

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL
September 21, 2023

The Council for the Village of Sherwood met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2023, in the Community Room. Mayor Jack Stantz called the meeting to order. Council Members Scott Rohrs, Jim Hohenberger, Robert Valle, Michael Sudholtz, and Jamie Vogelsong were present; Administrator/Fiscal Officer Sherri Ramey, Dave Weaner, and Beth Krouse from the Crescent News were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Previous Meeting minutes

J. Hohenberger showed were a correction was needed for the Financial Reports Scott made the motion and also voted instead of Jim.

Motion to Approve the Minutes	Jim Hohenberger
Seconded	Scott Rohrs
Robert Valle	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Abstain
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Abstain

Financial Reports

Motion to Approved Financial Reports	Robert Valle
Seconded	Jim Hohenberger
Scott Rohrs	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

Motion to Pay the Bills	Jamie Vogelsong
Seconded	Alex Buchhop
Scott Rohrs	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y

Committee Reports

ZONING

G. Montez did not have anything new to report. S. Rohrs stated behind the grocery store is piling up some items, Mike Sudholtz stated he had a complaint about it also. J. Stantz talked to them twice about it but nothing has been done. M. Sudholtz said there is a motor home behind the mechanic shop but was not sure if it was plated, G. Montez said it has been there for years and he believed it belong to the guys from the store, they didn't have a title for it and couldn't get plates and were unable to move it. A. Buchhop stated they need to go to the courthouse and get a lost title for it then. G. Montez said he will need to find out who owns it, S. Rohrs asked if we should send a certified letter since Gilbert had spoken to them about it already. S. Ramey said they could call the Sheriff's Department to run the vin number to find out who the actual owner is.

S. Rohrs also asked about the grocery store itself they are putting in a laundry mat and if they need to have any permits or anything that shows what they are doing, there is new double doors they put into the wall on the west side. J. Hohenberger stated they did not fall under a building permit since the work was inside.

S. Rohrs also brought up the old rental house at Crystal Fountain property the village needs to work on that and get it taken care of, sending out letters to the insurance company about the ordinances in town and it is a hazard. J. Hohenberger said we could get a letter to Luke and Levi and they can turn it over to the insurance company. M. Sudholtz stated he talked to Levi today and if we need addresses to both the insurance companies they would provide them. He also stated that once the insurance issue gets settled they can have the house down within 48 hours.

S. Rohrs also talked about the State owned house on Vine St, what the village’s steps can be to get that taken care of. S. Ramey stated it was in the auditor’s hands and hoping it is on the list for the demo grant, just received an email that there will be funds available and waiting to hear back from Commissioner Kern if it was added to the list.

S. Rohrs wants to make sure the village is stepping up and taken care of these nuisances especially the ones that have been an issue for so long.

J. Hohenberger brought up with the building permits to make sure there is dimensions and measurements from the property line to make sure they are within the zoning ordinance. G. Montez stated he would make sure the permits have that included.

EMPLOYEE

S. Rohrs stated employee committee did meet about Jeff Hurtig taking the truck home and the employee committee is fine with that. He also stated he talked to S. Ramey to make sure everyone on council knows that situation and for what purpose so everyone knows ahead of time if possible.

Other items discussed they would like to go into executive session at the end of the meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, SHERRI RAMEY

LAND/BUILDINGS

Library

Buckeye Roofing has applied the new sealer on the community room, but have not had a big rain to see how it is holding up. Dilly Door gave a quote for \$625 for the awning on the back door of the community room. S. Rohrs asked if we should do two - one for community room and one for the library. J. Vogelsong stated we need to have it during the wing fest it was horrible and something needs done. S. Rohrs asked if the library ever had issues with the locks freezing on them. S. Ramey stated nothing she had said to anyone.

Motion to accept Dilly Doors quote for awning but to double it to include the library door.	S. Rohrs
Seconded	R. Valle
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

N. Harrison St Project

Started gutters and curbs and today started the approaches, the next step will be sidewalks and road.

Lab

Received quote for \$600 to fix and replace blocks and tuck point, this also includes the concession stand. It will be just a weekend project for them, and will be done after fall ball is over. This project had been approved about a year ago to have done. Same guys are working on getting us a quote for the village hall. This is the same people who did the brick at Crystal Fountain and Kuhn’s Brothers uptown building.

Maintenance Garage

Have not seen any issues with the roof since the last time Wagner Metals came out.

EQUIPMENT

The hydraulic line is fixed on the Top Kick

STREETS

Berm stone was added to Coy Rd and Vine St.

PARKS

Moat’s

Dugouts on field #1 and #2 have been painted on the outside and primer has been done on the inside. Field #3 has not been touched.

Walking Path has been started and cut out, there were some changes to it.

Memorial

Still working on quote for the brick pathway.

WATER & SEWER

Utility Bills

20 shut off notices were delivered and 3 had gotten shut off, they have since paid and been turned back on.

