is no issue moving it. The only requirement is that it not be higher than the existing flag. The wood sign "Moat's Park" will be kept, perhaps hung in the office. A new mural stating "Welcome to Moat's Park" could be painted on the dugout for Field 3. There is a young talented artist that is interested in painting it for the village. It would be situated to be seen on the approach to the park from Cedar St.

There are several paint jobs needed including the concession stand, the dugouts, shelter house, and Moat's playground equipment. Some of the equipment also needs updated or moved at both playgrounds. Lots of improvements can be made now that CFA is no longer the village's concern.

S. Rohrs asked if there had been any progress regarding M. Stantz and procuring the park funds. R. Valle stated he left two messages, one him and one to his wife and has not received a reply. It is R. Valle's recommendation that the village send a formal letter stating everything wanted because even though they have talked, there has not been anything formal. A few businesses have reached out regarding the banners that they paid for last year and at least one of them will be reaching out to M. Stantz personally to request the money be returned. Any of the money that was donated for the banners is with M. Stantz. M. Sudholtz stated that a business told him that until their banner is up, do not expect any money from them. It will be a topic that will be addressed at the meeting with the solicitor.

#### WATER & SEWER

With the utility billing, there were twelve shut off notices delivered, but none had to be shut off.

It has recently been brought up that there is some confusion regarding water responsibilities between property owners and the village. The water responsibility can be thought of as the village brings the water to them and as such is responsible for maintaining from the main to the water pit (shut off valve/meter). The property owner's responsibility is from the pit to the house. In sewer, however, the village's only responsibility is for the sewer main. The property owner is responsible to bring the sewage all the way to the main even if it is fifteen feet underground. If a new house is built, they are responsible for tapping into the village's sewer at the main. The village inspects it before it is closed and do not allow saddles, it must be properly installed. If someone had a contractor come out and it is determined the repair is the village's responsibility, their contractor may or may not be used by the village, it depends on who they are. If their contractor is used, the village either reimburses the homeowner or takes over the repair bill altogether. Most often repairs are the homeowner's responsibility.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

With regards to the Solar project, Lightsource BP needs to submit their plans for funds for the community to the Ohio Siting Board by June 6th. If council does not sign the approval letter, then there is no written commitment for funds. The funds would go somewhere within the Sherwood Area, which does not mean it would go to the Village of Sherwood, could go to the township or county. There is no dollar amount on the letter, but it is to be between \$175,000 and \$200,000 that would go towards solar panels. In no way does it imply the village endorses the project and it would only be if the project happens. Ann Hange asked if the council members would be willing to write individual letters opposing the Cepheus Solar project, like what the Shawnee Township trustees submitted in opposition to the Lima Birch Solar project. “It would certainly be a reminder to OPSB of your opposition and would be greatly appreciated by the local opponents to the project.” We are planning to reach out to the township trustees and the commissioners also. The evidentiary hearing is scheduled for June 6th.

Motion to reject the letter	M. Sudholtz
Seconded	J. Hohenberger
Scott Rohrs	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

The Food Pantry will be on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 10am.

K. Vance and J. Vogelsong are the only members of council who have not yet completed the Sunshine Laws training.

The office is still working on completing the Senior Video and are still hoping to receive more information from the senior class. The Senior Recognition Parade will be held Saturday, May 28 at 6pm.

Committee Reports

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

Motion to accept the Minutes	J. Vogelsong
Seconded	R. Valle
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y

**Financial Information May 2022 Sherwood Village**

There was an increase in the cost of J. Hurtig’s insurance. It went from \$492.55 to \$549.18 month, and his personal cost rose from \$98.51 to \$109.84.

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F. Escalera has been employed with the village for 90 days, and as such, her pay went from \$12.50 to \$13.00 per hour as previously approved.

A lot more expenditures are coming out of the park fund due to Mike's pay, Phil's pay and purchases for the ball fields. A transfer of funds will probably be needed to balance until the second quarter. S. Rohrs asked how much the materials cost that were bought for the fields. The chalk was out of pocket only \$40 and will be reimbursed with money from the concession stand. First the people who have invested in getting them up and running will be reimbursed first, and then the village. The village is holding on to the proceeds from the concessions for now. There have been just a few needed repairs such as fixing a breaker, fixing a doorknob, fixing some plumbing, water heater was not working properly and other miscellaneous purchases like paper towels and toilet paper that the village has not been responsible for before and a flag was also purchased. The goal is to keep J. Hurtig away from working on the fields because he makes a higher pay rate, but before Phil started, he did have to work there quite a bit. Putting down the new dirt only took around a half a day because they had it down to a science. AMC Transport brought the previous load and then J. Hurtig got the next.

The finance committee (J. Vogelsong, M. Sudholtz, and J. Hohenberger) needs to meet to approve the tax budget by July. The expenditures for the future of the fire/EMS still need to be evaluated. This is the estimated budget for 2023.

Need budget amount for the cost of gifts for firemen's appreciation dinner. There are twenty-four firefighters and four firefighter/EMTs on the Sherwood Fire and Rescue Squad. J. Hohenberger asked how much was spent last year. It ended up being a little over twenty-five dollars per person including tax and shipping. A cost of twenty-five dollars was approved again but could be more, but not to exceed thirty. Shipping costs do not need to be included in that budget.

Old Business to share with Lt. Crites-

Ask black car to slow down. It may not be the speed of the vehicle it may just be that it runs exceptionally loud. Speeders down Maple Street and young kids with no seat belts no car seats.

New Business

J. Vogelsong asked if the property on the way out of town by Rosebrook that is for sale residential or commercial. S. Ramey said that there are about nine acres of commercial, but the frontage that is about two lot size on St. Rt. 18 by Coy Road is residential.

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

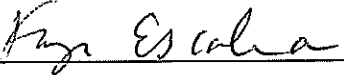
Motion to go into executive session to discuss the sale or acquisition of property, the compensation or employment of a public employee, and	J. Hohenberger
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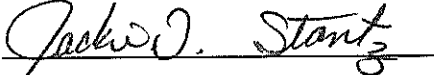
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things required to be kept confidential by law	
Seconded	M. Sudholtz
Scott Rohrs	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

Motion to leave executive	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	M. Sudholtz
Scott Rohrs	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

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

  
Faye Escalera, Utility Billing Clerk

  
Jackie D. Stantz, Mayor