

**Village of Shepherd
Minutes of Meeting
May 7, 2018**

Regular meeting of Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, May 7, 2018. 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, Yates, DeGraw
Absent: Reynolds, Roth
Present: DPW – Steve Davidson Police – Chief Sawyer

Motion by Yates, second by Koutz to approve minutes of meeting held on April 16, 2018.
Carried by roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Maloney, second by Myers to approve the minutes of Public Hearing held on May 1, 2018. Carried by roll call vote 5-0.

Trustee Koutz asked about the general comments made at the Public Hearing regarding the traffic on Maple Street between Fourth and Chippewa.

Public Comment: None

Committee meetings:

Capital: ordinance amendments are out for review, waiting on comments. Table until Reynolds returns per Clerk's request.

Discussion on traffic on Maple Street. Council stated that this has been reviewed and speed studies have been done and there has not been anything significant. President DeGraw stated that he will work with Chief Sawyer and review this again.

Fire: Trustee Koutz briefly talked about the public hearing and would have liked to see some firetrucks there but thought the presentation went well. Also discussed previous millage request that was presented to the people that didn't pass back in 2016.

Zoning: Planning Commission approved Memory Mission/Stone Lodge addition at 415 N Chippewa; PC asked for more information on 207 S Chippewa for the proposed Salon/Spa that was received and Zoning Administrator Nieporte made his recommendations on; PC will meet on May 15th for 207 S Chippewa again; Public Hearing is scheduled for May 23rd at 7:00 pm for 105 Tara Court for a rezoning request from the property owner from a R3 to a C2 district. This will be on the June 4th agenda for the Village Council to determine.

Old Business:

Purchase Req's: None

Update on Festival Events: Chief Sawyer stated that the Festival went very well, weather was good, just over 120 hours for the department. As always, issues were parking. With so many people and not many areas to park it becomes a problem. There were a few ORV issues, zero Mid-Michigan Pathways tent issues and the carnival was very good. There was only 1 call handled by the County in the Village after hours that wasn't a Festival issue.

Steve/DPW Supt. added that the weather was not in their favor for prepping for the Festival and there was also a garbage truck issue on Second and Wright Avenue. Parking issues need to be addressed and there was some tractor pull damage that needs to be looked at but all in all it went well.

President DeGraw stated that he was addressed by Kathy Edwards to possibly consider a water spray park in the Village. She would like to request this of the Festival, the Village and possibly some other interested committees about funding and operating a splash park.

Fire Assessment: first public hearing went well, discussion on the rates determined to leave them as presented. Once the rates are established they can not be raised unless the Village goes through this same process of public hearings and notifications. Next public hearing is May 22nd.

Trustee Koutz asked the status of working with the VFW on a memorial garden. Trustee Maloney stated that money is a concern but could possibly look at a fundraiser. More review.

New Business: None

Steve, DPW Supt. informed Council that the dock was in at the lagoons; there will be a yard clean up on Federal Rd, an extra brush pick up due to the high winds, a new utility pole will be set on Wright Avenue on the north side between Third and Fourth Streets; walk trail is in full swing and crews will start working on cement as early as tomorrow near the water tower.

Discussion regarding the lagoon drainage pipe and the neighboring property owner. DEQ is having the Village extend the pipe, but the neighbor is having concerns on who is doing the work. Council members will meet with the property owner to discuss the work that needs to be completed by DEQ's request.

Chief Sawyer will meet with Tribal Council next week to express his gratitude on behalf of the Village for the grant money for the purchase of the new police car; crisis intervention training will be a must by 2020 and Chief has been invited to Midland County at no cost to the Village for the \$1000 training that provides ways of dealing with individuals with mental issues. The Mental Health Courts state that there are 1 out of 4 people dealing with mental issues.

Motion by Yates, second by Myers to approve payment of bills in the total amount of \$30,720.85. Carried by roll call vote 5-0.

Motion approved to adjourn at 8:21. Carried 5-0.

Village Clerk
Gina L Gross