

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

Mayor Jack Stantz called the meeting to order with council members Jim Hohenberger, Scott Rohrs, Michael Sudholtz, Robert Valle, Kyle Vance and Jamie Vogelsong present. Also present were Dawn Buskirk, John Buskirk, Jason Etchison, Heidi Hull, Sherri Ramey, Paul Sharrock, Chris Walker and Mark Weaner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

P. Sharrock expressed concern about all the signs opposing solar fields he has seen when he approaches the village because he worked for Arco Solar for years.

Jeff Hange, Lesley Hange and Sopia Hange entered.

Sharrock explained more about the solar industry and that it is getting more cost effective. He stated that after talking to Village Administrator Sherri Ramey he now understands why some residents are opposed to the solar fields. He does not believe his company would have placed solar fields in such an area with broken up parcels.

Ann Hange and Don Hange entered.

L. Hange stated that she is not opposed to renewable energy but that she is opposed to a large company killing a community and that this is not an appropriate place for a solar field.

Resolution 21-09-01, a resolution for the transfer of funds from the General Fund into the Parks and Recreation Fund was presented

M. Sudholtz made a motion to suspend the rules, waive the three readings and approve Resolution 21-09-01 as an emergency. J. Hohenberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. M. Sudholtz voted yea, J. Hohenberger voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea and S. Rohrs voted yea.

A motion was presented to agree to the Defiance County Budget Commission's alternate plan of apportionment of the local government funds on the basis of need and the amount received in past years which is \$46,588.93.

J. Hohenberger made a motion that the Village of Sherwood approve the motion to agree to the Defiance County Budget Commission's alternate plan of apportionment of the local government funds on the basis of need and the amount received in past years. S. Rohrs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Hohenberger voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea and M. Sudholtz voted yea.

Village Administrator, S. Ramey presented her report for the month. Ramey stated that the roof of the maintenance garage is still leaking and as far as we know Wagner Metals has not come out yet to inspect the situation. She asked council whether we should have Village solicitor C. Walker send Wagner Metals another letter or should we have another company do repairs and send Wagner Metals the bill.

Village solicitor, C. Walker will reach out to Wagner Metals again to see if we can resolve the situation.

Ramey reported that she is still waiting on quotes from Elite Door for a new door for the library and David Brown for lettering. Ramey informed council that Siebenaler Contruction began work on the windows, brick facade and painting at the library today and that Buckeye Roofing should be starting the repairs to the community room's roof soon. Ramey told council that a well was found on the rental property at 100 Spiritual Dr. and we had Denny Layman come out and close it. Ramey informed council that the final survey for the Crystal Fountain area is done and we have sent it to Darren to proceed with auction plans. He will be coming out to take pictures in the near future and then we will be advertising the auction for a minimum of 5 weeks before it takes place.

Ramey reported we have picked up the Challenger from Heritage Farm Equipment in Van Wert and the total cost was \$3,208.19.

For utilities, Ramey reported that there were 15 three-day notices delivered in August and all paid. Ramey informed council that Dangler Excavating is working on the Fountain St. water line looping project. She informed council about a situation which has occurred where Dangler Excavating bored through 2 sewer lateral lines and 2 fiberoptic lines. We have located the area where this issue occurred which fortunately is only 6 ½ feet deep and are working to correct the situation. The village will have the expense of one of the fiber optic lines.

Jeff and Sopia Hange left.

Ramey reported that the mowing at the lagoons has been rough and does not smooth out. She offered options for how we could correct the situation such as overseeding to take care of weeds or renting a Harley rack to smooth it out or a heavy drive for the lawn roller.

The consensus of the council was that the lagoons need to be leveled out so that mowing will not be so difficult and that it would be good to do it this fall so that the ground will have time to settle over winter months.

M. Sudholtz suggested trying to find a farmer in the area who would have equipment to smooth out the area.

Ramey replied that farmers are busy at this time of the year and she will work on the situation.

Ramey presented a quote from JDS Auto Body for \$839.06 for repairs to the truck which was damaged from a village yard waste bag blowing into it. Ramey reported that the next Food Pantry will be held on Wednesday, October 20th from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. She informed those present that yard waste bags will now be available at the Maintenance Garage at Moat's Park seven days a week and that the annual Village Trick or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 31st from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

Gilbert Montez entered.

Montez gave the Zoning Board report. He informed council that he talked to Dan Eichenauer about the nuisance at his property but he hasn't done much. He reported that he has made contacts with residents at 205 Elm St., 406 S. Harrison St. and 305 Maple St. about nuisance vehicles and 425 W Maple St. about a nuisance vehicle and trash. He will be going back to check to see whether residents have corrected nuisance issues.

M. Sudholtz informed Montez about a nuisance vehicle at 110 W. Elm and J. Hohenberger expressed concern about the "farm" at 408 N. Harrison.

