

**Village of Shepherd
Minutes of Special Village Meeting
on Water Rate Study
January 31, 2022**

Special meeting of the Shepherd Village Council, for the purpose of Village residents and business owners, held on Monday, January 31, 2022 was called to order at 7:00 pm by Village President Mike DeGraw at the Coe Township Hall

Roll Call: Coughlin, M. Davidson, Maloney, Myers, Reynolds, Roth, DeGraw
Absent: None
Present: DPW – Steve Davidson Police – Officer Janofski
 Fleis & Vandebrink – Gary Bartow

President DeGraw started with the Pledge of Allegiance and then allowed Council to introduce themselves.

President DeGraw read through the power point presentation, which was also distributed in paper copy to the 9 guests.

Concerns from guests:

- *Funding
- *Will rates go back down if funding is provided in full for the total project
- *Can Council give a commitment on any refunds if full funding is obtained
- *When will grants be awarded
- *Will the new lines provide better quality water
- *Will this project be contracted out or done in house

DeGraw indicated that the Village is applying for funding.
For a 40-year loan, Coughlin stated it is hard to predict or commit to no rate changes.

Gary Bartow from Fleis & Vandenbrink discussed some of the grant funding and other possible applications for funding for this project.

DPW Superintendent Davidson discussed the process of the water flow. He again presented a sewer goose neck lead pipe that had been removed on a recent break and other material from previous replacements to show the damage that needs to be replaced throughout the old system.

Special Village meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Village Clerk
Gina L Gross