

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

The Council for the Village of Sherwood met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 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, Billing Clerk Faye Escalera, Lt. Brad Grillot from the Defiance County Sheriff’s Office, Dylan Derossett, Cathy Derossett 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>M. Sudholtz</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>A. Buchhop</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</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>

<b>Motion to Pay the Bills</b>	<b>R. Valle</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>S. Rohrs</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>

**SHERIFF’S REPORT**

Lt. Brad Grillot said there were 101 records from August. He said that looking through the records and considering the problematic traffic times that were discussed last month, he expected to see more reports during that timeframe. He said that he would again urge the road patrol to focus more of their time in Sherwood during those times. He asked if there were any other concerns the council would like addressed. S. Rohrs stated that there has been a Go-kart driving on W. Maple St. and the surrounding area late at night and early morning. S. Ramey said that she had videos that she would send to Lt. Grillot. D. Weaner told him that there are cars parking on-street in a few areas that do not allow for it. Lt. Grillot asked him to send him an email detailing them.

Lt. Grillot said that the 4wheeler issue at the lagoons was taken care of. The people involved were asked to observe the no trespassing zone. S. Ramey said that this is such an issue because it is the village’s liability if something should happen there, and the village could be required to fence off the whole thing if there are issues with trespassers. Lt. Grillot reiterated that it is important to have that first complaint logged as an official warning, so that if it continues to be a problem, citations can be issued and there is a record of the previous incident.

R. Valle said that on Barbara Ln, where it disconnects and turns to private property (north of SR 18), someone drove a car all the way through. A video was taken of them passing through.

M. Sudholtz talked to Lt. Grillot about problems with zoning. Such as the zoning inspector not being able to go onto people’s properties. He asked if the village should call the sheriff’s department to join the zoning inspector to go those properties to take pictures of vehicles and zoning problems. Lt. Grillot stated that it depends, and every incident requires a unique way to deal with it. M. Sudholtz said that it mostly entails junk cars and trash. The village’s solicitor has said that the zoning inspector cannot go onto property to take pictures, but the neighbors have complained and sent pictures. Lt. Grillot said that the sheriff’s department can assist in some cases. M. Sudholtz said that he received an email from a village resident saying that if the village did not get the property owner to clean up their yard, they intended to contact the sheriff’s department. Lt Grillot explained that the department was only able to act on that if it is a criminal law issue. D. Weaner says that he is collecting pictures with time stamps to see if the prosecutor can assist. Lt. Grillot recommended that Taylor Vance contact Russ Herman because he helps the townships with zoning issues. He said he could send his email address to S. Ramey.

**Committee Reports**

**FIRE BOARD –**

J. Hohenberger asked R. Valle if he had a chance to talk to Chief Rock about clearing out the garage bay at the new maintenance garage. R. Valle said that he would talk to him about it the upcoming weekend. J. Hohenberger said that sometime soon, the locks should be changed regardless so that the village’s tools and equipment can start being stored there and the space can start being used by the village’s maintenance department.

**ZONING –**

A permit was granted for a carport for an RV at 116 Barbara Ln. It will be placed alongside the existing garage and will not go into the front yard.

**EMPLOYEE –**

S. Rohrs stated that an employee meeting needs to be scheduled before the next council meeting.

**REVITALIZATION –**

This meeting is set for next Monday with R. Valle, J. Vogelsong, S. Ramey, John Buskirk, and Erica Willitzer to approve the tax abatement applications.

<b>Motion to Move Citizens’ Comments To Earlier on the Agenda</b>	<b>R. Valle</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>S. Rohrs</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Alex Buchhop</b>	<b>Y</b>

**Citizens**

Cathy Derossett said that there is an issue on E Elm St with the bridge. The village vacated the bridge a long time ago and they told her husband, Ed Derossett, that they would sign it over to them and they would not have to file taxes on it. She stated that they have been maintaining it all these years and have invested around \$7,000 or more into keeping it passable. She said that two of the neighboring properties have land that can not be reached without using that bridge. A ‘No Trespassing’ sign was put up by the Derosset’s. One of the adjoining property owners is unhappy about not being able to go to the other side to mow.



