

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL
JUNE 17, 2026

The Council for the Village of Sherwood met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 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, Village Solicitor Taylor Vance, Luke Kuhn, Levi Kuhn and Mark Weaner were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Previous Meeting minutes

Motion to Approve the Minutes	J. Hohenberger
Seconded	R. Valle
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y

Financial Reports

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

Motion to Pay the Bills	A. Buchhop
Seconded	M. Sudholtz
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Robert Valle	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

SHERIFF’S REPORT

Sergeant Mike Shock told the council that there were 131 calls to service last month: forty-four business checks, three disturbances, one harassment, two frauds, two domestics, one accident, eleven court papers were served, one parking complaint, a probation check, one suspicious person, two suspicious vehicles, six traffics stops, one theft complaint, one TPO/CPO violation, one traffic control, two trespasses, five unlocks, one welfare check, and two vandalisms.

The Defiance County Sheriff’s Office has launched its own app platform for weather alerts and other notifications. It can be found at the App Store or Google Play Store. It is called “Defiance County Sheriff’s Office” or “DCSO”. It has been found that people are more likely to download an app and enable ‘Push Notifications’ than to subscribe to a text alert. On the main page, there are links to mental health, substance abuse, and addiction help. Also, links to the School Resource Officers, an inmate search at CCNO’s website, the sex offender registry, CCW information, news, events, and sheriff sales. There is also a ‘pill box’ that links to the different divisions of the Sheriff Department: Investigations, Road Patrol, Administration, D.A.R.E. and K9s.

Sergeant Shock told the council about the latest K9 to receive her certification. Cali is assigned to work with her handler Deputy Reagan Polasek. They just completed the fourteen-week certification course in Fort Wayne, and on Monday, June 15th went to Fulton County to receive the state certification. Sgt. Shock said that brings the department back up to three dogs, one for each shift. The K9s are referred to as Dual Purpose working canines. They are trained to alert to drugs or narcotics, not marijuana as they have not been trained for that for years. They are trained for aggression, tracking, and article search. Cali is a Belgian Malinois, the first dog of that breed that the Sheriff's Department has had, as well as the first female.

Sgt. Shock wanted to let the community know that there are gun locks available for free and encourage anyone who needs one or more to come and get them, they have a lot to give.

S. Ramey told Sgt. Shock that the deputies that are around for the Sher'wing Thing should visit the Sherwood Ball Association's booth/tent, and they are welcome to have some free water, soda or Gatorade.

Sgt. Shock told the council that the sheriff's department put out two new flock cameras. He explained that they are not live cameras; they are license plate readers. He said they give notifications of stolen cars, missing persons, or active warrants. There is one at the intersection of US 127 and SR 424 just south of Sherwood. There is one near Hicksville on SR 2 watching traffic coming from Indiana, and one on OH 15 South by Putnam County. The one on OH15 has been shot three times, which is a felony. There is also another on Domersville Rd near the Henry County line. The Flock license plate readers have already helped the Sheriff's Department recover stolen cars and find a missing child. The Sheriff's Department used to have similar technology on their patrol cruisers, so license plate readers have been utilized by law enforcement for a long time.

COMMITTEE REPORT

FIRE BOARD

J. Hohenberger said during the meeting, how the EMS bills the township was discussed. The method that was decided upon is to bill the township for the run and then also bill the patient. And then when some is paid by the patient and their insurance, both will be kept. That way the cost is more constant and more easily budgeted.

The Fire Board also discussed the 2002 EMS unit. It has over 90,000 miles on it and has been nickel and diming the department. The fire chief, Darrell Rock, spoke about taking the old box from the 2002 EMS unit and putting it on a new 2026 chassis. The price for the 2026 chassis would be \$154,000. J. Hohenberger asked S. Ramey how the EMS fund was faring. As she was looking, M. Sudholtz stated that the place that would be doing the chassis swap would also have a loaner EMS unit for the department to use while the upgrade is being made. S. Ramey said that the EMS fund balance is \$177,000, with some of that has been reserved for payroll and for the regular monthly bills. A. Buchhop asked whether the EMS unit that Chief Rock is requesting to be upgraded is the same unit that was purchased two years ago. M. Sudholtz said that no, this is the older one. J. Hohenberger said that the one that was picked up two years ago was a 2024. The 2002 EMS unit does not look to be in bad condition, but it has apparently been causing all kinds of problems.

