

**Village of Shepherd
Minutes of Meeting
May 1, 2017**

Regular meeting of Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, May 1, 2017. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Village President Michael DeGraw at the Village Office.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion by Roth, second by Reynolds to approve minutes of meeting held on April 17, 2017.
Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Public Comment: None

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

Zoning: Kirby residence at 306 N Second has been notified that his temporary canopy must be removed as it is past the deadline. Mr. Kirby informed the Village Clerk that the canopy would be moved into the driveway for the Maple Syrup Festival weekend and removed after that. Council stated that if the canopy is not removed that the Village Attorney will address the issue.

MacTV: City of Alma has discontinued with MacTV and the Alma office will be moving to St Louis. Discussion was held at the meeting regarding Charter dropping Channel 5 as there have been several complaints on them removing that channel.

Old Business:

Purchase requisitions: 4 – Bader & Sons, Elhorn Engineering, Kenny Trucking, My Chrysler Dodge and Mid-Michigan Upholstery & Awning.

Bader & Sons – DPW - John Deere Tractor mower rental for \$500.00. Motion by Koutz, second by Myers to approve \$500 to Bader & Sons for the rental of a mower to mow the walk trail brush. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Elhorn Engineering – DPW - new pump for the well house to pump chemicals for \$829.49. Motion by Roth, second by Koutz to approve \$829.49 to Elhorn Engineering to purchase a new pump for the well house. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Kenny Trucking – DPW – 80 yds of fill sand for \$560.00. Motion by Roth, second by Yates to approve \$560.00 to Kenny Trucking for 80 yards of fill sand. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

My Chrysler Dodge – PD – emergency repairs on the 2013 Dodge Charger for smoke coming from the steering wheel. Motion by Roth, second by Koutz to approve \$1962.39 to My Chrysler Dodge for repairs to the 2013 Dodge Charger. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Mid-Michigan Upholstery & Awning – Office – awning for Village Hall at a cost of \$755.50. Motion by Reynolds, second by Myers to approve \$755.50 to Mid-Michigan Upholstery & Awning for a new awning at the Village Hall. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Evaluation status: Still finalizing DPW Supt. and Clerk

Comp time: final changes were reviewed with further discussion on hours, salaried employees and hourly employees.

Motion by Roth, second by Koutz, to approve the proposed Comp Time Policy as presented. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Windmill Energy Lease: Attorney Bill Shirley reviewed the lease agreement. Discussion was held regarding the lagoon property and if there were ever a turbine located there does it cause any issue with further developing the lagoon system. DPW Davidson stated that IF there was a turbine it would not be an issue as the lagoon system would have to run in the other direction. Based on the agreement this would be to allow easement through the lagoon property as well. This agreement would help accrue funds for future lagoon projects if Council chooses to steer the revenue in that direction. Council members are concerned of bringing the turbines to close to town but with the guidelines it may just be easement that will be sought.

Motion by Yates, second by Maloney, to approve the Wind Easement Agreement with Invenergy Wind Development LLC as presented. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

New Business:

Trustee Roth received a garage sale complaint on 127 S Chippewa that they have been running a garage sale for a long time and thought there was an ordinance. Clerk Gross stated that the ordinance allows for 3-day garage sales, 3 times a year. Another trustee stated that it has been shut down now since festival is over. This property will be watched for future sales.

Chief Sawyer stated that Festival weekend went well, minor issues with ORV's, no carnival issues and a lot of credit to Steve Davidson on how well organized the beer tent for Mid-Michigan Pathways was handled from the set-up, the workers, having cabs available and everyone just having a good time and no problems being done at 11:30 pm. There were about 80 incidents during the Festival with only 7 having reports. The final report for the weekend will be done soon and submitted to Council.

DPW Steve Davidson reported that the weather caused some delays in completing projects before Festival. RR crossing emblem and street line painting were done, left white lights on trees for festival with several compliments and the clock is working again! Little damage with the lift station. Car traffic at DPW through to the festival property has been an issue – may be putting up fencing to alleviate that from happening. Received parking complaints since more places were posted this year to help with traffic flow. Minimal trash issues this year.

Mid-Michigan Pathways beer tent was a huge success and Steve thanked the Council again for allowing this event to happen.

Motion by Roth, second by Yates to approve payment of bills in the total amount of \$18,024.50. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion approved to adjourn at 8:12. Carried 7-0.

Village Clerk
Gina L Gross