Lead & Copper Testing

EPA mandates every year; we have 10 residents’ that help us out with it. Because of the inconvenience and how hard is it to find residents who want to do it, we would like to offer the residents who do the lead and copper testing a credit on their water bills.

Motion to give \$20 to the ten (10) residents who participate in the lead & copper testing starting this year 2023.	S. Rohrs
Seconded	J. Vogelsong
Jim Hohenberger	Abstain
Robert Valle	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

Water Tower

They were in to finish the painting on the new tower.

Old tower keeping the witches peak but was considering keeping a portion of the legs also since they wanted to turn it into a shelter house, as long as the demolition crew is alright with that.

RCAP

Meeting set up on October 3rd.

Miscellaneous

Food pantry will take place Wednesday, October 18 from 9AM-10AM.

Village office will be closed Monday, October 9 for Columbus Day.

Trick or Treat is set for Sunday October 29 from 3PM – 4:30.

IGS Energy would like to have an opportunity to serve the village if the aggregation does not pass at the election or if it does be able to provide a quote, they provided some information about their company.

Kevin DeWinn called and stated there was no new news on the Cepheus project the Ohio Siting Board has a meeting this week but it is still not on their agenda. He did state that the Mark Township project looks to begin 2nd quarter next year, that is our coverage area.

Fire/EMS Report

Chief Rock reported he had signed the contract with Vollmar Family Construction for \$23,800 to have the concrete poured in the front of the new fire station. Timeframe would be in about 2 weeks, he talked to Miller Contracting to verify the concrete trucks would be able to get through at that time. The concrete will have to cure for another 2 weeks before it can be drove on. It will be poured at 6 inches with rebar every 18 inches.

Rescue squads have been receiving a lot of quotes for new ones cannot get anybody to quote for a remount. The cheapest one he found was from Medics for \$186,500, that is just for the rescue squad only and it is a minimum of 2.5 to 3 years out if it would be ordered today. J. Hohenberger asked how soon they would want money for such a timeframe. Chief Rock stated it is either half upfront and the other half at delivery or 60/40, each company is a little different in how they do it. He received another quote from a different company today that they have in stock and could be delivered in three weeks or three months which was for \$207,000.00, neither of these include the cot loading system which would add another \$50,000.00. S. Rohrs asked if we could put the cot loading system from our squad now into a new one. Chief Rock said it would fit but then our back-up squad would not have one. S. Rohrs asked if a used one could be purchased instead. Chief Rock stated there is a reason why someone is selling it and their problems will become ours. S. Rohrs asked what could the one we have sell for? Chief Rock answered the 1996 one maybe \$10,000, the air conditioner is not working and to get it fixed you either have to cut a hole in the box or take the whole box off. Really need to start looking at a squad, they will just continue to go up in cost and harder to even get one, budget wise there isn't enough to cover the whole thing. J. Hohenberger asked if there were any 0% interest funds available for the purchase. Chief Rock replied he had not checked on the state revolving loan fund but last he knew it was still tied up but he will check and see if there is anything available.

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A. Buchhop asked about a few months ago Chief Rock had mentioned the other townships having the same kind of problems, and maybe if there was one central department it could help especially if they are not able to purchase these items also. Chief Rock stated the departments have been talking about a joint district but we are looking at a year minimum it takes time but the squad would stay in the area no matter what. This has also been something that has been talked about for 20 years, right now there is more traction for it but still no guarantee when or if it will happen. S. Rohrs stated he would like to hold off on purchasing a new squad until after the election with the fire levy being on the ballot. Chief Rock replied that all EMS is self-supporting none of the money from the levies go to EMS it all goes to Fire. There also could be another cost increase by then and that is what he is concerned about. Chief Rock stated he has called just about every EMS manufacturer there is. Braun quoted \$300,000 for one, there is one in DeKalb he has not reached out to because another neighboring agency had ordered two squads and they have not really contacted them at all and he is concerned about the customer service. A. Buchhop stated he thinks it would be best to wait until after the levy, S. Rohrs voiced his concerns people are going to see the purchase of a new squad and determine the levy isn't needed. Mayor Stantz asked how many passed their classes? Chief Rock stated Sherwood had 6 in and all 6 passed the EMR class they studied well and did good. J. Hohenberger asked with the money there is in their fund and loan you will need is there any issues covering the loan payments and what would they be and what would the interest rate be and how much of a loan? Chief Rock stated he does not know yet, he has not checked on that and he is concerned with what the interest rates would be, he will do that tomorrow and also check on the States Revolving loan fund. S. Rohrs said he would like to see more information on what kind of loans are out there and what the interest rates would be. Chief Rock concern is the squad that is available right now might not be available they have not been lasting long. J. Hohenberger stated if the chief gets the information on the loan we can have another meeting so he does not have to wait until next month. Chief Rock stated he would check into that tomorrow and get back with council on what he finds out.