C. Derosset said that she believes the county used to inspect it. She says the ones on Vine St and on 127 have both been redone and dug out. But the bridge that is in question is between those two and she cannot get any help fixing it. But if they fix it themselves it must be done to their certifications because it crosses a drainage ditch. They would like to rebuild after the fire, but she is unsure if the equipment to do so can make it to their property. Her thought is that the bridge should never have been vacated because it does not only affect their property, but three other properties as well. D. Weaner stated that he supposes the issue is not that the road or bridge cannot be used, because the other property owners still do have access to their property. To her understanding, they had never paid village taxes until the fire burned down their home and they moved to a rental and filled out the village income tax forms. She said she had to take a lot of paperwork to Hicksville where they went through it and found they did not owe any back tax because she had been paying to Defiance, but they were very perplexed how they have not been filing all these years. S. Ramey told her that the county has no say on who pays village taxes, and since the village no longer has the taxes done through RITA (Hicksville processes Sherwood’s taxes). C. Derosset said that the main point is that she needs help getting the bridge fixed so that they can start rebuilding. S. Ramey said that she would make some phone calls to Maumee Valley and see if there are any grants available. S. Ramey stated that once the village vacated the bridge, the village no longer had a stake in who maintained it. According to the auditor’s website it appears that all those who need access to the bridge, have it. S. Ramey said that those that use it should have had to sign it over to the Derossetts if the Derossetts were the only ones that would be maintaining it. The issue could be getting all the neighbors into agreement. R. Valle asked C. Derossett what sort of resolution she is hoping for. She said that she is looking for some help to get the bridge fixed. She is concerned that no one would be willing to bring their equipment across it its current state. S. Ramey told her again that she will look at Maumee Valley and see if they have any grant funding to help personal residents in her situation. She told C. Derosset that if she finds something that can help her, she will be responsible for filling out and filing all the paperwork required. R. Valle asked C. Derossett if anyone had come out to look at it to give a ballpark figure on how much it would cost to repair. S. Ramey said that the village can reach out to Warren Schlatter at the Defiance County Engineer’s Office to see when the last time it was inspected. D. Weaner said that he would pull up all the reports he could from the engineer’s office.

(Fire Chief Darrell Rock arrived at the meeting at 6:45 p.m.)

Motion to Return to the Order of the Original Agenda	R. Valle
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

**Fire/EMS Report-**

Chief Rock began by talking about the run volume and said that the department is about four runs shy of their busiest year ever in 2021. He said the department has been doing an amazing job keeping up with it so far. He said there are a couple of people taking the EMT class. He will continue to recruit.

He told the council that Defiance County is preparing to change over to a new paging radio system. He said they need to start updating their pagers bit by bit, around four or five at a



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time for the cost of approximately \$650 apiece. The old ones will be sold or thrown away because they are being phased out. S. Rohrs asked if the county was going to help monetarily to replace them because they are the ones who are updating and phasing out the paging system. Chief Rock explained that there has not been a final date given when the old pagers would no longer work, but starting to replace the old ones gradually instead of all at once will make the cost more easily managed. He also said that he is not convinced they will ever switch over to the new system because the weather sirens will not go off on the new systems.

He said he would like to have a meeting with the Fire Committee. He explained that 40-45% of this year's runs have been mutual aid and Sherwood may need to explore charging other entities like how the other townships are being done. J. Hohenberger asked what time a good time for him would be, and it was decided that the committee would meet with him at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday morning at Moat's Park to discuss.

He told the council that the wrap on the new squad is finished, and it looks great. He said a few things need to be cleaned up and the radio needs switched over, and it will be ready to go into service. The 'new' old squad the department has is starting to need attention and will need to be remounted before the 'old' old squad is released from duty. In this way there will always be two squads in service. He said there is a place in Decatur, Indiana that can mount it on a new chassis for a very reasonable \$100,000. He thinks that he has enough in the budget for it, and he will bring the final numbers down for the council to look at next month. This would satisfy the EMS for the next twenty-five years, he said.

