

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

November 6

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**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

November 6, 2023

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeremy Schroeder at 6:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and presentation of the agenda. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Dave DeWitt, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, Mr. Rick Easterwood. Ms. Jessica Susor arrived at 6:01PM. *A motion to approve October 16, 2023 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. DeWitt, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

The 2024 Appropriation Ordinance received a second reading.

Mayor provided an update regarding the culvert project/driveway; the homeowner opted to have the driveway paved, Rutter and Dudley will be doing the driveway work and the Village is responsible for 50' at \$3,420 and the homeowner will be responsible for any additional work they request. The project should be complete within the week.

Reports

Attendance: Stephanie Monts (Fiscal Officer), Harold Boggs (Village Administrator), Ken Taylor (Code Enforcement/Zoning Inspector)

Mayor: A deputy from the WCSO was in attendance and the Mayor asked about what kind of interaction the Sheriff's Office has with the Dog Warden, anything that belongs in the animal domain is addressed. The concern for barking dogs was discussed, and barking would be a noise complaint to WCSO who will then talk to the dog owner and if the owner cannot get the barking under control it will get turned into the Dog Warden.

Mayor shared that a neighbor of 13505 Main Street (the abandoned house) was concerned about trash accumulating and then leaving and was worried someone was possibly squatting. There are apparent safety hazards at the property with broken windows and open doors. *Mr. Easterwood made a motion to declare 13505 Main Street a nuisance, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.* This will be forwarded to Paul Skaff to begin nuisance proceedings. It was also requested to ask Paul Skaff if the Village would be legally allowed to board up the safety hazards. Mayor also shared that there was a brutal discussion on Facebook regarding cats. A communication needs put together regarding what the Village is trying to accomplish with the cat ordinance and highlight the efforts. It was pointed out that the cat issue will never go away, and the point of the ordinance is to control the future population. Brittny Klockowski shared that about 10 cats have been TNR-ed and that she has reported a cruelty case on a Main Street resident, due to refusing to participate in the TNR program and considering the large population of outdoor cats in the area pets.

Fiscal Officer: Stephanie presented a Hometown Heroes Banner program to council which would like to be announced on Veterans Day. The ideal option is to collect the money from families or sponsors and purchase uniform banners from Display Sales. Council agreed to purchase the brackets and only charge for the banners. The banners would be displayed from Memorial Day to Veteran's Day on Taylor Street and Center Street. The estimated cost of banner & brackets with shipping is about \$180, more discussion is needed on the cost. In order to announce the program on Veterans Day it will be announced to gauge interest and sponsors and then details including cost will be provided in January.

Administrator/Maintenance: NWWSD will be handling all bills related to the Taylor St storm sewer issues. Fiscal Officer pointed out that some of the bills haven't been paid and got a statement with a past due status. Council was in agreement to just pay the outstanding bills and bill NWWSD, Harold will follow up with Simon (NWWSD). Harold shared there is a catch basin at the corner of Ohio & Ash Street that may need attention.

Code Enforcement/Zoning: Received a call in response to a notice regarding broken fence, junk vehicles, and weeds - has a plan for fixing the property and as of the meeting everything has been addressed. Received a call from a property owner regarding a dead tree that is on an adjacent property, and is concerned that it will fall and damage his home. Ken informed the individual it is a property owner issue and the Village would not get involved, he requested the Village encourage that the neighbor cut the tree down as it is dead. Received an email from a Maple St resident regarding an inoperable vehicle notice, they have moved the vehicle to the rear yard. Signed a fence permit on Main Street. The following issues will have letters going out: organ in boulevard on Oak Street, fence violation on Maple Street, fence and shed violation on Maple Street, camper in front yard on Washington Street, inoperable vehicle on Russ Street and Taylor Street, garage notice on Taylor Street, tarped shed and trash on Main Street. Ken and council discussed the issue of 20524 Russ Street and the lack of communication and updates from the health department.

Committee Reports

Community Development & Public Affairs: Committee reviewed regulations for maintaining weeds, grass, trees, etc. Discussed dealing with danger trees as well as defining natural landscapes. Committee was made aware of public feedback regarding Rumpke trash service, the idea was put forth having one refuse service provider instead of multiple companies on different dates, this could potentially procure a better price for residents. Mayor had a conversation with Kevin O'Shea and expressed the desire to see more students involved in community projects. Committee was made aware of a resident that was caught between two large cat colonies, one neighbor is cooperating with the TNR program while the other is not, the committee offered some guidance as to options the resident has in dealing with the situation.

