

**Village of Shepherd  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 16, 2021**

Work session with Michigan Rural Water was called to order at 6:00 pm by President DeGraw.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Absent: None

Present: DPW – Davidson

7:00 pm: Police – Chief Sawyer; Attorney – Bill Shirley; Treasurer – Wilmot

Regular meeting of the Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, August 16, 2021. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President DeGraw.

Motion by Coughlin, second by Maloney to approve minutes of meeting held on August 2, 2021. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Myers to approve the treasurer and investment report for July 2021 as presented. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

**Public Comment:** Jerry Jalozynski, 3666 Shepherd Rd, reported <sup>County</sup> City Administrator will be retiring end of December; Thanked everyone for the turnout at the election for the 911 surcharge and support; researching the financing for the 800-megahertz radios

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

Capital: Trustee Myers stated they met to continue reviewing several ordinances such as windmills, carports, solar panels, handicap ramps and researching with other counties. Will meet again on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

DPW: Trustee Roth stated the committee toured the lagoons; working on cattail removal

Personnel: Trustee Reynolds indicated that they will be working on evaluations soon.

Planning Commission: Trustee Coughlin reported that the PC approved the new coffee house, The Silver Spoon, at 175 E Wright Avenue.

**Old Business:**

Purchase Requisitions: None

ZBA Members/PC: Letter of interest was received from Sarah Bryant, resident at 144 E Cottage, for a vacant seat on the Shepherd Planning Commission. Motion by Maloney, second by Reynolds to appoint Sarah Bryant to the Shepherd Planning Commission. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Chamber street closure request: September 30<sup>th</sup> the Chamber would like to host a dueling pianos event for the community with food trucks on Wright Avenue between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, with Wright Avenue being closed from 2:00 pm until approximately 10:00 pm. Motion by Roth, second by Reynolds, to approve the street closure for the Chamber event on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> on Wright Avenue between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Carried 7-0.

President DeGraw informed Council that a letter was received from the attorney regarding the case with Wm. Fransted and that it is done. No further action was taken.

**New Business:**

Property of 525 W Wright Avenue: property has been for sale; realtor contacted the Village about donating this piece of property to the Village of Shepherd; the Village would accept it.

President DeGraw informed Council that the two parcels on Wright Avenue, owned by Grim Printing was "sold" to the Shepherd Sugar Bush.

Water rate study: work session set for Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Village Office.

DPW: working on sidewalks/lagoons/water tower clean out but need water tank; lagoons need cattail removal and cleaning up compost piles; first part of September will be doing storm drain clean out.

Request for closed session by DPW on employee issue: Motion by Reynolds, second by Roth to move to closed session at 7:43 pm. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Roth, second by Myers to move back into open session at 8:03 pm. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by M. Davidson, second by Coughlin to approve invoices in the amount of \$32,160.46. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion approved to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Gina L Gross  
Village Clerk