J. Hohenberger said that during the meeting, combining fire departments was also discussed. Two options were discussed. One being that one of the departments takes over for all, and the other being to create a new group. This new group would perhaps include a Sherwood councilmember, a Delaware Township trustee, and an outside person. In that case, those three people would run the joint department and basically have total control over it. The councilmember could report to the rest of the council, but ultimately, not have

any say in any day-to-day operations. With that new joint fire department, a new property tax would be set up to fund the new joint fire department. Once that tax was approved, the old tax would be canceled. The tax would be similar to what is being paid now. But going with the joint department would save a lot of money by doing away with the duality. For instance, as it is now, the medicines that the departments must have in stock could be shared instead of each department having to have a stock that may expire before they are used. If it is agreed to create a joint department, it will operate under a short-term contract. Chief Rock will have a meeting with Fire Chief Isaac Ankney and afterward, Chief Rock will come to the council with what will need to be done next.

ZONING

Two new zoning permits were received. One was for a fence on North Harrison St and the other is for a lean-to being added to a shed on Taylor St.

S. Rohrs asked Solicitor Vance if there has been any contact with the homeowner of 204 South Harrison. T. Vance said that he did but there was no response and so he is proceeding forward with the motion for default. The hearing is scheduled for July.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

LAND/BUILDINGS

Leever Glass came into the office to discuss the front windows of the Village Hall. The price will not change due to the delay and time that has lapsed. A section of the drop-down ceilings in the offices will be opened. It will probably be a winter project. The upstairs of the Village Hall has not been worked on since the weather has become warmer.

The Welcome to Sherwood signs have had their lights installed, but there is an issue with the backing that has pulled away. Dave Brown came out and said that some work needs to be done to offer more support to the signs. They will be repaired one at a time.

Buckeye Roofing came out to the library, but there still seems to be some leaking and there are issues with the front portion as well. S. Ramey is waiting to hear from them about that. The vinyl that was installed on the upper windows has one of the pieces coming loose, and Bryce Steiner will be back to fix it.

Still waiting for the quote for the fence at the Maintenance Garage.

The catch basin on Decker Dr will be filled with concrete to help support the tile from collapsing. Cam-Tech will then come to sewer jet it out, as well as the retention pond again, the catch basin on Sunset, and the tile at 225 W Elm St.

There are several projects lined up. The maintenance lane is getting cleaned up and the old shed will be torn down. It was believed that old water tower area was backfilled with a lot of concrete pieces by the company that tore it down. But when attempting to clean up the area; tilling it up so it could be mowed; a foundation was discovered that once belonged to the Sherwood Electric Light Plant around the year 1911. Also, it has been discussed to change the name of Wilmont St back to its original name, Wilmot St.

PARKS

Memorial Park

The porta-john has not been moved to the Little Reservation Station and is still at Memorial Park. A big limb came down at the park and the tree was removed. Now there are three large stumps. Goliath will be coming to grind them down along with the pine tree for \$100 per stump.

The shelter house was power washed for the upcoming rentals, the electric was also fixed there, so the outlets are working safely. The concrete pads for the benches will be installed. The benches will also be getting painted.

Moat's Park

Kathy Holtsberry has an arch that she would like to have installed at the beginning of the story walk. She is using the donations from the fundraising for the story walk to have the arch made.

The concrete at the shelter house will be getting sealed. Brian Keegan will be using the panels from the roof of the old shelter house on the sides of the other shelter house.

