

**Village of Shepherd
Minutes of Meeting
March 15, 2021**

Regular meeting of the Shepherd Village Council held on Monday, March 15, 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 Police – Sawyer
 Treasurer – Wilmot Attorney – Bill Shirley

Motion by Coughlin, second by Reynolds to approve minutes of meeting held on March 1, 2021. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

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

Public Hearing: Ordinance codification

Motion by M. Davidson, second by Roth to open the public hearing for public comment regarding the codification of the village ordinances as a whole at 7:03 pm. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

No public comment

Motion by Coughlin, second by Reynolds to close the public hearing at 7:05 pm. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by M. Davidson, second by Maloney to adopt the codification of ordinances as reviewed and presented as a whole to be effective after publication. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Public Comment: None

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

DPW: various daily spring duties; sanitary sewer inspection by new district engineer; tower survey; meter at soccer field has back flow preventor issue and needs replaced; seasonal help to begin in April

Festival: will be requesting street closures for events; several activities to still be held except for the normal arts & crafts at the school and the carnival; discussion flag football program

Planning Commission and ZBA are scheduled to meet with Tim Nieporte, Zoning Administrator, March 30 and 31 for their annual review.

Zoning: 324 N Fourth was approved for an enclosed porch

Old Business:

Purchase Requisitions: None

Sewer lift station proposed project: waiting on information from Consumers and easement review. Table until next meeting.

New Business:

Artisan Row Event/Splash Park – account has been established at Isabella Community Credit Union under the Village of Shepherd with the Treasurer and Clerk on the account.

Discussion regarding residential windmills and zoning requirements. Zoning Administrator stated there would be a height requirement. Capital Projects Committee will review and draft a new ordinance for review for future.

Trustee Roth addressed a couple of complaints:

Political signs that are still out should be removed, however, manmade signs that do not indicate the election are not subject to this matter.

Burnt out truck on Orchard needs to be removed, this has been addressed to the owner.

Trustee Coughlin asked about the open ditch for a resident on Red Maple Lane and if the intent was to fill it in again. It was determined that the ditch is to hold any water run off to help drain the road and it will not be filled with soil. (*mosquito control*)

Resolution for Leasing 2: Motion by Roth, second by Reynolds to approve the lease with Leasing 2, signed by Clerk Gross and DPW Superintendent Stephen Davidson, to finance the purchase of two trucks in the amount of \$205960. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Chief Sawyer has spoke with the Festival parade chair briefly prior to a power outage and has also spoke with the coordinator for the 5k run; new police vehicle is in the quality control phase; Thank You to Steve and the DPW Crew for getting the new radar sign cleaned up and placed, the new name is "Walter"; another defense class is being organized.

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Motion by M. Davidson, second by Coughlin to approve invoices in the amount of \$39,493.79.
Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Request for closed session for employee personnel issue

Motion by Roth, second by Coughlin to go into closed session at 7:52 pm to discuss employee personnel issue. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion by Roth, second by Coughlin to resume open session at 7:58 pm. Carried by roll call vote 6-0.

Motion approved to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by
Gina L Gross, Village Clerk