

**Village of Shepherd  
Minutes of Meeting  
February 21, 2022**

Regular meeting of the Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, February 21, 2022. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President DeGraw.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: Myers

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

Motion by Coughlin, second by M. Davidson to approve minutes of meeting held on February 7, 2022. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Maloney to approve the treasurer and investment report for January 2022 as presented. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

**Public Comment:** Jerry Jalozynski, 3666 S Shepherd Rd, working with County on the 800 radios, Sheriff and County Administrator have had meetings with other officials regarding towers in the area and it sounds optimistic, if funding is obtained for towers and radios for the Sheriff's Dept. that would free up their radios for neighboring communities; ARPA funds – Jerry is now on the committee for where these funds should be used; new jail may start construction in the fall of 2022; new administrator has been a breath of fresh air and doing good.

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

DPW: Trustee Roth stated they discussed budget items and the parks and recreation plan.

Festival: Trustee Maloney stated that events are being scheduled, new logo, Shepherd Rotary looking to host an event in July at the Salt River Park. Trustee Roth added that they are offering take out meals but no drive through.

Personnel: Trustee Reynolds stated that with all the changes with Covid it has been difficult to write a policy and suggested that the Village Council follow the Health Department guidelines for the time being.

Planning Commission: Trustee Coughlin indicated there will be a meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> for Highland Plastics requesting to extend a drive/parking area to make it easier for trucks on pick up and deliveries.

Zoning: Clerk Gross indicated that the Zoning Administrator contract has been forwarded for signing to Mr. Nieporte.

**Old Business:**

Purchase Requisitions: none

Park and Recreation Plan: renewal of the parks and recreation plan for the village was completed and posted in the paper with a 30-day notice for public comment. Motion by Maloney, second by Reynolds to approve the resolution approving the updated parks and recreation plan for the Village of Shepherd. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

DPW Trucks: discussion was held regarding keeping the older DPW truck (2012) and if having 3 trucks is feasible. The truck has been paid for, minimal annual cost to maintain, the use is there according to DPW Superintendent Davidson. Trustee Coughlin and President DeGraw do not feel it is a need. There are plows for 2 of the trucks, not one for the 3<sup>rd</sup> truck. DPW Supt. Davidson does understand that when one of the trucks becomes disabled, he may not get another truck at that time or possibly a single cab truck. Discussion was also held regarding police cars, which when new cars are purchase the old ones are sold out. DPW Committee recommends keeping the 2012 truck as a 3<sup>rd</sup> vehicle for the department. No action was taken to sell the truck.

Water Rate Increase Proposal: the proposed increase that was discussed at a Village meeting on Monday, January 31, 2022 was: quarterly \$60.00 for ¾ and 1" meters; \$90 for 1 ½ "meters; \$120.00 for 2"; \$180 for 3"; \$300 for 4"; \$600 for 6" effective March 1, 2022. And usage billing: \$2.25 per 1000 starting 03/1/22; \$2.50 per 1000 starting 03/01/23; \$2.75 per 1000 starting 03/01/24; \$3.00 per 1000 starting 03/01/25; \$3.25 per 1000 starting 03/01/26 with no minimum gallons used rate being applied.

Motion by Coughlin, second by Maloney to approve the proposed water rate increase as presented. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

**New Business:**

Knights of Columbus tootsie roll drive request: K of C would like to request to run their tootsie roll drive on April 8 and April 9 of 2022 at the intersections of Wright & Chippewa Streets and Wright & Second Streets. Liability insurance documents have been presented. Funds are applied to Special Olympics Area 7, Speech clinic at CMU and AIM – youth ministry. Motion by Roth, second by Reynolds to allow the Knights of Columbus to have their tootsie roll drive on April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup> of 2022 at the intersections of Wright & Chippewa and Wright & Second Streets. Carried 6-0.

Trustee Roth stated that he was contacted by Staci Bailey that the Farm to Table Committee would like to have their event again on August 4, 2022. Clerk Gross has sent the event form to

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Staci to have filled out and submitted with all the information to make the request to Council. DPW Supt. Davidson has also spoke with her on the event form as well.

Township Participating Plan sent a document if anyone is interested in running for a seat on the board. Please see Clerk Gross if interested.

DPW: Supt. Davidson discussed a conversation he has had with a village resident regarding the purple/blue streetlights (accent lighting) that bring awareness to crime areas and suicide awareness. Davidson has done research with Consumers Energy regarding these lights, and they are not doing these accent lights in Michigan. There have been some lights that "appear" blue or purple but those are in need of being replaced.

The streetlight at Fourth and Wright Avenue will be back in place in the next couple of weeks.

Chief Sawyer stated that festival is 52 days out! Have been working on street closures, parking, met with individuals about the drive through pancakes with no good option available. Shepherd Rotary's event will be like the Highland Festival with games and craft beer tasting on July 30, 2022 with an ending time of 5:00 pm being proposed at this time. More information to follow.

Motion by M. Davidson, second by Roth to approve invoices in the amount of \$15,781.00. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion approved to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Gina L Gross  
Village Clerk