J. Hohenberger told Chief Rock that there was a discussion about the old fire station, and he wondered if the stuff that is in the west bay was more junk or scrap. Chief Rock said that he is not sure and that he is still going through it, but he will look into it as soon as he has the time.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **LAND/BUILDINGS**

Kathy Holtsberry reached out and asked who was responsible for replacing the flooring by the library's back door. It is cracked and always looks dirty and old. S. Rohrs asked if that same flooring is in the little room at the rear of the library as well. S. Ramey said that she believes that area is carpeted, but K. Holtsberry is only talking about replacing the flooring that is in the hallway and bathrooms. R. Valle asked if the village is responsible, and S. Ramey said that she does not know. She stated that the village owns the building. J. Hohenberger said that he remembers from when the agreement was written up, it outlined what was the library's responsibility and what was the village's responsibility. S. Ramey said that she would have to pull that agreement to see if the flooring was mentioned. S. Ramey said that there may be another way of looking at it as well because the village office needs new flooring, too. It may be more cost effective if the library's flooring were tacked on to that the same project. She has not had any quotes prepared for the office flooring, yet. The cheap laminate is wearing poorly. She stated that she knows the library is responsible for maintenance of the flooring (i.e., carpet shampooing) but is unsure if they are responsible for replacement. R. Valle asked how much it would cost to replace just that small area and S. Ramey said that she could not imagine it would be more than \$1000. And she said it is important to look at high-quality laminate for such a high traffic area.

### **STREETS**

S. Ramey and J. Hurtig met with CSX Roadmaster, Luke. He said adding barricades to block would not work due to them needing to plow there as well as using that area for access. His

suggestion was to reopen E Lawrence St to both directions as few are obeying the posted signs anyway.

Motion to Reopen E. Lawrence St to Both Directions of Traffic	A. Buchhop
Seconded	R. Valle
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y

**PARKS**

The replacement parts for the playground equipment at the Little Reservation Station (LRS) have been received. There was a charge of \$248 for just the tire. Then, S. Ramey realized that there was another charge of \$888 that included a tire, hardware, and chains. She said that only a single tire and nothing else was delivered and requested reimbursement for \$888. Because of this, she said there is no way to know for sure if they overcharged for anything else until the replacements are installed. She stated that the plan is to close a section off at a time and replace what can be done in-house. She also said that, after talking with J. Hohenberger, she believes that all the braces are in good shape, so hopefully none of the big posts will need to be replaced.

Hill’s Sealing sealed and painted the line in the parking lot at Moat’s Park.

The Sherwood Ball Association is having the ball fields regraded to help with the pooling of water on Field 2. The cost is between. They are also working on getting a quote for concrete under the bleachers. S. Ramey said that she will resubmit to the commissioners to acquire the \$15,000 that was donated in 2021 and was paid back in 2022 when the previous association did not complete a permanent improvement project with it. She said that the commissioners also donated to Hicksville and Ney and D. Weaner will discuss it with them at the meeting he has with them tomorrow.

**WATER & SEWER**

There were twenty-two shut off notices in August, two were shut off and were turned back on. Two remain shut off from previous months. S. Rohrs asked if during a shut off, is there a way to tell that there is no water being used. S. Ramey explained that the meters are locked. If they should happen to cut off the lock, it would be noticed that there was water usage when the meters are read. If that should happen, there is a \$300 charge for meter tampering.

Hydrant flushing is set for October 7<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Food Pantry will be on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 10am.

The council needs to return the signed policy agreements for the tablets.

J. Vogelsong and R. Valle need to turn in their completion of the required fraud training certificates.

S. Ramey told the council that the village’s website is old and outdated and is also very limiting as for the changes that can be made to it. A quote was received to have a new one created for a set-up fee of \$600 with a \$99 per month management fee.

Motion to Have an Updated Website Designed with Two Months of Maintenance	J. Hohenberger
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Seconded	R. Valle
Alex Buchhop	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y

Sherwood Village Trick or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30 p.m.

The EPA now requires mapping of the service lines which is due by October 16<sup>th</sup>. These are not the village’s lines, but the property owners. They need to be listed with what material they are made with (copper, lead, or plastic), as well as the size of the pipes.

Maintenance is also looking into changing out the yard waste bins. The ones the village has now are difficult to dump and messy because of the forks on the skid steer. J. Hurtig found a bin earlier this year that can attach directly to the skid steer. It needs to be built up a bit with metal, but it should be changed within the next month.

The signs at Moat’s Park have been changed. There was a ‘No Parking from Here to Corner’ on Field 3. They looked awful and people park their cars there anyway. There was also a ‘Park Closes After Dark’ sign that was pulled. A ‘No Smoking’ sign was added beneath the “We Spray Pesticides on Fields’ sign. There were two posts that were too close to mow between so one post was removed. S. Ramey asked the council if they wanted to replace the ‘Park Closes After Dark’ sign. M. Sudholtz said that he wondered about the ‘Enter’ and ‘Exit’ signs for the LRS. He said that he believed there were signs in the shed already. S. Ramey stated that she has recently spoken to Chief Rock about this. She said that they have purchased the ‘Fire Dept Parking Only’ signs. He doesn’t want them to be attached to the building but putting them on posts presents a problem because of the underground fiber optics and gas lines. There are also new signs for ‘No Parking from Here to Corner’ as well as “No Parking’ for that area. She also needs to talk to him about which style he wants for the two signs on N. Harrison stating ‘Fire Dept Exiting.’

J. Hohenberger asked if the Fire Department’s asphalt was also going to be sealed by Hill’s Asphalt. S. Ramey stated that the engineers came out and walked around the walking path and found a couple of spots that need to be repaired as well as an area or two that need fixed at the Fire Department. So once Miller’s comes back to fix those (they have a year to do so), it will be sealed. S. Ramey has already got the quotes from Hill’s for those sealing projects to be done next year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

S. Rohrs said there is a streetlight that keeps flickering on and off at the corner of E Cedar St and Harrison.

D. Weaner said that he has been taking pictures to help address the issue at 204 S Harrison. He said he has a month’s worth of pictures, and nothing has been moved.

J. Hohenberger expressed his concerns about the property the State owns that was supposed to be demolished. S. Ramey said that it is on the list. J. Hohenberger said that has been what was said for the past two years, and nothing has happened. D. Weaner said that he will speak with the appropriate people about the property within the next week.

**New Business**

**RESOLUTION- 24-09-01- RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

<b>Motion to Accept Resolution 24-09-01 as an Emergency</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>

<b>Motion to Waive Any Hearings Before the Defiance County Budget Commission Regarding Apportionment of the Undivided Local Government Fund</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>

**RESOLUTION- 24-09-02- A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR FUNDING FOR SOUTH HARRISON STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE**

<b>Motion to Accept Resolution 24-09-02</b>	<b>A. Buchhop</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>R. Valle</b>
<b>Mike Sudholtz</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jim Hohenberger</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Scott Rohrs</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Jamie Vogelsong</b>	<b>Y</b>

M. Sudholtz asked if there was any more information about the Sherwood Ball Association regarding Matt Stantz. S. Ramey said that she hoped to talk to Taylor Vance, the village solicitor, about it, but she is not sure why he is not at the meeting. However, she said that in the newspaper the week before, there was a lady who was sentenced for theft from the Defiance Ball Association for \$10,000 and restitution. That was done through the prosecuting attorney, Morris Murray. She said that she will talk to T. Vance and email him the amounts, at least \$2000, that will need to be paid back to the Ball Association from Matt Stantz.

J. Vogelsong expressed her distaste of the ‘Cannabis’ sign that is by the dispensary. R. Valle asked what the difference between that and a sign at another store that says, ‘Cold Beer.’ She said she thinks it looks tacky and hopes it does not turn into the kind of advertisements that are in Michigan.

S. Rohrs mentioned that some of the village trees on Maple St and Rock St need to be trimmed. S. Ramey said that there is an ordinance in place from 1990 that reads that even though the trees are in the village right of way, they are the homeowners’ responsibility. She said that she could have Goliath come out and do a whole skirting of the village and trim the trees that need to be trimmed and clear out the ones that need to be cleared. She asked the council if that is what they wanted to do. She said the thing about the right of way is that the village has a right to remove something if it is in the way of village work that needs done, but it is not the village’s property. She said that she will get a quote and email to the council because it is getting to be towards the end of the season.




J. Hohenberger said that the Ohio Siting Board has a rehearing appointment for the Cepheus application. S. Ramey said that there should be an answer tomorrow by 1:30 p.m. as to whether their reapplication for the Cepheus project appeal is accepted or denied.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn	J. Vogelsong
Seconded	S. Rohrs
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

  
Faye Escalera, Utility Billing Clerk

  
David M. Weaner, Mayor