

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL
October 19th, 2022

The Council for the Village of Sherwood met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21st, 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 Alex Buchhop were present; Deputy Dan Crites, Village solicitor Harvey Hyman, Esq., Administrator/Fiscal Officer Sherri Ramey, Billing Clerk Faye Escalera, Zoning Director Gilbert Montez, Beth Kroust of The Crescent News, Executive Director of Defiance Public Library System Cara Potter, Kevin Koithahn, Jim Isaman, Pat King, Joshua Gawain, Jim VanCuren, and Dave Weaner were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sheriff's Department Update

Deputy Crites stated the sheriff's report for September covered 136 contacts within the village and the majority of those were business checks. There were no major calls. The sheriff's department is in and around the village all the time. If there is ever an issue, no one should hesitate to reach out to him by email or phone call.

S. Rohrs said that he would not consider it a complaint, but someone told him that they heard commotion at the ballpark around 1:30 in the morning. Deputy Crites asked if there was a complaint made and was told there was not, they just told S. Rohrs about it. Deputy Crites said that it is important to inform the department about things like that so that they can deal with them in a timely fashion. There are up to four or five units in the county who would not be too far away to respond.

M. Sudholtz also stated that there was an incident recently that he wanted to mention, but at the time he did not think it warranted a call. An individual was at the Marathon trying to hawk jewelry for money. Deputy Crites stated that he understands that it is a judgement call whether to call, but if in doubt on whether it is something that should be looked in to, then the best course of action would be to call. M. Sudholtz said that another reason he brought it up is because he wanted to let the community know that it is out there.

Approval of this Month's Agenda

Motion to Approve the Agenda	M. Sudholtz
Seconded	R. Valle
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

Previous Meeting minutes

A change was made to September's minutes correcting the spelling from 'studier' to 'sturdier.'

Motion to Approve the Minutes	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Robert Valle	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

Financial Reports

Motion to Pay the Bills	M. Sudholtz
Seconded	J. Hohenberger
Scott Rohrs	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

Committee Reports

A meeting needs to be set up for the employee committee and for the nuisance committee.

M. Sudholtz said he spoke with D. Rock about setting up a meeting of the Fire Board and he said not yet. So, they are just waiting on him.

Zoning

G. Montez said that he only had a couple of things to address. Firstly, he spoke with the resident at 220 Vine Street and told him that the village wants his shed moved and he stated that he did not want to move it and asked if he had to. G. Montez told him that he would ask council regarding the property lines as the owner said it has been there for 18 years. S. Ramey stated that it is in an unmaintained alley that the property owner thought had been vacated years ago. But even it was, it is still on the other neighbor's property. It is an alley that we are vacating but the new owners of the property want it off their property. According to G. Montez, they had been going by the telephone poles as property line markers. H. Hyman asked if the service line was for a light pole or an actual telephone pole and was told it was a telephone pole. He said that the existing easement will stay. S. Ramey looked at the auditor's website and thought that the garage in question is actually entirely on his neighbor's property, that it is not in the alley at all. H. Hyman said that if that is the case it is entirely on the property owners to resolve. However, when G. Montez looked at the auditor's website, it was another garage that is in the alley. H. Hyman explained that it is still the property owners to resolve because once that alley is vacated, they each are entitled to their half and the garage will be going over the line. S. Ramey said that she could have it put in writing so that G. Montez would have something official to show the owner.

G. Montez then spoke about the mess at 310 E. Pearl Street. He said that he spoke to the property owner who stated it was not his and G. Montez explained to him that it is his property and therefore his responsibility to get cleaned up. So, he will be receiving a notice.

S. Rohrs stated that the home at 105 Rock Street has gotten bad. G. Montez said that he has spoken with the resident, and he believes he is waiting to be written up before getting it taken care of.

G. Montez then told council that a home that has been vacant and is owned by the state had folks moving furniture into the garage. He found that odd and so wanted to inform council.

Fire/EMS Report

D. Rock is training, but he told the mayor that there was not anything that he needed to bring up at council.

Administrator's Report

LAND/BUILDINGS

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S. Ramey stated that she has not heard anything regarding the timeline for the library's signage. Dave Brown did stop in the office today and informed her that he is working on the lettering right now. He changed the color of the background. It will be a dark grey, with a lighter grey trim and white lettering. She said that she is leaving those choices up to him as he is the artist and he stated that this will help it 'pop' since it will be flat against the wall.

STREETS

S. Ramey said a thank you to Defiance City for coming into Sherwood and sweeping all of State Route 127 that is within the village limits.

As for the 127/ Harrison St Grant, contact has been made with all three homeowners who have trees that interfere the sidewalk replacements. All these homeowners have agreed to have said trees removed. However, 402 and 404 may not need to come down. The engineer is looking into adjusting the sidewalk, so it is closer to the road and like what the east side has, so that they match. If so, that would eliminate the need for those trees to come down.

EQUIPMENT

The F550 is finished and looks great. They could not match up the "Village of Sherwood" decal so, they redid both sides and covered the original, so they matched, and one side was not green while the other side was black. It was \$5,115.16 for all the repairs. Minus the \$500 deductible, \$4,615.16 was reimbursed by insurance.

PARKS

Moat's Park had the last fall ball on the previous Sunday. S. Ramey said a huge thank you to those that helped with the running of the concession stand. She then thanked those that worked on the upkeep of the ball fields. She said it looks like it had a great outcome and that they are looking forward to doing it again next year.

The village has applied for a grant through the Defiance Foundation for Memorial Park's gazebo roof. She emailed out to Lance for the difference in price for a metal roof but has not heard back yet.