S. Ramey gave Montez a list of residents who need to be contacted concerning nuisance issues.

There was no Park Board report although the Park Committee recently had a meeting. Ramey reminded council that new members need to be appointed to the Park Board.

The financial reports for August 2021 were presented.

J. Hohenberger made a motion to accept the financial reports for August 2021. R. Valle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Hohenberger voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, K. Vance 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 August 16, 2021 were presented.

J. Vogelsong made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the Sherwood Village Council held on August 16, 2021. S. Rohrs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

P. Sharrock informed council that he recently put up 2 small signs at his property and is working on creating some larger ones. He recently had Ryan McClure who works with ODOT walk the property and discovered that there is one catch basin in a ditch which has no cover.

J. Hohenberger expressed concern about the flags at the Village Food Emporium which are still a hazard.

Mayor J. Stantz will talk to the owners at the Village Food Emporium about the situation.

J. Hohenberger asked whether Ramey has talked to Ohio Power about an extra light at the corner of US Highway 127 and St Rt 18.

There was a suggestion to maybe get a brighter light rather than another pole.

J. Hohenberger asked about the status of the Zoning and Subdivision Rules.

Ramey replied that she is working on them and will hopefully have them done before the next council meeting. They will need to go to the Planning Commission to be approved before the council can approve them. There are 75 pages of rules which she will send out ahead of time so council can have a chance to study them before voting.

J. Vogelsong made a motion that all bills for the month of August 2021 be paid. K. Vance seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Vogelsong voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

M. Sudholtz made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee. S. Rohrs seconded the motion. All council voted yea.

John Buskirk, Jason Etchison, Ann Hange, Don Hange, Lesley Hange, Heidi Hull, Paul Sharrock and Mark Weaner left.

Darrel Rock entered.

R. Valle made a motion to come out of executive session. K. Vance seconded the motion. All council voted yea.

D. Rock reported that Austin Lashaway plans on joining the Fire Department he just needs to fill out the application.

M. Sudholtz made a motion that the application for Austin Lashaway to be on the Fire Department be approved pending a successful background check and approval by the Fire Chief. R. Valle seconded the motion. All council members voted yea.

D. Rock reported that the firewall at the new Fire/EMS building has been approved and is being mudded. They have done a lot of clean up in the back and will be pouring cement.

S. Rohrs asked whether the bell from the old fire station has been brought to the new location yet.

Rock replied that the bell has not been brought to the new location yet. He informed council that the doughnut sales at the Fair were very good and the Flat Rock Festival sales were record breaking. He thanked all those who helped with the doughnut sales. He reported that he recently was at a Fire Chiefs' meeting and was put in charge of doing a study about County-wide EMS system. He stated that if residents have questions about this that they contact him. He reported that the secondary squad is not doing too great and may need to be replaced. He informed council that there is presently an auction on GovDeals for a used 2006 squad with only 21,000 miles on it with equipment on it that the Villages EMS does need. He is watching the auction but doesn't feel that we should spend over \$30,000 on it.

M. Sudholtz made a motion that D. Rock be allowed to bid up to \$31,101 on the used 2006 EMS squad on GovDeals. R. Valle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. M. Sudholtz voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

D. Rock informed council that we are just shy of 180 runs for the year which is almost as many we had for all of 2020. He reported that 3 people have completed the EMT classes and just need the registry testing. He is looking at doing another class in the near future.

Darrel Rock left.

M. Sudholtz made a motion to go into executive session. R. Valle seconded the motion. All council members voted yea.

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K. Vance made a motion to accept the proposal the Employee Committee presented for a job description for a part-time billing clerk. M. Sudholtz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. K. Vance voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

R. Valle made a motion to have 6 paid holidays for part-time employees as opposed to 4 that we now have. J. Hohenberger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. R. Valle voted yea, J. Hohenberger voted yea, K. Vance voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea and M. Sudholtz voted yea.

J. Vogelsong left.


The council discussed sending a letter to the Ohio Siting board concerning the Cepheus Solar Project and the opposition the council has to the project.

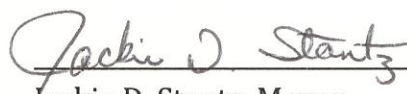
C. Walker stated that we can submit a letter to the Siting Board but there is no legislation that we can pass to prevent the project from moving forward.

S. Ramey stated that she has started writing a letter to the Siting Board but needs a couple more days to finish composing it. She will contact council members when the letter is complete so they can come to the office and sign the letter.

K. Vance made a motion to pay \$839.06 to JDS Auto Body to pay for damages to truck from the yard waste bag. M. Sudholtz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. K. Vance voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea, R. Valle voted yea, S. Rohrs voted yea and J. Hohenberger voted yea.

K. Vance made a motion to adjourn the meeting. R. Valle seconded the motion.


Dawn Buskirk, Fiscal Officer


Jackie D. Stantz, Mayor

