

**Village of Shepherd
Minutes of Meeting
April 16, 2018**

Regular meeting of the Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, April 16, 2018. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President DeGraw, at the Village Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Koutz Jr., Maloney, Myers, Reynolds, Roth, Yates, DeGraw

Absent: None

Present: DPW – Davidson Attorney – Bill Shirley
 Police – Chief Sawyer Treasurer - Wilmot

Motion by Roth, second by Koutz to approve minutes of meeting held on April 2, 2018. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Roth to approve the Treasurer and Investment report for March 2018. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports:(Capital, DPW, Finance, Fire, Personnel, Police, Zoning)

DPW: sidewalks will be reviewed after festival for the program; chlorine tester service equipment; truck 3 had a water pump issue; DEQ rate study/asset management; still snowplowing; yards need work; festival prep based on weather. Question regarding festival paying for wages for DPW and PD again this year – it was stated that the festival will be billed the flat rate of \$1500 again. Blueprints of lagoons were reviewed by the committee to show the connection to the riverbank; skid steer will be in next week, truck in May. Dock work at the lagoons. Committee would like to work out violation postings with all involved, such as yard clean ups, the postings and billing of such properties with our departments.

PERSONNEL: reviewing job descriptions

ZONING: PC met regarding rezoning of 207 S Chippewa; Reynolds property in Tara Court for a storage unit was recommended to apply for rezoning to a C2 to continue with a site plan if rezoning was approved; 118 E Orchard was given approval for a small shed.

Old Business:

Purchase Requisitions: 2 presented

Motion by Roth, second by Maloney to approve \$2305.20 to Shepherd Front End for emergency repairs on truck #3 due to the water pump. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Roth, second by Koutz to approve \$18,000 to Annette's Construction to build and install a 4-foot x 40-foot dock at the sewage ponds. This will include cement, pads, rails and pipe work. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Invenergy Updates:

Motion by Reynolds, second by Yates to approve a second wind easement agreement, WMIGRE0255, to allow for the property that consists of the driveway to the lagoons. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Roth, second by Koutz to approve amendments to the wind easement agreement WMIGRE0248 on the legal description and WMIGRE0255 confirming the owners name. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Yates, second by Reynolds to approve the Estoppels presented on the construction loan, stating Invenergy complies with the banks and any impacts that exist to the property. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Roth, second by Yates to authorize Mike DeGraw, as Village President, to sign documents with Invenergy, such as agreements, amendments and estoppels. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

DPW Steve Davidson asked to discuss the possible storage unit in Tara Court and wanted Council to be aware that DEQ will require a fire hydrant in Tara Court if any further development is done there and could be an estimated cost of \$3500 to the property owner.

Discussion about the locations of the windmills, nearest one to the Village being just next to the Lagoons and around 68 between here and Pine River Township will be installed.

Discussion on Planning Commission meeting attendance. At one time it was talked about to have someone from Village Council attend the PC and ZBA meetings. More discussion to follow.

No word on the Memorial Park yet, Maloney to still reach out to the Shepherd VFW.

New Business:

207 S Chippewa rezoning – request from a R2 to a C2. Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 10, 2018 and they recommend that the parcel at 207 S Chippewa be rezoned from R2 to C2 for the purpose of a salon/spa.

Motion by Roth, second by Reynolds to approve the rezoning of 207 S Chippewa from R2 to C2 for the purpose of reconstructing to a Salon/Spa. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Resolution for Fire Assessment – discussion on the process of the proposed fire assessment, fees, structure of the fire department and costs to operate and costs to the entities that support the fire department.

Motion by Koutz, second by Maloney to approve the resolution setting the public hearing for May 1, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Coe Township Hall to hear comments regarding the proposed fire assessment. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Trustee Reynolds asked if anyone had questions regarding the amended ordinances that were presented at the last meeting for review. Discussion on plated cars, junk vehicles and trailers, blight. Needs more review.

Sidewalk repair ordinance amendment needs more information on repairs and specs. Needs more review time.

Motion by Yates, second by Roth to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$24,740.45. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Clerk Gross stated nominating petitions are available to run in the November election and that they are due by July 24th to the Isabella County Clerk's Office.

Motion approved to adjourn at 8:41. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by
Gina L Gross
Village Clerk