

**Village of Shepherd
Minutes of Meeting
August 30, 2018**

Regular meeting of Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, August 30, 2018. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Village President Mike DeGraw at the Village Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Koutz, Maloney, Reynolds, Roth, Yates, DeGraw
Absent: Myers
Present: DPW – Steve Davidson Police – Officer Janofski

Public Comment:

Bob Courter, 149 E Maple, stated he feels the council has already made their decision but would like to state again that it should be up to the people to be able to vote on the assessment.

Bill Fransted, 302 N First, stated that the council probably already has their mind made up, but he too feels it should be voted on by the people. The Village would have funds if they weren't spending it on skid steers and a new pick up truck and now the village is going to put money into development property. Let the people decide. Mr. Fransted also stated that after the primary election he seen on the television that several communities had millages passed for their fire departments. He also stated that there could be repercussions in November.

Petition language for ballot – President DeGraw discussed the letter that was received by village attorney William Shirley. Trustee Roth asked the actual process, if the council could change the language or is it just something that gets approved or denied.

Trustee Maloney discussed the situation she was in when an individual came to her home to have her sign the petition and when Maloney explained to the person the actual process and reasoning it appeared that this person was unaware of the actual process of the assessment. Maloney was also dumfounded that a council member had actually signed the petition as well.

Trustee Koutz stated that the first thing he seen was it was listed as a tax, but it is NOT a tax, it's an assessment.

Trustee Roth stated he was not for the actual process in the assessment and would like to see it go for a vote and he would be the first one out on the streets going door to door campaigning for the millage to pass.

Much discussion on the misconception of the language and that this is not a tax. Trustee Yates stated how confusing the language would be for people to understand.

President DeGraw added that, as discussed in the public hearings, the assessment is less expensive than a millage.

Trustee Reynolds indicated that the Council is doing what is best for the residents and business owners of the village by making this an assessment and not a millage. The council must look at issues like this as a whole. President DeGraw and Trustee Koutz added again that this is what is best for the Village and for the Fire Department.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Maloney to not accept the language from the petition as presented for the ballot in the November 2018 election. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion approved to adjourn at 7:26. Carried 6-0.

Village Clerk
Gina L Gross