

VILLAGE OF SHEPHERD
Minutes of Meeting
August 2, 2021

Regular meeting of the Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, August 2, 2021. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p by President DeGraw.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Coughlin, M. Davidson, Maloney, Reynolds, DeGraw
Absent: Myers, Roth
Present: DPW - Davidson Police – Sawyer
 Attorney – Shirley

Motion by Coughlin, second by Reynolds to approve minutes as amended of the meeting held on July 19, 2021. Carried by roll call vote 5-0.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports: (Capital, DPW, Festival, Finance, Fire, Personnel, Police, PC/ZBA/Zoning)

Fire: President DeGraw reported there were questions and concerns from the firefighters and the Board held a meeting to hear those concerns individually. The Board asked the Assistant Chief, McClintic to step back down to a Captain's position, upon the request he submitted his resignation. The Chief, Mead was put on a 2-month probation, and he will report every 2 weeks in a meeting with a progress report to the Board. Asst. Chief was appointed to 2nd choice, Ben Bryant, as Brad Doepker declined. Craig Nelson was appointed to a lieutenant. Typically have 20 volunteers at station 1, and 10 at both station 2 and 3. Discussion on requirements of firefighting training and medical training and if volunteers could run one and not have to acquire both. Runs to date 386, last was 370 and the previous year was 375.

Planning Commission: Trustee Coughlin stated that there is a meeting August 10th for a site plan review for the Silver Spoon Coffee House, owned by Mitchell's.

Zoning: 311 N Second was approved for a ramp and shed in the rear of the home; 227 W Wright was approved for a fence; 311 N Fourth was approved for a roof over the rear deck; 410 N Fifth was approved for a fence.

Old Business:

Purchase Requisitions: None

Combination of property request: SWWS Shepherd LLC has requested to combine properties at the corner of Chippewa Street and Red Maple Lane. Matt Showalter, one of the owners was present and state that when the property was purchased, there were 3 parcels and when the assessor changed names it became 2 parcels. These properties are not part of Bluejay Meadows Association. Motion by Maloney, second by M. Davidson to approve the combining of parcels 31-016-00-100-04 and 31-016-00-100-07. Carried by roll call vote 5-0.

President DeGraw asked the status of the large property's that are not being mowed and 1 with dirt piles. Chief Sawyer and DPW Supt. Davidson will review.

New Business:

Need 1 PC and 1 ZBA Member: still seeking members, please share on Facebook when Clerk posts it and the Clerk will also add to the website. Please check with your neighbors, word of mouth is best.

Chief Sawyer posted about needing firefighters; update on Old 27 Car Tour – leader Craig Parrish has passed away, our condolences, but the tour is still on for August 26th; yard sales next week Aug. 12 – 14 and relay for life at the high school on Saturday. Chief and DNR checked out the buzzard issue on Cottage Street and there definitely is an issue. Looking into some options with DNR on trying to get them to move on.

Clerk Gross presented to Council from the Chamber an event they would like to have on Thursday, September 30th on Wright Avenue with dueling pianos, possible other light music and food. Will be asking for street closure for the 5pm – 9pm event but need some final information before the actual request.

Chamber will also be hosting a Bluejay Pride event, hoping that participants will decorate their businesses or flower boxes with the best Bluejay pride by September 30th for homecoming week. This will be voted on with a \$100 cash prize. Homecoming game is October 8th. More info to come!

Trustee Maloney stated the Farmers Market is this Saturday.

President DeGraw informed Council that the MERS Conference is in Grand Rapids this year on October 7th and 8th if anyone is interested in attending and to let the Clerk know.

President DeGraw shared with Council that he received a letter from Isabella County stating that Coe Township is pursuing action against WDS Trucking regarding a blight violation east of the north bound exit ramp on Blanchard Road.

Don't forget to vote tomorrow on the 911 services.

Motion by M. Davidson, second by Coughlin to approve invoices in the amount of \$5,144.56. Carried by roll call vote 5-0.

Motion approved to adjourn at 7:41 pm. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by
Gina Gross, Village Clerk