

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**OCTOBER 16, 2024**

The Council for the Village of Sherwood met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the Community Room. Mayor Dave Weaner called the meeting to order. Council Members Jim Hohenberger, Robert Valle, Jamie Vogelsong, Scott Rohrs, Mike Sudholtz, and Alex Buchhop were present; Administrator/Fiscal Officer Sherri Ramey, Solicitor Taylor Vance, Billing Clerk Faye Escalera, Fire Chief Darrell Rock, Sergeant Mike Shock, and Beth Krouse from the Crescent News were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Previous Meeting minutes**

<b>Motion to Approve the Minutes</b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>S. Rohrs</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Robert Valle</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

**Financial Reports**

<b>Motion to Accept the Financial Reports</b>	<b>A. Buchhop</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>S. Rohrs</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Robert Valle</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>

<b>Motion to Pay the Bills</b>	<b>J. Vogelsong</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Robert Valle</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

**SHERIFF’S REPORT**

Sergeant Shock informed the council that there were 104 calls for service in the month of September. There was one accident, eight criminal arrests, nineteen traffic warnings, six citations, and thirty-three buildings were checked. He said that he knows there was a push for the road deputies to be present during those certain times of day that were mentioned in previous months, and he is hoping that made a difference and they will continue to monitor.

He told the council that there is a Drug Take Back event going on at the sheriff’s office on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 10a.m. to 2p.m.

M. Sudholtz told him that Sherwood’s trick or treat would be held on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30p.m. and Sergeant Shock said that he would make sure there would be someone around from the department.

J. Hohenberger asked if he knew if the warnings that were issued were mostly issued to local people. He said he asked because he wondered if the warnings would make a difference to the traffic issues. The sergeant said it was a mixture, and he did not have specifics to share. But he does know that sometimes they are looking for other things such

as distracted drivers, seat belt enforcement, and impaired drivers. He said there was an arrest for an OVI offense within the last month. And he also stated that there are other citations, and traffic stops that are not in the report but occurred right outside the village limits.

S. Rohrs stated that he had not seen the go-kart that was mentioned before in previous meetings for about a month. Sergeant Shock said that go-karts and four wheelers are a problem all over the county in the small villages.

He asked the council if they had noticed a better presence from the Sheriff's department and it was noted that they have. He asked if a particular time frame or vehicle causes an issue, to please contact the department so they can coordinate patrols accordingly. He said that in regard to the complaints that happen right around the shift change, the department looked at changing hours to try to address them better and also have more of a presence in school zones.

### **Committee Reports**

Before the committee reports began, Taylor Vance addressed the council because he could not stay at the meeting for long. He said that he called the assistant prosecutor today because S. Ramey informed him that there was a similar scenario to what the Sherwood Ball Association is facing that led to a conviction favoring the Defiance Ball Association. He asked what would need to be presented for the case against Matt Stantz to be prosecuted. S. Rohrs asked if there was a statute of limitations. T. Vance stated that he would look into it, but he thought five years. He said that he was not concerned of the statute of limitations running, but the issue could be getting someone at the prosecutor's office to realize that this issue is not a complaint and that there has been harm done.

S. Ramey told T. Vance that there were nuisances that needed to be addressed. T. Vance said that once the notice time has elapsed, if the issue is not resolved, then the next step to proceed towards a resolution will be to show that the zoning infraction was not remedied and therefore they are guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor. He said that the court costs would not be less than \$400 and the fine would be added to that cost. The Defiance Municipal Court handles all of the filing of the complaint, but when the papers are served to the nuisance offender, they will have to sign. S. Ramey asked what the protocol is for when the property is being rented. T. Vance said that both the landowner and renter are both theoretically liable. He said that best practice would be to mail a nuisance notice to the owner as well as the resident. There are several properties with nuisance violations that will need to be addressed that way. S. Ramey told G. Montez that they can collaborate and make a spreadsheet indicating when the last time contact was made with certain addresses. Once the information and photographs are compiled, she will give them to T. Vance to take to the courthouse.

### **ZONING REPORT-**

G. Montez said that he spoke to a worker at the store and asked them to give the owner his contact information so he could speak with him about all the stuff outside as well as the bus. G. Montez said that was on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. However, he has not heard from the owner yet. He also spoke to 105 N Inman last weekend.

### **EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE-**

The committee met to discuss wage increases.

### **FIRE BOARD –**

**October 16, 2024**

The Fire Board met with Chief Rock about some issues with rates, putting in a fuel tank and the new sign. Chief Rock said that the legislation that will be presented to the council later involves what cannot be technically called mutual aid. Because if another department does not show up for what would be their primary run and Sherwood FD covers it, it should not be considered mutual aid. For mutual aid all of the primary Fire Department's resources should be exhausted before help is called in. He said that handling other departments' runs because no one is around not mutual aid and should be billed.

Chief Rock also said that he would be taking another month to consider revamping the older squad and would bring the proposal to the council in another month.

#### **UTILITY-**

The Utility Committee will meet Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:15 pm.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

##### **LAND/BUILDINGS**

##### **Library**

S. Ramey attached the library contract for the council to review in regard to the last meeting's question of who was responsible for the replacement of the library's flooring. The batteries in the fire exit signs were replaced by the village because it was needed. The council requested that S. Ramey get some quotes to have the library's back floor replaced.

##### **Community Room**

The contract for the Community Room was also attached. The council agreed that it seems that any permanent improvement is the village's responsibility, and that any normal maintenance would be the library's responsibility. The contract should be updated and S. Ramey stated that at least a couple of council members should be present during the negotiation.

##### **Maintenance Garage**

The Village received a quote to have cement poured between the garage and the lab. The sixteen feet by three feet slab will cost \$500. The council approved the quote.

##### **STREETS**

The "one-way" sign on E. Lawrence St. has not been pulled yet, as the ordinance has not yet been passed.

The grant paperwork for new streetlights needs to be turned in by February.

##### **PARKS**

##### **Little Reservation**

The new replacement parts for the playground equipment are set up for half inch bolts, but the existing parts are set up for five-sixteenth inch bolts. Playmart recommended that a paddle bit be used to redrill the pieces, but Jeff Hurtig thought a countersink drill would work better. The concern with both is that if any more splits occur, the structure would not be covered by the warranty because it would be "compromised." S. Ramey said that she and J. Hohenberger were able to get the biggest concerns addressed. Two more replacement parts will need to be ordered because they were not received.

##### **Memorial**

The pile of stone was cleaned up and the pond pump has been pulled.

**Moat’s Park Ball Fields**

The Sherwood Ball Association received and approved a quote for the concrete work of \$16,920 for all three fields. They consist of four thirty-six feet by ten feet pads, two twelve feet by ten feet pads (All with ADA handicap accessible landings.), sixty feet by four feet sidewalks for fields #1 and #2, and two slabs that are ten feet by twenty feet for under the bleachers at field #3. Once the work was underway, the crew decided not to have the sidewalks separate, and it is installed as one continuous pad.

The Ball Association is hoping to receive the \$15,000 that was donated in 2021 from the commissioners and paid back in 2022 when the previous association did not use it to do a permanent project. D. Weaner talked to Mick Pocratsky, and he suggested to continue asking as some money would be coming available that could be used for this project.

Next, the Ball Association would like to start a fundraiser for new aluminum bleachers. Ten sets of fifteen foot, three row bleachers will cost \$10,000. The goal is to have them ready to go for spring/summer ball.

**WATER & SEWER**

There were twenty-two shut off notices in September, eight were shut off and were turned back on. Two remain shut off from previous months. The utility credits were presented to the council by F. Escalera.

<b>Motion to Approve the Utility Credits</b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>M. Sudholtz</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Robert Valle</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The Food Pantry will be on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 10am.

More information was received from the people offering to help the village with its website. It would be a continuous \$99 a month to host, not just a single charge. Even though the village could manage the website, there would always be that monthly charge. The village is currently paying \$2500 a year for USTI (utility software), but how much of that is the cost of the website is yet to be determined.

Sherwood’s Trick or Treat for Halloween will be held on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30 pm.

The F550 has a coolant leak. It is going to be fixed by Kuhn Brothers next week.

Bryan Excavating is going to be giving a quote to widen the culvert on Fountain St from a single lane to a double.

The old Welcome signs have three people interested in having one.

The yard waste containers have been being overfilled with oversized limbs from a fallen tree. A notice was left at the property for them to call the office to arrange a time to drop off the items directly to avoid the double handling. J. Hurtig has welded quick attaches for the skid steer to the new bins. They will make it a lot easier for people to put things in and to dump.

**OLD BUSINESS**

J. Hohenberger asked about the State-owned building being torn down and D. Weaner said that he heard on the radio that Columbus just released money for building teardowns and such, so the second round of funds was released on Monday. He said that he would be talking with the land bank and see if he could facilitate getting it finished.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-01 – ALLOW MAYOR DAVID M WEANER ACCESS TO SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX**

<b>Motion to Accept Resolution 24-10-01</b>	<b>S. Rohrs</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>R. Valle</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-10-01 – ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025**

First Reading

<b>Motion to Accept the first reading of O 24-10-01 with changes</b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>A. Buchhop</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Robert Valle</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-10-02 – RESCINDING PRIOR ORDINANCE 19-05-01, DESIGNATING E LAWRENCE ST BETWEEN TAYLOR ST AND HARRISON ST AS A ONE-WAY STREET.**

<b>Motion to Accept O 24-10-02 as an Emergency</b>	<b>R. Valle</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>M. Sudholtz</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

**• ORDINANCE NO. 24-10-03 – AUTHORIZE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CHARGE FEES TO RESPOND TO CALLS FOR SERVICE OUTSIDE VILLAGE COVERAGE AREAS AND NOT WITHIN CONTRACT AREAS**

First Reading

<b>Motion to Accept the first reading of O 24-10-03</b>	<b>J. Hohenberger</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>R. Valle</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

M. Sudholtz asked if Chief Rock has cleaned out the maintenance area. S. Ramey said that a lot has been cleared out. M. Sudholtz said that he thought the payment schedule may need to be revisited. He said that since he has been actively working on getting it cleaned up, the fire department should receive the payment for October. D. Weaner suggested that the village start the loan payments with October and if the clean-up is completed, September’s loan payment could be reimbursed to the fire department. S. Ramey said that the most important thing is that the equipment and supplies the fire department may need are removed so the locks can be changed and the village’s tools and equipment, once moved uptown, can be secured. S. Ramey said that she would speak to Chief Rock about it.

The Fairview Yearbook came into the office and asked if the village would like to buy an ad. The council said that they would like to purchase a half-page ad.

<b>Motion to Buy a Half Page Ad in the Fairview Yearbook</b>	<b>M. Sudholtz</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>R. Valle</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

Adjourn

<b>Motion to Adjourn</b>	<b>J. Vogelsong</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>A. Buchhop</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Robert Valle</b>	<b>Y</b>

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Faye Escalera, Utility Billing Clerk

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David M. Weaner, Mayor