

**Village of Shepherd
Minutes of Meeting
August 17, 2020**

Regular meeting of the Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, August 17, 2020. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President DeGraw.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Coughlin, M. Davidson, Maloney, Reynolds, Roth (L), DeGraw
Absent: Myers
Present: DPW – Davidson Police – Sawyer
 Treasurer – Wilmot Attorney – Bill Shirley

Motion by Reynolds, second by M. Davidson to approve minutes as amended of meeting held on August 3, 2020. Carried by roll call vote 5-0.

Roth arrived.

Motion by Coughlin, second by Reynolds to approve the Treasurer and Investment Report for July 2020. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Public Comment: None

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

Zoning: 331 E Wright turned in a site plan but needs further information, still waiting to schedule Planning Commission based on that information needed.

Old Business:

Purchase Requisitions: None

Festival/Bridge: Sugar Bush Committee met regarding the bridge and property. The Sugar Bush and Festival agree to do the property split. The Village would like to ask a donation for the bridge repairs and the Sugar Bush may consider an amount or repair the bridge itself. The Village is still waiting on permits to fix the river walls for the placement/support of the bridge. The Sugar Bush is creating a list of those people that would like trees that they will plant in October or November.

Ordinances: Need to finalize changes of the ordinances. Motion by Coughlin, second by Reynolds to schedule an ordinance meeting for Monday, August 31st at 6:15 pm at the Village Office. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

108 W Cottage: property owner has sold the house and the new owner is having it torn down in the next couple of weeks.

Trustee Maloney stated that the Farmers Market went very well. Clerk Gross has ordered a banner for the future dates.

New Business:

305 E Wright/Property: Trustee Coughlin spoke with County Treasurer Pickens regarding the property at 305 E Wright Avenue. Property is going up for tax sale but will be offered to the State of Michigan first then the city. The Village would have to utilize the property as a park or recreation area.

Jerry Jalozynski requested to have the tootsie roll drive again with the Knights of Columbus on October 9th and 10th following all the past rules and provided a copy of their insurance. Motion by Roth, second by Reynolds to allow the Knights of Columbus to have their tootsie roll drive October 9th and 10th on Wright Avenue.

Discussion was held regarding MMR operations. Service has been great, and the only concern would be requesting lift assists and why they do not provide their own people.

MERS Conference will be on-line September 21st – 24th. More information to come or check out the MERS website.

Mid-Michigan Community College is proposing an annexation of the Gratiot-Isabella RESD region and ballot language has been approved to be placed on the ballot. Council would like a representative to come to a council meeting to discuss their proposal. Clerk Gross will contact MMCC to set up a time with them.

DPW Supt. Davidson updated council on the Wright Avenue project: curbs Monday, stamped concrete area will need replaced at the south east corner of Fourth and Wright do to having to replace water main to an 8 inch, had issues with discolored water in the area realizing the contractor was using the hydrant instead of utilizing the Shepherd Elevator, meters changed at a couple of residents, target date September 11th. Curbs should be done by Thursday and sidewalks going in the following week.

Continued work on North Drive and Lagoon property, waiting on parts.

Chief Sawyer stated that lawn reports are down and going well; house numbering letters have gone out with a 2nd letter being sent today for the remainder allowing 1 more chance; more chickens at 215 Dearing Drive that will be removed from the property per the owner; school traffic will change a little this year with students not allowed to enter the high school parking lot off of Fourth Street; the police vehicle being ordered should be ready by Festival 2021.

Motion by Maloney, second by Coughlin to approve invoices in the amount of \$34,451.05.
Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

DPW Supt. Davidson requested a closed session for employee personal reasons.
Motion by Roth, second by Reynolds to go into closed session at 7:55 pm. Carried by roll call
vote 6-0.

Motion by Roth, second by M. Davidson to return to open session at 8:20 pm. Carried by roll
call vote 6-0.

Motion by Roth, second by Coughlin to hire two (2) full time temporary employees for 35 hours
each week at \$15.00 an hour for each employee. Carried by roll call vote 6-0. This will be
placed on the Shepherd Facebook page.

Motion approved to adjourn at 8:23 pm. Carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by
Gina L Gross
Village Clerk