

**Village of Shepherd  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 7, 2017**

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

Motion by Roth, second by Yates to approve minutes of meeting held on July 17, 2017. Carried by roll call vote 5-0.

**Public Comment:**

Staci Bailey, 364 S Chippewa, wanted to let Council know that she is aware of the noise ordinance and they will not be asking for an extension for the bands to play as they will start an hour earlier and be done by 11:00 pm.

Bill Fransted, 302 N First, voiced concerns regarding the water issue in Red Maple Lane as to where Lee Coughlin discussed disconnecting from the sewer and re-establish a separate one. Mr. Fransted feels that those people should have to pay an assessment for any additional work in that area.

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

Capital: meeting was held 8-1-17 to discuss medical marijuana and sidewalk ordinance. More information to be researched.

Fire: RTD 403, last year 423, previous year 393; applying for 2% again for air packs; will be posting Fire Chief position

Zoning: 107 S Second – still waiting for dimension of final placement of shed; 305 W Maple – sent certified letter regarding pool that is in violation of the Zoning Ordinance still waiting for signed notice; 139 S Chippewa was also sent a notice regarding a swimming pool being in violation of the Zoning Ordinance.

MacTV – approved bills at the meeting, discussed the possibility of Mt Pleasant also canceling their contract as well. Charter Contract needs to be reviewed regarding revenue.

**Old Business:**

Purchase requisitions: None

Website – Trustee Maloney talked with CMU and we can possibly obtain a student to work on the Village website. The Village would need to fill out an affiliation agreement and would also be able to interview qualified students. This would be for a minimum of 4 weeks. More to discuss at the next meeting.

Fire Dept/financing – President DeGraw would like to schedule a meeting with the attorney that informed the Fire Department about the special assessment and mileage option. Looking to hold the meeting together with Coe Township. More to follow.

Park Reservations – Village Park will be on a first come, first serve basis.

**New Business:**

September 4<sup>th</sup>/Labor Day Meeting – Discussion to move to Tuesday due to the holiday. Motion by Yates, second by Roth to move the Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm due to the Labor Day Holiday. Carried 5-0.

Central Park/Veterans Memorial Garden – Trustee Maloney would like to request the use of the Central Park which is located at the corner of Central and Second Streets for a Veteran's Memorial Garden. She has spoken with Steve Davidson about the park playground equipment that is there and he had indicated it could be moved to the park up town if approved. Council would like to see the group formed first.

Crossing Guard Hiring – Chief Sawyer stated there was one applicant, Crystal Smith, who is an aid at the school, lives here in the Village and has already had background checks. This would be for the corner of Wright Avenue and Chippewa. Motion by Roth, second by Koutz to hire Crystal Smith as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Crossing Guard for the corner of Wright Avenue and Chippewa at \$7.50 per shift. Carried by roll call vote 5-0.

Chief Sawyer informed Council that the speed sign is up and have been changing locations. Have had a lot of good feedback. Ready to work/attend the Farm to Table Dinner and the Party in the Park Event. Recently had 4 breaking and entering's that has been solved with 1 individual in jail and the other being a juvenile.

Clerk Gross notified Council that the auditing firm Abraham & Gaffney have "closed", however the Village Rep, Aaron Stevens is now partnering with 2 others and will honor our contract for next year. Flood claims for Red Maple Lane will be submitted in the next couple of days to the insurance agency.

DPW Supt. Steve attended the pre-conn meeting for the walk path, they will be starting on the north end; lift station pump failed and there is an insurance claim pending

Motion by Roth, second by Yates to approve payment of bills in the total amount of \$29,111.19. Carried by roll call vote 5-0.

Employee Steve Davidson requested the Council to move to closed session to discuss an employee issue. Motion by Roth, second by Koutz to move to closed session at 7:45 pm to discuss and employee issue. Carried by roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Roth, second by Yates to move to open Council session at 8:11 pm. Carried by roll call vote 5-0.

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Discussed Fire Budget/millage and future purchase of equipment for the Fire Department.

Motion approved to adjourn at 8:23. Carried 5-0.

Village Clerk  
Gina L Gross