WATER & SEWER

There were twenty disconnect notices delivered for utilities, two shut offs, with one remaining off.

Residents are signing up for the new Reach Alert System. A reminder to residents that if they have any issues signing up, they are welcome to come into the office for assistance.

Work on the new water tower is continuing with new progress every day. This stage of construction should be finished by the end of November.

The eight-inch water main break that was behind the old grocery store was able to be repaired in-house. The valve was replaced, and a section of the ductile pipe was exchanged for PVC.

MISCELLANEOUS

The village set up a meeting to discuss what can happen if the solar project gets approved.

The Food Pantry is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th from 8 to 10am.

A. Buchhop completed his Sunshine Laws training.

The bi-annual hydrant flushing is scheduled for Monday, October 24 through Friday, October 28th. It may have to be delayed further.

Trick or treating is set to take place on Sunday, October 30th from 3 to 4:30pm.

The Fire Department appreciation dinner had a nice turn out. S. Ramey thanked S. Rohrs for his help and said that she thought they appreciated their gifts.

The new phone plans were shown to council to review. Although this plan offer has expired, it should give council an indication of what cost ranges are available.

The Fairview Athletic Boosters reached out to the office because they would like to have matching Championship signs displayed. Council will need to discuss how they would like to do the signs because the Boosters would like to have them put out at the school.

The sick leave hours have been corrected. The difference in J. Hurtig's was 367.11 hours additional that he has earned.

A letter written by J. Vogelsong was sent out to the area businesses asking for donations towards snowflakes the village displays during the Holiday season. The letter asked businesses to sponsor with a donation of one hundred dollars per snowflake. There have been five businesses that have responded back with a donation so far.

Lastly, S. Ramey wanted to ensure that it was included in the newspaper that the letters going out to some residents from R.I.T.A. do not apply to the residents of Sherwood Village and should be completely disregarded. The village's taxes are handled through Hicksville and R.I.T.A. has nothing to do with Sherwood. Protect your personal information as these letters are believed to be a scam because they claim to be regarding past due taxes from previous years.

Old Business

ORDINANCE 22-08-01 – VACATE CERTAIN ALLEYS LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE – 3RD READING

J. VanCuren asked council if any of them have a stone alley that will continue to be maintained. He was told that both S. Rohrs and the absent J. Vogelsong have alleys that will be vacated. R. Valle stated that the reason we have the council meetings is so that council can address citizens' concerns. He reiterated that this was the third meeting that this issue has been discussed. R. Valle explained to him that in the end it all comes down to money and that it is the Council's wish to maintain the community in an affordable fashion.

Once things are finalized, the auditor's website will be updated, and anyone will be able to look up on the auditor's website which alleys remain. All other alleys will no longer be shown as alleys.

Motion to Accept Ordinance 22-08-01	R. Valle
Seconded	J. Hohenberger
Scott Rohrs	Abstain
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

COUNCIL BY-LAWS-

Motion to accept New Council By-laws	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Scott Rohrs	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y

Citizens

Cara Potter, the Defiance County Library Director, told council she had a brief presentation about the Defiance County Library’s history. She began by saying the first public library in Sherwood was in 1839 and it was started then because the year prior the Defiance Public Library had started receiving state funding that covered its whole operating budget. One of the conditions of this funding was that it provide county-wide services. So, they started reading rooms in Hicksville, Sherwood, Ney, and all the little towns. Eventually most of them were let go due to low usage, but Sherwood grew into a real branch library. She explained that her understanding is that the Defiance Library has always rented space for the Sherwood branch. So, what the library system does for Sherwood is that they provide the contents, the staffing, the additional services like book deliveries and all sorts of things. Right now, pertaining to the library’s funding, it has been receiving monies from the Public Library Fund, which comes from a percentage of the state-wide sales tax which is divided up among the eighty-eight Ohio counties. Defiance County’s portion of that comes through the county auditor’s office. When the recession happened in 2007, the Public Library Fund was affected because it is tied to the sales tax went down a lot, too. So, the Library needed extra funding for operating costs and to be able to maintain services. The tax levy that is on the ballot is from 2007 and has been renewed since then and the library is just asking for another renewal this year. The two representatives from Sherwood are Mary Williams and Judy Hasch. If anyone wants a yard sign, they are the ones to contact.

New Business

ORDINANCE 22-10-01- AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF SHERWOOD, OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 20231ST READING

Motion to Accept 1st reading O 22-10-01	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	R. Valle
Scott Rohrs	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

Resolution 22-10-01 -Transfer of funds from the General Fund into the Parks and Rec Fund 10% and Declaring the Same an Emergency

This is the last time it will be transferred on a quarterly basis as council agreed in June 2022 to have it changed to a yearly transfer.

Motion to Accept Resolution 22-10-01	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	R. Valle
Scott Rohrs	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

Motion to Enter an Executive Session Pending Legal Action	R. Valle
Seconded	M. Sudholtz
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

Motion to Exit an Executive Session Pending Legal Action	R. Valle
Seconded	A. Buchhop

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Scott Rohrs	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y

Motion to Enter an Executive Session Pending Legal Action	A. Buchhop
Seconded	R. Valle
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y

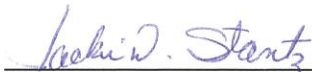
Motion to Exit an Executive Session Pending Legal Action	S. Rohrs
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Robert Valle	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y

Council requested that solicitor, Harvey Hyman, Esq., write a letter to express the village's desire that LightSource BP NOT build solar fields in the Sherwood's vicinity.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn	R. Valle
Seconded	M. Sudholtz
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y


Faye Escalera, Utility Billing Clerk


Jackie D. Stantz, Mayor