

**Village of Shepherd
Minutes of Meeting
September 18, 2017**

Regular meeting of the Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, September 18, 2017.
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Village President Michael DeGraw at the Village Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Koutz Jr, Maloney, Myers, Roth, Yates, DeGraw
Absent: Reynolds
Present: DPW – Davidson Attorney – Bill Shirley
 Police – Chief Sawyer Treasurer – Wilmot

Motion by Roth, second by Yates to approve minutes of meeting held on September 5, 2017.
Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by Yates, second by Myers to approve the Treasurer and Investment report for August 2017. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports:(Capital, DPW, Finance, Fire, Personnel, Police, Zoning, MacTV)
DPW: leaf vac preparation; lagoons clean-up work is continuing; pathway on Mission Rd hoping to be done by November; October 19th is last brush pick up date; leaf pick up starts October 20th or earlier depending on how the leaves are falling; sidewalks are completed but checking list and budget to possibly do a little more; need to follow up on Red Maple Lane storm drain concerns; burning of chip pile at lagoons is almost out – this is under an agricultural burn all done by code; have 4-5 more inches before discharge at lagoons and the duck weed needs tending too.

Zoning: all variance requests were approved: pergola at 415 N Chippewa; garage at 208 N Second and house/porch addition at 205 W Orchard.

Old Business:

MERS 457 Plan – President DeGraw discussed an option for the employees of the Village to sign up for the MERS 457 plan. No cost to the village. Motion by Maloney, second by Myers to approve the resolution for the MERS 457 Plan for Village employees and Council members. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

President DeGraw discussed property survey issue that has occurred at the lagoons. The charges were apparently dropped on the individual who pulled the survey stakes but this is being researched. The Village had to pay for an additional survey because of this. This will be researched further.

New Business:

Trunk or Treat street closure request – The Chamber would like to request having Wright Avenue closed from 5pm to 8pm the evening of Halloween, October 31st between Second and Third Streets for their Trunk or Treat Event. Motion by Roth, second by Yates to approve the street closure. Carried 6-0.

Trick or Treat hours – Motion by Roth, second by Myers to set the Trick or Treat Hours from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Halloween, October 31st. Carried 6-0.

The Chamber would like to request the approval from Council to allow their 2nd annual Christmas parade on Thursday, November 30th from the high school parking lot on Fourth Street to Wright Avenue up through town and stop at the Village Park for a night with Santa. The request is also for Wright Avenue to be closed from the east entrance of the Beacon & Bridge to mid-block between First and Second Streets from 5pm to 8pm while Santa makes his grand appearance. Motion by Roth, second by Koutz to approve the street closure on Wright Avenue between First and Second Streets on November 30th for the night with Santa event held by the Shepherd Chamber. Carried 6-0.

President DeGraw reminded everyone of the meeting with the attorney to discuss the fire millage on Monday, September 25th at 6pm at the Coe Township Hall.

Trustee Myers stated the softball fields are ready to winterize and closed for the season.

Motion by Roth, second by Yates to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$24,312.50. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion approved to adjourn at 7:40. Carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by
Gina L Gross
Village Clerk