Ball Fields

The season is wrapping up with just a couple games during the week of June 22nd.

The Capital Grant allots \$575,000 for the extension of Moat's Park. S. Ramey requested that a committee be created to include herself, J. Hurtig, Mayor Dave, Luke and Levi Kuhn. She thought a council member and a resident could serve on the committee as well to make sure that there are an odd number of committee members. S. Rohrs said that he would be on it.

Plastic bottles and cans have been getting recycled. Each of the new dugouts has a trash can and a recycling can that have been installed. In a two-week's time, seventeen fifty-six-gallon bags of cans and bottles were able to be recycled.

The air conditioner at the concession stand has been replaced.

Little Reservation Station

The bell has been repainted.

S. Ramey asked the council what they wanted to do about the playground equipment. Right now, the trolley slider and the 'Ronald' are taped off. They are to the point where a child could get hurt on them, so they are off-limits. There are some posts from the last shipment that was brought in, but the equipment will need to be completely reset by digging down the main posts, not the small ones. M. Sudholtz asked if there was anything that the village's solicitor could go after the company the playground equipment was purchased from. He said that it has only been installed for eighteen years, and it is supposed to have a one-hundred-year warranty on it. J. Hohenberger said that it was originally said that there was an issue with the production batch, but the guy who came to inspect them said which posts were bad and which were good. Once the 'bad' ones were replaced, there were supposed to be no more issues. M. Sudholtz said that even if they were willing to replace the 'good' posts now that they are broken, too. It would be the village's responsibility to ship them and to do the repairs. T. Vance said that he believes there is a possibility that there is a case against PlayMart, the company the equipment was purchased from, and that he wants to look into it. S. Ramey said that the original paperwork says that it has a ninety-nine-year warranty, but the freight is the consumer's responsibility. But it is only select pieces that have that warranty. The freight for the original one, which included three pallets, was \$5,118. M. Sudholtz says that he believes the posts for the swing set are probably twenty feet a piece. Another possibility discussed would involve tearing the equipment down and replacing the broken pieces with wood. R. Valle asked if the other council members would like to agree to having it torn out and completely replaced. T. Vance stated that he would first like to investigate some type of claim first. S. Ramey said that in the meantime, she emailed the council a few different options for replacing the equipment. The borders will be reset once the equipment issue has been resolved.

June 26, 2026

T. Vance said that he needed to leave the meeting, but he wanted to tell the council that the variance that Steve Bergman came and spoke to the council about would need to be handled differently. With Sherwood's zoning code, he doesn't think he can necessarily be granted a variance. What can be done is to grant him reasonable accommodation under the Fair Housing Act based on his brother's disability. It would then be personal to his brother, so if his brother ever stopped living there, then the reasonable accommodation would go away, and it would not be specific to the parcel. He said that if the council is agreeable, he will draft it as reasonable accommodation instead of a variance. (T. Vance left at 6:50 pm.)

Memorial Park

Goliath took care of the pine tree that had fallen for \$2500. He will be grinding the stump as well.

The shed at the park has been painted, and the land behind it was graded to stop water, dirt, and critters from going into the shed.

Upcoming projects include installing concrete slabs for benches around the walking path, painting the benches, installing the pond pump and fish food dispenser, and replacing the enter and exit signs.

STREETS

The Ohio Public Works Commission grant and loan have been approved for the South Harrison St project. There are a \$500,000 grant and \$500,000 loan. The full amount of the loan should not need to be used. The loan will have a twenty-seven-year payoff period.

EQUIPMENT

There are much needed repairs that need done to the bucket truck. There have been taller ones that have been for sale recently, which may work better for the village's purposes.

WATER & SEWER & REFUSE

Utility Bills

There were twenty-two shut-off notices in May; none were shut off.

Water treatment

S. Ramey received a quote of \$3,000,000.00 from the engineer for a water treatment plant. Now she is looking into possible funding for it.

MISCELLANEOUS

The "Commissioners on the Road" event is being held on Wednesday, June 24 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the Apache Dairy Bar.

There will be an Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, July 18 at Memorial Park.

The village's food pantry has applied for a grant which could be up to \$5,000 towards shelving, storage systems, and/or refrigeration/freezer equipment.

The "Apache Head" sign that was on the west side of SR 18 by the storage units has been stolen. Levi Kuhn said that he thinks the other sign on SR 18 was stolen as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Food Pantry will be on Friday, June 26th from 8am to 10am.

The Office will be closed on June 19th, and S. Ramey will be out of the office from Thursday June 25th through Wednesday July 1st.

Save the Dates

There is going to be a surprise retirement party for Jack Stantz who has over thirty years with the Sherwood Fire Department. It will be held on June 30th at 6:00 p.m.

The Sher’wing Thing will be on Saturday, July 25th and the Sh’wing the Bat Tournament will be on Saturday, August 1st.

There is an Awards Banquet hosted by the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, September 10th which will recognize Sherwood for celebrating 135 years of incorporation.

OLD BUSINESS

J. Hohenberger asked about setting up a committee to look at replacing the broken playground equipment. S. Ramey stated that she believes the Defiance Foundation could help with the funding because it is separate from the Moats Park project. The Sherwood Foundation would probably give a couple of thousand, unless somebody else has a grant that they are going to put in for. It must be commercial playground equipment. M. Sudholtz, S. Rohrs, and J. Hohenberger agreed to gather more information as a Little Reservation Station Playground Committee and bring it back to the council.

The next phase in updating the exterior of the Village Hall was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Hohenberger was approached by a citizen (whose wife was recently hospitalized at the ICU) asking if his shut-off notice fee could be waived, as she was the one who took care of all the bills.

Motion to Waive the Shut-off Notice Fee as a One-Time-Only Basis	R. Valle
Seconded	A. Buchhop
Mike Sudholtz	Y
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y

CITIZENS

Mark Weaner spoke to the council about the creation and approval of Sherwood Village’s new cybersecurity program.

Levi and Luke Kuhn spoke to the council about the improvements that have been made to Moats Park and asked if they had heard any feedback from the community. Council members agreed that they have heard good things and hope that there will be more and more games being played there as the word gets out to surrounding communities. Possible shading options for spectators were also discussed. Regrading Field 2’s outfield and removing and replacing its outfield fence is the next project in queue, Levi said. R. Valle asked if any additional parking could be created. Several potential options were then discussed as well as moving the playground to be near the fields and concession stand. J. Vogelsong asked if the tennis court base could be repurposed as a pickleball court. Unfortunately, that would not be an option because the tennis court has become too degraded.

FIRE AND EMS

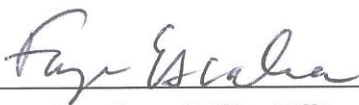
Chief Rock was unable to attend the council meeting but asked S. Ramey to tell the council that he would like council to approve the purchase of the 2026 chassis for the old EMS box to be put on. He also has a new application he would like the council’s approval on.

Motion to Accept the Application from Grace Doctor Provided she Passes the Background Check	M. Sudholtz
Seconded	R. Valle
Jim Hohenberger	Y
Jamie Vogelsong	Y
Alex Buchhop	Y
Scott Rohrs	Y

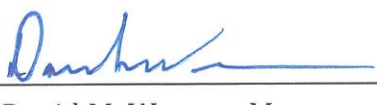
The affordability of the 2026 chassis for the EMS unit was discussed. The new chassis is \$154,288. Looking at the EMS fund balance, if \$154, 288 is taken out, it will leave the fund with \$2,000 which is not enough to pay January’s salary. Looking at the Fire and EMS fund, there is only expected to be a \$9,000 carryover to 2027. This topic was tabled to have more discussion with Chief Rock.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Faye Escalera, Utility Billing Clerk



David M. Weaner, Mayor