Chief Rock informed council they have the official certificate of occupancy for the building. R. Valle asked if he was planning an open house. Chief Rock responded yes but it has not been set.

M. Sudholtz asked if the run numbers were up? Chief Rock stated the runs are up they go up about 5 – 8% every year.

Old Business

Taylor Vance sent an email out to council as he was unable to attend, there was concerns about turning business's into apartments in the downtown area. Taylor suggests cleaning up the zoning map and include only the areas Council wants to keep in the business district in the business district. Any property that requires a variance they need to solicit and process applications for a variance. They need to formulate and follow a rigid structure to implement the zoning code moving forward. He is happy to help streamline the implementation in any way.

He attached the Antenna Site Lease Agreement with his comments and advised changes most are the same that was suggested in 2016, he also included changes that he anticipates will allow for better future proofing of the lase and not leave the Village with outdated internet service.

He has not heard anything from the sheriff's office after he made the report of the discrepancy with the Ball Association Records. The original deputy he made the report with is no longer with the office so it was given to another officer who has made little headway, he did verify the new officer has all the information and documents needed.

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S. Rohrs asked since he had not heard from the sheriff's office to give them a couple months to get updated with it and then reach out and see what they say.

J. Hohenberger stated he is willing to work with us to get a better updated zoning code, he was wondering if Ney has the same zoning code if they would be interested in working together and updating the one we have since it is more towards a township and not a village.

J. Hohenberger stated it was hard to read the contract with Metalink and wanted to know what direction we went if we stayed with the old or went with the new. S. Ramey stated since the old contract allows for them to move to the new water tower anyways, and we had no out on the old contract, we went with the new one. The new contract gives us 5 connections with higher speed plus monthly rent, this rent covers the cost of going with SMTA for the new fire station.

S. Rohrs asked how soon it would be until we starting using the new water tower, S. Ramey stated it will be sometime in October.

R. Valle asked if there will be any time that Sherwood would be without water while the changeover is happening. S. Ramey stated if everything goes according to plan there should be no disruption.

S. Rohrs asked about the fire hydrant that needed to be moved across from the fire station would be moved in house? S. Ramey stated that there is a fire hydrant that would be in the new sidewalk so instead of shifting it over since it is so close to the houses now we are moving it across the street to the new station and putting it on the new water main. Jeff is planning on rebuilding the hydrant before it gets installed.

R. Valle after some technical difficulties was able to reply back to the Rascal Unit to get on the schedule for next year.

J. Hohenberger brought up the meeting about the water tower. It was decided since the words on the west side was not centered to add the State of Ohio to offset it. He and others of council agreed that it looked good.

Citizens

Dave Weaner wanted to let council know there was a great walk through the cemetery on Saturday. There was important people in Sherwood who were discussed, he played the part of John Johnson 2nd I of the Civil War, Don Hange was Dr. Henry Lindersmith the first doctor in town, Luke Kuhn was Calvin Renollet superintendent of Crystal Fountain Park, Mary Williams talked about Josephine Etchie owner and publisher of the Sherwood Chronicle, and Tanya Brunner talked about Zeno Miller the first mayor.

New Business

S. Rohrs stated the stop sign at the end of cemetery drive where there is a do not enter does not need to be replaced, it is a drive and not a road so there is no need for a stop sign. He was not sure if it's the state putting them up or if the construction company would be.

Discussed the request from Mercer Landmark for a lot split. This is the old railroad bed that runs North and South, when they purchased it for some reason it got combined and now they are wanting to sell the North section off of Vine St.

Motion to approved the lot split requested by Mercer Landmark	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Scott Rohrs	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

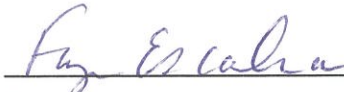
S. Ramey read the Ordinance 23-09-01 which changed the limit for Parks and Rec from \$16,000 to \$17,300. Mayor Stantz asked why we are raising it, S. Ramey explained that we do not usually appropriate the full amount in a fund our estimated resource was set at \$17,304.87 and we had appropriated \$16,000 of it. That did not give us enough for the year so we need to pass an ordinance to change it to \$17,300, S. Ramey also explained that every year there is a shortage in the parks and usually throughout the year we have to do emergency transfers which we have not had to do yet. S. Rohrs stated Most of the money for the parks goes towards the mowing.

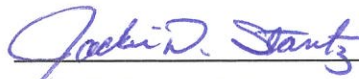
Motion to accept Ordinance 23-09-01 amending the appropriation ordinance for 2023	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	R. Valle
Scott Rohrs	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

Motion to go into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official	S. Rohrs
Seconded	R. Valle
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

Motion to come out of Executive Session	S. Rohrs
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

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


Faye Escalera, Utility Billing Clerk


Jackie D. Stantz, Mayor