Public Works: Talked about new LED lights for Village property. Harold will need to get a price for new lights and get with Toledo Edison on those lights that have not yet been changed. New lights are needed in the areas of Beech, Orange and Poplar Street. Storm water project on Taylor Street needs NWWSD attention. Working on getting an overlay file for needs of the committee including water, sewer, and paving. Paving of Main Street in 2024 from Cherry Street out, not to exceed \$75,000, was discussed. Will possibly pave the rest to the corp limits at a later date. Harold will need to get an updated estimate at the beginning of the year to get it on schedule for this project. Discussed chip seal on the second half of Silver Street. Need a policy for parking in Village lots for residents only.

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Ball Program Special Committee: Discussed different ways to fully utilize the volunteers for upcoming programs. Including, allowing the 5 board member team to operate with an additional committee structure. The board members can meet quarterly to discuss, decide, and vote on strategic direction, future needs, budgets, etc. Discussed the potential of paying the board members. Based on the past ball commissioner's rate divided by 5 members, each member would receive \$40-\$50/month, and need to research best options going forward in regards to paying board members as contractors or employees due to the involvement of OPERS. Would like to create binders for the board members with foundational information and structure while still leaving room for creativity and expansion by the board and respective committees. Discussed upcoming parent-stakeholder meeting with a potential date of November 14th at 7:30PM for parents and board members arriving 30 minutes early. Would like to provide light refreshments, pre-registration youth signups, and additional volunteer or committee sign ups based on interests for the adults attending. Plan to use Reach Alert, Facebook, signs and flyers paired with lists of past participants, coaches, and umpires to spread the word. Would also like the ability to swear in the 5 board members at the parent-stakeholder meeting to be able to move forward with the necessary tasks of recruiting and signing up participants by the established league deadlines.

The meeting has been scheduled at the Fire Station meeting room on November 28th at 7PM, with the council committee meeting at 6:30PM.

Safety: 302 runs for the year. 915 is getting new brakes. New billing service is working well. 5-6 Weston people will be taking the EMT class, overall class size could be 12. Cost is \$1,725/person with a start date of November 27th.

Rec Board: Alex De La Cruz was sworn in as a new member of Rec Board. Samantha presented tiny task force "subcommittee" recommendations; when a task is being requested it still needs to be approved by the board. Samantha shared Christmas event plans which were unanimously approved. There will be a Grinch Scavenger Hunt and the winner will light the town trees on December 2nd at the Village Hall. Tree Lighting will have cocoa and music for caroling from 5-7PM. The Christmas Party will have Santa, photo ops, cookie bake-off, and ugly sweater contest on December 16th at Sonlight from 2-5PM. Stephanie shared she will be doing a park visit to note any maintenance requests. Stephanie shared future programs she will be presenting in more detail at upcoming meetings including a Soup & Recipe Swap January 20th, Game Night March 2nd, and Earth Day April 21st. Board continued brainstorming the need for a community building.

Cemetery: Foundations are in and the mausoleum project is complete. Mark Sheffer has resigned and resignation accepted effective 10/31/2023. Tom Patton has agreed to return and fill in as interim sexton until the position is filled. The sexton position will be posted after the new year with the seasonal mower positions. Still taking quotes for tree removal.

Upcoming Meetings: Rec Board 11/8 at 6:30PM, Administrative Process 11/13 at 5:30PM, Community Development & Public Affairs 11/16 at 5PM

New Business

Ordinance amending certain sections of the Village of Weston income tax ordinance, incorporating changes into the Village income tax ordinance, received a first reading. Ohio House Bill 33, the state's biennium budget bill, made several changes to Ohio municipal income tax that need to be adopted by municipalities as amendments to their existing tax ordinances. The amendment drafted by Paul Skaff has been reviewed by RITA's legal department.

Resolution 2023-13 received an emergency reading; authorizing the Mayor to enter into a master agreement to provide electric generation supply and related services within the Village of Weston. Jay Sell with Aspen Energy was in attendance virtually and recommended the 12 month term at \$0.06875/kWh versus the 19 month term previously presented. Mr. Sell indicated that prices will get better with a longer term over the next year. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2023-13 was made by Mr. DeWitt, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Ms. Susor, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. DeWitt, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Resolution 2023-13 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.*

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$36,388.74, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. DeWitt; Approved unanimously.

Citizens & Visitors

Shirley Moore, Brittney Klockowski, WCSO Deputy, Jay Sell (Aspen Energy) - Virtual

Shirley Moore was in attendance to express a complaint regarding her Broadway Street neighbor killing grass with roundup on her property, and the bushes getting wider encroaching onto her property. Mayor said he will help Shirley talk with the neighbor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM.


Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor


Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk