

**Village of Shepherd  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 6, 2017**

Regular meeting of Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, November 6, 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, Meyers, 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 October 16, 2017. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

**Public Comment:** None

Fire: budget has gone up a little, village was 23,421 for 2017 and will be 23,436 for 2018. This does not include payroll. Assessment/millage still being reviewed.

Police: Received notice that the Department will be getting their grant from the Mt Pleasant Area Community Foundation; Department of Homeland Security grant of \$3000; 67 attendees at the defense class; grant for vests should be coming through as well

Zoning: 197 E Wright Avenue, meeting on November 7, 2017 with the Planning Commission to determine addition to the existing building. New Site Plan. Also, was informed that the approval for 550 W Wright for an auto body repair shop, owner decided on a different place on M46 in Alma.

**Old Business:**

Purchase requisitions: None

Fire Dept. Assessment: continued discussion on procedure, categories and fees need to be set, village needs to be completed with meetings and final documents by June 1, 2018.

Red Maple Lane Storm Drain: during the recent rain, Red Maple Lane was monitored. The rain wasn't heavy, but steady and there were no issues and no water over the road. Discussion was if this project was completed, would it just be a minor fix opposed to a complete overhaul; back flow preventers need to be put into place; new restrictor was placed in manhole that should help.

Some Council members wonder why it wasn't addressed when it was being constructed years ago. Continuing research and gathering more information. Also discussed if a letter should be sent to the residents in the area again, maybe wait until some more information is gathered.

Council tablets will be worked on this week.

**New Business:**

Fire Chief: Chief Don Brown has decided to stay on for a while as Chief. He will not be retiring at this time. He would like to stay around for the future assessment that is being pursued. Chief Brown attended the meeting and asked if there were any additional questions or concerns, he would be around.

Consumers Street Lighting contract/Upton Drive: a new pole must be erected at the corner of Upton Drive and Federal Road and there would need to be changes to the contract with Consumers. Motion by Reynolds, second by Myers to approve the resolution to change the contract with the new upgraded pole on the corner of Upton Drive and Federal Road. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Council members discussed the upcoming deadline of December 8, 2017 for the medical marijuana policy. There has been mixed reviewed in the area. Attorney William Shirley will draft a resolution for the Village Council for the next meeting.

Chief Sawyer has been collecting several items for the Isabella County Foster Closet and Officer Janofski's office is getting full. These items will be delivered to the Foster Closet on Friday, November 17, 2017. Many socks, crayons, coloring books and feminine products have been collected.

DPW Superintendent Davidson reported that hydrant flushing has been done, leaf vac is going well, been dumping leaves at Bissell farms; meeting with MDOT and Saginaw Chippewa Tribe to discuss Mid Michigan Pathway's Phase 3 that may include an overpass at Remus Road. The pathway paving will be done in the spring due to the wet weather paving was not feasible. Driveways will be prepped. Davidson also reported that the 2% grants from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe were down and it could be the cause of the new on line requesting reports.

Motion by Yates, second by Roth to approve payment of bills in the total amount of \$34,659.06. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion approved to adjourn at 8:15. Carried 7-0.

Village Clerk  
Gina L Gross