Held December 5 20 22

The Village of Weston **December 5, 2022**
Council Meeting Minutes

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: Mrs. Ashley Patel, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Dave Dewitt, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to approve November 21, 2022 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business
Ordinance 2022-28, 2023 Appropriation Ordinance, received a final reading. *A motion for passage of Ordinance 2022-28 was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2022-29, establishing a donation policy, received a final reading. *A motion for passage of Ordinance 2022-29 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Reports
Attendance: Stephanie Monts (Fiscal Officer), Ken Taylor (Zoning Inspector), Harold Boggs (Administrator)

Fiscal Officer: Need clarification on if the previously approved TNR is being submitted for the SNG grant or if it is being tabled and plan to submit the grant for something else. Some ideas were shared, but the Mayor requested the Economic & Community Development review the feral cat ordinance and decide on a grant item at the upcoming Economic & Community Development meeting. Completed UAN year end training today, ready to move forward with closing out the year, and a reminder that all spending is cut off on December 15th. Christmas Tree Lighting is December 10th from 5-7PM. Employee Holiday Potluck is December 17th at 6PM. Two Otsego JH leadership class groups have requested to present their project to council which involves a community problem, one will be attending December 19th, the other January 3rd. They have requested using our technology, so virtual meeting access will not be available for those two meetings.

Administrator: Have been preparing the downtown to get ready for the Christmas Tree lighting.

Zoning Inspector: No permits issued since the previous report. Received a call from an individual interested in purchasing the Grace Luthern church buildings and properties, interested in using the property for commercial use with a possible event hall and educational facility. Responded that the property is zoned R-1 and sent the possible uses per code. Wrote a letter to the owner of 13250 Maple Street regarding trash. Wrote a letter to an owner on Brooke Lane regarding a tarp shed with no permit. Repeat nuisance violations include: 20350 Oak Street pickup with 3 flat tires and Jayco camper no plates and flat tire, 13316 Main Street boat/trailer no plates and blue Dodge van with expired plates, 13496 Center Street junk and weeds in rear yard, 20703 Main Street black Saab with invalid plates, 20295 Oak Street two inoperable vehicles in rear yard. No action taken from council. 20770 Sycamore Street, apparent enclosing front porch, unsure if maybe it is temporarily for winter, will keep eye. Silver Street still has weeds not removed as well as buried debris. Lawndale junk pile has had no progress on getting it cleaned up.

Mr. Easterwood brought up the concern for a tree leaning on a garage, Toledo Edison topped off but it is still leaning. It was then discussed that the code does not address trees/limbs, unless they are overhanging the sidewalk. Mr. Myerholtz inquired about the fence on Oak/Sumner being too close to Oak Street, Ken shared there is a permit to replace the panels. Ken added that the fence ordinance needs to be updated to require upkeep of fences. Also shared was the height of the grass by Dollar General and metal trash at the Oak Street wooded property by Dollar General.

Committee Reports
Finance: Most of the meeting consisted of sharing feedback from the Township meeting in regards to the EMS rental contract. Requesting council to decide how to move forward, the recommendation was to continue discussion in the Safety committee. Reviewed furnace replacement quotes for the maintenance building, recommendation is to go with Kendall Plumbing & Heating due to providing the better deal with the warranty. EMS cot donation will need a resolution and just waiting on EMS to put a value on the cots. RITA mailed out 411 non-filer letters, and discussed landlord reporting that is required as part of the RITA rules and regulations. Public posting location ordinance is outdated and will need to be updated after some correspondence with Paul Skaff. Post Office also informed us that we/residents are no longer allowed to post on the bulletin boards in the hallway, Paul Skaff is going to look into this further, but the lease agreement does not allow us to post anything externally and assumes this would also apply to internal, he plans to reach out to the lease contact. The 2023 calendar is being put together and a few federal holidays conflict with council meetings so January 2nd council meeting will be moved to Tuesday, January 3rd due to New Year's Day being observed on the 2nd, Juneteenth (June 19) council meeting will be moved to Tuesday June 20th, and due to the 4th of July holiday the July 3rd council will be planned for Wednesday, July 5th but will more than likely be canceled completely. Mayor requested to move EMS quarterly pay earlier in December due to a complaint.

Mr. Easterwood made a motion for EMS 4th quarter payment to be posted December 22, 2022,

seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously. This will be reviewed yearly in December to make sure that early payment of the 4th quarter check falls in line with the regular bi-weekly direct deposit dates.

Cemetery: Reviewed records retention schedule and 2023 budget.

Upcoming Meetings: Public Works 12/7 at 6PM, Economic & Community Development 12/13 at 5PM, Rec Board 12/14 at 6:30PM and No Finance, Safety or Personnel & Policies meeting in December

New Business

Resolution 2022-11 received an emergency reading; contract to furnish emergency management between Wood County and Village of Weston. *Mr. Warner made a motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2022-11, seconded by Mr. Babcock. Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mr. Easterwood, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Warner, Mr. Babcock, Mrs. Patel. A motion for passage of Resolution 2022-11 was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Resolution 2022-12 received an emergency reading; to authorize the Mayor to sign a construction agreement. *Mrs. Patel made a motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2022-12, seconded by Mr. Babcock. Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mr. Easterwood, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Warner, Mr. Babcock, Mrs. Patel. A motion for passage of Resolution 2022-12 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.*

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling $41,847.49, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

Membership dues for TMACOG and OML were reviewed. *Mr. Myerholtz made a motion to continue membership with TMACOG, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.*

Miscellaneous Business

The Grace Luthern church and building is up for auction. Mayor, Stephanie and Ashley checked it out during the open house. Mayor asked council for feedback on if there is interest in purchasing the property, which would make a good community building. There was concern shared for the ADA accessibility and cost. Mr. Myerholtz added that it would be better to spend the money on a new building/addition while keeping the Village hall in the current location. No action was taken.

Citizens & Visitors

Shirley Moore, Tracey Hazelbaker

Shirley Moore was in attendance to get a status update on drainage of her driveway. This will be addressed in the spring. Mr. Easterwood added that we will not be putting a catch basin in specifically for the driveway issue, but can potentially put one nearby to address overall drainage in the area. Mayor asked Shirley to send photos to put on record.

Tracey Hazelbaker was in attendance regarding the Trap, Neuter, Return program, and wants to help conquer the problem with feral cats. She shared that Wood County Humane Society has done away with the TNR transport to Humane Ohio. Tracey also shared the Pay to Spay program through Humane Ohio, Clerk shared that this program could potentially address legal counsel's concern with the current draft ordinance and the "animal control officer". Mayor added that the location of Humane Ohio is not convenient to the residents and that Midway Animal Hospital is willing to work with the Village. Tracey added that the Pay to Spay program would not have residents trapping and driving to Humane Ohio one of the employees would come to a specified location in the Village at $13.50/hour + mileage and do a large drop catch. Tracey recommended establishing a colony caretaker and increased community education. Mayor invited Tracey to the Economic & Community Development committee meeting on December 13th at 5PM to discuss the issue more.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk