

**Village of Shepherd
Minutes of Meeting
September 21, 2020**

Regular meeting of the Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, September 21, 2020.
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President DeGraw.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Coughlin, M. Davidson, Maloney, Myers, Reynolds, Roth, DeGraw

Absent: None

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

Motion by Roth, second by Coughlin to approve minutes as amended of meeting held on September 8, 2020. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Myers to approve the Treasurer and Investment Report for August 2020. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Public Comment: Merlene Koutz Jr, 280 E Orchard, asked about the property swap and bridge at the village limits and salt river park. President DeGraw explained that the east side of the river will belong to the festival and a portion will be for the village for infrastructure. The bridge will be worked on by both groups and then the village will maintain the bridge for the future.

Matt Miller of Mid-Michigan Community College presented to Council the proposal that will be on the ballot regarding annexation allowing more students in the surrounding area to qualify for lower tuition.

Committee Reports:(Capital, DPW, Festival, Finance, Fire, Personnel, Police, Planning Commission; ZBA and Zoning)

Festival: 2021 festival is a go! Jon Morgan stepped down as the marketing/advertising chairperson.

Planning Commission: Site Plan review tomorrow evening for 331 E Wright Avenue for a physical therapy facility.

Old Business:

Purchase Requisitions: None

Bridge: Council would like Jon Zalud and a few other members attend a Council meeting to discuss and finalize the property and bridge issues. They will be contacted by Trustee Roth.

Trick or Treat/Trunk or Treat: Clerk Gross asked Council their thoughts on these events since there are some events starting to be cancelled. Trick or Treating is a go, so far but trunk or treat could be questionable. CDC just announced events such as those should be cancelled. Shepherd Chamber members will discuss at their next meeting.

DPW temporary employment: committee will do interviews on Wednesday. There are 3, possibly 4 that will be interviewed.

Council asked status of the sewer ponds – DPW Supt. Davidson replied that DEQ needs to come and discuss final phase yet and there has not been any more disturbance from the adjacent property owner.

New Business:

DPW Supt. Davidson informed Council that the Village truck was hit by a local resident at an intersection, not the fault of the village. Quotes are being worked on and the insurance carrier has been notified.

Wright Avenue project update: curb issues again that did not allow proper drainage after the heavy rains. Now replacing 165 feet of curb, paving should be done Saturday with street marking on Monday, hydroseeding by Wednesday.

DPW Supt. Davidson informed Council that the bridge at salt river will need a topographical survey completed, also based on Army Core of Engineers; Bridge inspection charges have risen from \$500 to \$850 as you will see in the invoices that are being presented tonight; Red Maple Lane almost at its final restoration for completion.

Motion by Roth, second by Reynolds to move to closed session at 7:46 pm to discuss employee status. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Coughlin, second by M. Davidson to return to open session at 8:18 pm. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Maloney, second by Coughlin to approve invoices in the amount of \$95,323.92. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion approved to adjourn at 8:19 pm. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by
Gina L Gross
Village Clerk