

**Village of Shepherd
Minutes of Meeting
May 21, 2018**

Regular meeting of the Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, May 21, 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 Maloney to approve minutes of meeting held on May 7, 2018. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

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

Public Comment: Jane Bishop, 405 Second, just observing regarding the Fire assessment flat rate fee; Steve Habedank, 206 N First St, also here to observe regarding the assessment; James McKinney, writer for the Morning Sun also observing.

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

DPW: committee took a field trip around the lagoons, windmills, fences, ponds, pipe location to the river at the lagoons and then viewed the map at the DPW; skid steer is in; dock is in at the lagoons; trees are down at the lagoons that will need to be removed; reviewed walk path; lift station has some low spots and will need fill dirt; roads to pave/repair:

Wright/Campbell/Miller = \$27,395, budget allows \$25,100 but for the additional \$2295

Campbell could also be completed. Funding from Local Street CD is being suggested; discussion on a splash park location – Steve, Kent Roth, Kathy Edwards and Pete Alexander researched a few properties that will need to be about 2500-3000 square feet. Talked about possibly using the ball park area at the village park and find a new location for the ball field, only the groups first meeting, more information to come; the old tractor and police car were taken to Repo Cast, the tractor included the snow blower and mower; the new DPW truck will be a 2019 because of the production stall and parts issues on the manufacturers end.

Sidewalks will hopefully be happening in July with resident letters going out in June, currently working on the list; working on list for tree take downs; making list on blight issues

ZONING: 415 N Chippewa, Stone Lodge addition was approved; 207 S Chippewa, Salon/Spa was approved; 105 Tara Court seeking rezoning request from R3 to C2 for storage units meeting on 5/23/18 at 7pm; 105 S Second had a small fence approved; 409 East Drive requested a variance for placement of a pool – ZBA meeting on 5/30/18 at 7pm; 243 E Wright requested a variance for a shed placement – ZBA meeting on 6/5/18 at 7pm

Old Business:

Purchase Requisitions: None

Fire Assessment: discussion on meeting for fire assessment flat rate fee being held 5/22/18 at Coe Township. Discussion included pricing, exempt properties, other entities that have this fee or a millage. Determined it would be 2.4 mills if the Council decide to put to a vote. Lost 1.5 mills due to headlee roll back in 2015. Discussed vacant properties, specifically commercial vacant at \$100 and possibly making it \$60, there are 23 properties. Will not allow for the 3% increase, cost of living on the flat rate fee as already approved to not apply. Don Brown will speak at the meeting on behalf of the Fire Department. Also questioned if the school should support this.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Maloney to change the rate of \$100 to \$60 for commercial vacant properties. Carried by roll call vote 6-1, Roth-No.

Ordinance reviews: Reynolds stated she did receive some feedback and the committee will meet again to go over the other suggestions. Discussion on people selling food in their front yard and who allows? Possibly a Health Department issue being on private property.

New Business:

Reynolds would also like to investigate the blight ordinance

Splash Park – committee was formed of Kathy Edwards, Pete Alexander, Kent Roth and Steve Davidson. Kathy Edwards is heading up the idea of placing a splash park in the Village funded by Festival, other organizations, grants, etc. Areas were reviewed as stated under DPW review. One being the Salt River Park where it was noticed that the foot bridge needs some repairs. Could be approximately \$500 to fix the Village side of the bridge. Need to work with Festival to repair all of the bridge as needed to keep it safe.

DPW Supt. Steve Davidson asked Council for their approval on the street repairs as previously discussed. DeGraw stated there is \$5000 in the budget to put towards a CD at the end of the year and could be used for additional road repairs at a better cost at this time. The total budget amount for this year's projects is \$25,100 and for an additional \$2295 another street can be repaired. Motion by Roth, second by Koutz to approve the additional street repair at First and Campbell for a total cost of \$27,395 for Wright Avenue, Miller Street and adding Campbell Street. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Clerk Gross stated that the audit went well and that they completed their part at the office but will finish back at their facility. The office will be closed Thursday and Friday for a couple of vacation days.

Motion by Yates, second by Roth to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$31,559.78. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

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

Respectfully submitted by
Gina L Gross
Village Clerk