

**Village of Shepherd
Minutes of Meeting
July 19, 2021**

Regular meeting of the Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, July 19, 2021. 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 Attorney – Bill Shirley
 Police – Chief Sawyer Treasurer – Wilmot

Motion by Reynolds, second by Coughlin to approve minutes of meeting held on July 6, 2021. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by Maloney, second by Reynolds to approve the treasurer and investment report for June 2021 as presented. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Public Comment: Jerry Jalozynski, 3666 S Shepherd, discussed the ARP \$ available for municipalities and filing deadline of July 27th; new jail location; Code Red is now Rave with less cost; 911 renewal on ballot; St. Vincent electronic sign for public information and taking donations

President DeGraw asked Commissioner Jalozynski about the 800 radios in the County regarding the cost and operation of them without extra towers. Needs to be reviewed.

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

Planning Commission: Trustee Coughlin discussed the Bed & Breakfast language that was presented by the Planning Commission and would like Council to review it for the next meeting.

Zoning: 8155 Federal Rd was approved for a pool and fence; 214 Cottage was approved for a fence. Mitchell's Deli owners will be applying soon for a new coffee shop in their building at 197 E Wright Ave.

Old Business:

Purchase Requisitions: None

ZBA Members/PC – no written resignation has been given from B. Reynolds, however there was a verbal and his term has expired. Attorney Shirley stated that we are good to move forward. Motion by Maloney, second by Coughlin to appoint Alice Johnson to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Questions arose about the R & R Venue and their completion. Trustee and PC Member Coughlin replied that the PC gave them until October 1st to complete their hard surface parking area, fence and landscaping.

New Business:

Combine property request/Red Maple Lane & Salt River Drive: property owners of the lots on the southeast corner of Chippewa Rd and Red Maple Lane would like to combine their 2 parcels into one for future construction of duplexes. Discussion and question were based on map provided showing 3 parcels, construction plans, placement of driveways, part of Bluejay Meadows Association? Need to be reviewed and table until next meeting.

Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund/Covid funds: Clerk Gross and DPW Supt. Davidson attended a meeting provided for by the County regarding these funds and it appears that the application will be less complicated than expected and Clerk Gross will complete it and submit by due date on July 27, 2021. The Village could receive approximately \$153,000 that can be used for water and sewer and a few other things, but the village will have until December 2026 to put good use to these funds.

Michigan Rural Water was postponed for this evening and is scheduled for August 16, 2021, at 6:00 pm. Clerk Gross and DPW Supt. Davidson will meet with the representative on Thursday, July 29th and Tuesday, August 3rd.

Miss Dig Process: DPW Supt. Davidson provided Council with a Miss Dig ticket that they send him that shows so many addresses that do not belong to the Village. Davidson is working with Village Attorney Shirley on a conclusion to this matter.

DPW Supt. Davidson provided a questionnaire for the Parks & Rec plan that he would like Council to renew to see if they would like to add anything or delete anything before it goes out to a survey.

DPW: new hydraulic unit received, and the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Railroad are interested in the old hydraulic unit for \$2000. Motion by Maloney, second by Reynolds to sell the old hydraulic unit to the Michigan Department of Transportation for the railroad in the amount of \$2000. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Walk bridge at Salt River Park is still pending with Egle permits as they are still not all back in the office.

Discussion held regarding property at the end of North Drive that has not been constructed and has piles of debris and property not being mowed. May need to send a letter of ordinance violations.

Council member Reynolds asked about bushes that cover sidewalks. ^{Supt.} Davidson replied that those need to be trimmed.

Chief Sawyer discussed the 800 radios and the expense and yes there needs to be more towers for the use of those radios. Text to 911 is now available in Isabella County. Smart911.com to sign up with your profile.

August 14th will be very busy in the Village with yard sales, Relay for Life event, big golf outing at the Maple Creek golf course.

August 26th is the Old 27 Car Tour that will be coming through the Village as in the past.

Condolences to the Reynolds family for the loss of their mother.

Motion by M. Davidson, second by Maloney to approve invoices in the amount of \$29,159.65. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion approved to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by:
Gina L Gross
Village Clerk