

**Village of Shepherd
Minutes of Meeting
February 20, 2017**

Regular meeting of the Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, February 20, 2017. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Village President Mike DeGraw at the Village Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Koutz Jr., Maloney, Myers, Reynolds, Roth, Yates, DeGraw
Absent: None
Present: Police Chief – Sawyer DPW – Davidson
 Attorney – Bill Shirley

Motion by Roth, second by Reynolds to approve minutes as amended of meeting held on February 6, 2017. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Roth, second by Yates to approve minutes of budget work session held on February 13, 2017. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Roth, second by Reynolds to approve the Treasurer and Investment report for January 2017. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Presentations: Chris Kutz and Karen Butler would like Council to consider allowing a "Farm to Table" event on Second Street north between the Post Office and Orchard Street one evening during the week sometime in August. The group is still researching the event but would like Council to consider the event.

Presentation: Friends of the Mid Michigan Pathways - postponed

Public Comment: Members of the Shepherd Sugar Bush and Festival Committee presented their concerns in regards to the Council allowing a hospitality tent for another organization during the festival weekend. Ron Rhynard and Merrie Hammel both spoke on behalf of the committees. They've never wanted this type of event during that weekend as it is for family activity and they didn't appreciate that they were not contacted about this from the Council. Both these committees do not support this hospitality tent event.

Committee Reports:(Capital, DPW, Finance, Fire, Personnel, Police, Zoning, MacTV)
DPW: budget, finishing out the budget year with little projects; Santa and elf house to be moved soon from park and most decorations are down; DOT physicals completed; new brooms for street sweeper before festival; brush starts soon; prioritizing lists for next budget year

POLICE: sold items from confiscation with just over \$1700 profit and would like to furnish a long gun to the department; 2% was not received. Quote was received from Goldstar. Trustee

Roth asked about government pricing. Chief Sawyer indicated that Goldstar is supplying more than just the gun and working well with the department. Motion by Yates, second by Myers to approve the purchase of a long gun from Gold Star for the Police Department in the amount of \$1535.96. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Zoning: class being offered from county for elected officials, planning commission members and zoning board of appeals members. Information has been forward via email.

Old Business:

Purchase Requisitions: request to purchase items to finish hydrant project from the 2016-17 budget year. Motion by Koutz, second by Roth to approve the purchase of hydrant materials from Etna Supply in the amount of \$3674.00. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Mid-Michigan Pathways resolution: resolution presented for approval that allows the Village to receive monies to fund the pathways project. Motion by Koutz, second by Roth to approve the resolution indicating President DeGraw as the signer for grant funding of Mid-Michigan Pathways. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Trustee Koutz discussed the hospitality tent for Mid-Michigan pathways that the festival not wanting such an event. Committee responded that it was not asked specifically for this event but that in the past there have been groups that have asked to have a beer tent during the festival.

Trustee Roth ask about the DPW Contract – Trustee Myers indicated that it was all good and everyone is in agreement with a 1 year as presented. The contract will be signed by both parties.

New Business:

Commercial Bank checking account – Resolution to approve a new checking account with Commercial Bank for the purpose of Mid-Michigan Pathways activity. Motion by Reynolds, second by Myers to approve a new checking account with Commercial Bank for the activity of Mid-Michigan Pathways. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

President DeGraw discussed the proposal from Lee Coughlin regarding the zoning administration position. Committee met with the current administrator, Mr. Nieporte, and they recommend staying with Mr. Nieporte for another year with a revised contract that would include training, ordinance writing support and a 48-hour response time.

Trustee Yates stated that between the Village and Festival and all other events in this community we must remember that we are all on the same team. However, she would like to ask if the Mid-Michigan Pathways organization would consider a donation towards the festival.

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Motion by Roth, second by Reynolds to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$31,027.88. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

DPW Superintendent Davidson spoke on behalf of the Mid-Michigan Pathways group and stated that they knew from previous conversation that the festival did not want to have a hospitality tent and it was presented that way.

Motion approved to adjourn at 7:57. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by

Gina L Gross

Village Clerk