

**Village of Shepherd  
Minutes of Budget Public Hearing  
February 27, 2019**

Special meeting of the Shepherd Village Council held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at the Shepherd Village Office

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Pro Tem Reynolds.

Roll Call: M. Davidson, Maloney, Myers, Reynolds

Absent: DeGraw, Coughlin, Roth

Present: Steve Davidson

Motion by Maloney, second by Myers, to pay bills belonging to 2018-2019 fiscal year in the amount of \$87,034.08. Roll call 4-0.

Motion by Davidson, second by Maloney to open a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment on the proposed 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget, the proposed 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Millage Rate and the Emergency Services Improvements Special Assessment Roll.  
Roll call 4-0.

Public Comment: Bob Courter, 149 E Maple, had a few questions.

1. Budget expenditure for the Fire fund is \$72,000, but the assessment is at \$59,735 – wasn't the assessment suppose to cover the expenditure? Clerk Gross replied that at the second public hearing, after hearing resident's concerns, Council set the rates lower than what was presented. The rate remains the same for this year's budget.
2. Sidewalk project is in the budget, who is doing the work, is the project being bid out? Council replied that it is being done in house and that it does not have to be bid out as an in-house project. Courter also asked the cost per square foot? Trustee Myers and DPW Supt. Davidson stated it was around \$2.39.
3. Wright Avenue 2020 project has a lot of opposition from the residents on that street and that it shouldn't be a priority and it isn't needed. DPW Supt. Davidson and Clerk Gross both indicated they have spoken with residents as well. Gross stated that responses can be different depending on who you are talking to and that it appears that some of the information that is out there is incorrect. Courter said farmers are stating they are going to have a hard time. S. Davidson replied that the road will not be any narrower than the rest of Wright Avenue and will not cause an issue.
4. Water/sewer for Wright Avenue – Courter asked about other water/sewer that is supposed to be done based on conversation of 2 other Council members. S. Davidson replied that along Wright Avenue there is a 4" main that is old and needs to be upgraded. Gross indicated that the budget has \$65,000 for water and \$35,000 for sewer. It is the right time to upgrade these utilities when we have task force funds for the Wright Avenue project.
5. Under contracted services there is \$85,000 budgeted in the sewer fund – for what? S. Davidson stated that it is for the lagoon discharge pipe and sludge removal and a requirement from the DEQ.

Courter added that he would like to see the minutes in the newspaper like they use to be. Gross indicated that it is very costly and per MML (Michigan Municipal League) the requirement is that the synopsis of the minutes must be posted in 3 different places in the Village in which they are: Village Office, Coe Township open foyer and the DPW.

Motion by Maloney, second by Myers, to close the public hearing. Roll call 4-0.

Motion by Maloney, second by Myers, to set the transfer rate of money from the Major Street Fund to the Local Street Fund at 0%. Roll call 4-0.

*Motion by Maloney, second by M. Davidson, to set the millage rate at a full 11 mills for the General Fund for 2019-2020 fiscal year and at .5 mills for the Highway Fund for 2019-2020 fiscal year. Roll call 4-0.*

Motion by Myers, second by Maloney, to obtain the special assessment rates of the 2018 emergency services and improvements fire assessment. Roll call 4-0.

Motion by Maloney, second by Myers, to adopt the attached wage scale effective March 1, 2019. Roll call 4-0.

Motion by M. Davidson, second by Myers, to approve the continued payroll deduction of 20.0% of each employee's health care cost towards their health insurance package, that renews December 1<sup>st</sup> each year, for the 2019-2020 budget year. Roll call 4-0.

Motion by Maloney, second by Myers, to approve the presented journal entries and budget adjustments for the 2018-2019 budget year. Roll call 4-0.

Motion by Myers, second by Maloney, to adopt budget ordinance #12.250 for 2019-2020 fiscal year as presented at the functional level. Roll call 4-0.

Motion by M. Davidson, second by Maloney, to adjourn at 6:27 pm. Roll call 4-0.

Submitted by:  
Gina L. Gross, Village Clerk