

VILLAGE OF SHEPHERD
Minutes of Meeting
October 4, 2021

Regular meeting of the Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, October 4, 2021. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p by President DeGraw.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Coughlin, M. Davidson, Maloney, Myers, Reynolds, Roth, DeGraw
Absent: none
Present: DPW - Davidson Police – Sawyer
 Attorney – Shirley

Motion by Coughlin, second by Roth to approve minutes as amended of the meeting held on September 20, 2021. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Public Comment: Merlene Koutz, 280 E Orchard, asked what the village can do about getting rid of turkey buzzards on Cottage Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets.

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

Capital Projects: Trustee Myers stated they held a meeting earlier this evening and therefore presented proposed information for shipping containers, carports, handicap ramps and miscellaneous structures while they continue to work on solar windmills

Fire: discussed budget; firefighters contract discussion on wages/salaries; firefighters having both medical and fire or just one to allow for more candidates to be on the department; ProComm presented the 800 radios; discussion of 2% grant funding for radios, also discussed towers being an issue too.

Zoning: replacement fence approved at 416 N Fifth street; amendment to add shed at 175 E Wright

Old Business:

Purchase Requisitions: None

R & R Venue status: Trustee Coughlin discussed the response of the parking lot and fence by the owners from the email that was asked to be sent out and there is no indication of the landscaping that is being required by the Site Plan approval. Council asked that a letter/email be sent out to the owners stating they have until October 31, 2021, to complete the paving, fence and landscaping or the business may have to cease.

Trustee Roth stated the dueling pianos went over very well and thanks to the Chamber!

New Business:

COVID – Personnel to look into plan for village employees

President DeGraw asked about 3 DPW trucks and wants a breakdown/justification of use.

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Per request by employee: Motion by Roth, second by Reynolds to move to close session at 7:43 to discuss employee issue. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Coughlin, second by Roth to return to open session at 7:49. Roll call 7-0.

Motion by Roth, second by Reynolds to approve 6 months unpaid leave for employee T. Krafft, effective 9.20.21 for 26 weeks. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Chief Sawyer discussed radios have bad signals currently and talked about additional towers possibly at CMU. Costs for towers are expensive; homecoming parade at 5:00 pm on Friday; harvest festival parade is on Sunday, October 17th; there will be 120 teams for cross country this Saturday.

DPW Davidson stated he and Chief Sawyer have reviewed the events application and presented to council for review; working on pedestrian bridge and cost projections; would like to apply for 2% grant funding or possibly seeking guidelines for the ARPA funding. (Covid relief); would like to hire a 3rd seasonal employee for the DPW. Motion by Roth, second by Maloney to approve the hiring of a seasonal employee for 35 hrs/week at \$15.00/hr, upon passing physical running through December 31, 2021. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.; porta tank for water tower work is here and working, if all goes right, should have water tower back up and running by Sunday.

Motion by M. Davidson, second by Reynolds to approve invoices in the amount of \$33,177.51. Carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion approved to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by
Gina Gross, Village Clerk