

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2021**

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jeremy Schroeder at 6:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of the present council members was then taken: Mrs. Ashley Patel, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Dave Dewitt, Mr. Shad Kendall, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. Stephanie noted a typo in the September 7th minutes, Rick Easterwood was not included in the roll call, but was in attendance. *Mr. Babcock made a motion to add Mr. Rick Easterwood to the roll call in the September 7th minutes, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve the September 20, 2021 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.*

Reports

Mayor: Read the 2020 census proclamation from Ohio Secretary of State, Frank LaRose; population is 1455.

Administrator/Maintenance: Mayor reported the stop sign at Oak/Silver has been fixed. Council had no objections to Gary using Tom for assistance. Mrs. Steele's property (Maple/Locust) has been taken care of due to a sink-in from the water district and gas company work. Reviewed trimming trees on 235 and realized the only way to do this is from SR 235. The replacement sign for the 235 sign will be hung and the electrical checked.

Zoning Inspector: Six letters are going out this week. There was a fence location issue on Center Street, which has been ongoing. The fence does have a permit and may or may not be on the property line, a survey needs done because the village does not get involved in civil matters. Checked out the Mr. Junk property and it is slowly being cleaned up, a letter will probably have to go to the owner.

Committee Reports

Safety: Nobody showed up to the meeting. Mr. Easterwood said Kathy has a request to allow NW190 to use 914 for the applebutter fest, there were no objections from council and NW190 will be providing a liability certificate.

Upcoming Meetings: Streets 10/5 at 6PM, Business 10/6 at 6PM, Cemetery 10/7 at 6PM, Finance 10/11 at 6PM (Finance regular meeting times have been moved to 6PM), Rec Board 10/13 at 6:30PM

New Business

Ordinance 2021-7, approving health insurance for Village employees received an emergency reading. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2021-7 was made by Mr. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood.* New employees will have a waiting period of 30 days, and new eligible employees will become effective on the day following completion of their waiting period. Due to the timing of our group's approval, the initial premium may have a double debit, the current premium amount will be \$698.39/month. *A motion for passage of Ordinance 2021-7, along with the first premium amount not to exceed \$1,400 and new employee waiting period guidelines, was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Dewitt; Approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2021-8, approving temporary consultant and approving contract has been pushed to the next meeting as Cheryl has not signed the contract. Mayor noted that she does plan on signing it.

Ordinance 2021-9, combining the positions of fiscal officer and clerk, establishing compensation (Stephanie Monts) received an emergency reading. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2021-9 was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2021-9 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously. Mr. Myerholtz made a motion to add the new fiscal officer, Stephanie Monts, to the bank account and UAN system, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Resolution 2021-7, accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor, received an emergency reading. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2021-7 was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Resolution 2021-7 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.*

Council has reviewed USPS draft of the lease renewal proposal, *a motion to proceed with proposal as written was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing for September 21 - October 4 totalling \$52,951.64. A motion to approve bills paid was made by Mr. Dewitt, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Myerholtz shared that he has been doing some research on contracting a professional grant writer out of Columbus. Council had no objections to Mr. Myerholtz contacting a few firms and getting rates.

Mrs. Patel had asked if the baseball program can be its own entity as most every other town ball is their own entity. Mayor shared that there needs to be people to step up and support it. Mr. Myerholtz asked if it was even legal for the Village to run the ball program, Paul Skaff said it is legal. Paul Skaff also confirmed that Citizens for Sports was cancelled in 2008. Mrs. Patel wants to know what it takes to have the ball program become its own entity. Mrs. Patel plans to suggest to the Rec board to have quick meetings with council committee where they present their needs 15 minutes before their regular meeting time and then they can go into their own meeting.

Citizens & Visitors

Shirley Moore, Craig Warner, Keith Leady, Paul Skaff (Village Legal Counsel)

A deputy from the Wood County Sheriff's Office was in attendance and Shirley Moore shared concern for kids running wild on bikes and is afraid one of them will get hit. Mayor encourages the deputies to talk to kids they see being unsafe.

Shirley Moore shared that there are trees down Locust Street near 20325 Clark Street that are taking over both sides and a tree putting out a lot of needles and is a menace. Mayor shared that it can be looked at and that the scope of work for tree trimming was trees that hang over the road.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk