

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held July 17

2023

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

July 17, 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: Ms. Jessica Susor, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Dave DeWitt, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to approve July 3, 2023 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. DeWitt, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Council had nearly an hour long discussion on the Parks & Rec board including a document for the purpose and duties of the Parks & Recreation Board. Concerns were expressed for the council representative having voting powers and if non-residents should be allowed to join. The document will need to be updated to reflect the council representative does not have voting powers and is just a council liaison to the board. The document also needed to be updated to allow at least 1 non-resident. The updated version of the document will be provided at the next council meeting. Mr. Easterwood and Mr. Myerholtz pointed out that council has never given a no vote to Parks & Rec or the Ball program, and council expressed frustration/disappointment in hearing that they did not support or provide support to Parks & Rec. Mr. Myerholtz also expressed that the council liaison should be changed so that it is not the same person year after year because a new liaison would have a fresh look and ideas.

Mr. DeWitt made a motion to separate the ball program from the Parks & Rec board, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.

Stephanie Monts, Lynn Keith, Brittney Klockowski, Samantha Gerschutz were sworn into the Parks & Rec Board by the Mayor.

Reports

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

Mayor: Shared details of the TNR fundraiser event from 6-9PM at Porky's on August 1st.

Fiscal Officer: No updates to report.

Administrator: The culvert project should be complete this week. Plan to begin crack sealing within the next week.

Code Enforcement/Zoning: Ken had to leave before his report. Clerk noted that Ken had an additional note to report regarding a municipal regulation of addresses to be posted on buildings, 18 residents have addresses on mailboxes only and 13 residents have no address at all.

Committee Reports

Cemetery: Discussed potentially using Gary Betz as a part time mower in addition to the current sexton and part-time mower and other options. Options include a levy to increase funds to pay increased help, hiring an additional part-time worker, utilizing village workers temporarily, combining the part-time sexton and part-time mower positions. Sexton plans to resign August 31st. Board will talk to applicants and call a special meeting to hire an additional worker. Roof is on the port-a-pot and ready for service. 4 burials in the last month and Palmer digging is going well. Working on a reimbursement for mulch on the petunia garden from Modern Woodmen. Talking to metal fabricators to fix the metal entrance gate. Robin is in the process of contacting the historical society about a future lantern tour, and needs to compile a list of historical people as potentials for the tour. Diane Hillier was voted as board chairperson. Reviewed estimate from Palmer for the mausoleum. The August meeting has been moved to August 10th. Discussed potential projects to use for the state grant such as stone step replacement. Jodie will contact Palmers for an estimate to use toward the grant application which has a deadline of July 31st. Cemetery Board also had a special meeting on July 13th, and the board voted to hire Jason Fox for additional part-time mowing help.

Mr. Easterwood had asked about the rumor of the sexton resignation, he was informed the date has been extended and dependent on how the mowing comes along.

Administrative Process: Village Hall roof repair quote is \$7K+, repairs were made earlier in the year, recommendation is to wait on this and build into the 2024 budget. Recapped presentation by Kleinfelder at the Public Works committee and discussed cost. Committee plans to review sidewalk policy/criteria and set a budget in 2024 for a possible sidewalk program. Requested Harold to obtain a quote for a sidewalk on Taylor Street from Main St to Merrill Park. Reviewed a draft IT policy and rec board duties. Harold has been working on the 235 sign to make it available for advertising and discussed the advertising plan. Committee is recommending to proceed with the mulch project that is quoted from Renewed Outdoors for \$7,852.50 which covers all the parks to a safe level, and this will be paid for out of Capital Outlay.

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Mr. Easterwood had a few questions regarding the side of the road for the sidewalk and code in relation to the railroad crossing.

Upcoming Meetings: Community Development & Public Affairs 7/20 at 5PM, Special Meeting-Public Hearing 7/24 at 6PM, Public Works 7/25 at 6PM, Safety 7/27 at 5:30PM, Cemetery 8/10 at 6PM

New Business

A draft of municipal regulations for keeping of sheds/buildings and fences is not complete and will be worked on in the Community Development & Public Affairs committee.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$25,510.42, and a mulch quote from Renewed Outdoors for \$7,852.50, with a motion to approve made by Mr. DeWitt, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.

Citizens & Visitors

Brittney Klockowski, Samantha Gerschutz, Lynn Keith, Lee Higley, Shirley Moore

Brittney Klockowski has been working on researching information on plastic roadways. PENNDot has a pilot program. She is also researching historical spots in Weston and is coming up with a theory why there is a tree in the Weston Village logo.

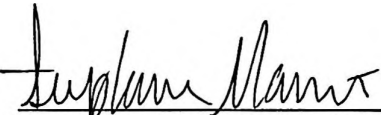
Shirley Moore asked what is going to be done about her driveway flooding issue. She was told that it is a complicated issue and is being discussed. Mr. DeWitt said he will put a map together for the next Public Works meeting. Cost is a big concern in the discussion. Shirley also asked if the Walnut tree near her property is coming down, she was informed the Village does not take down trees in the right-of-way unless they are dying or dangerous.

Lee Higley expressed his frustrations with being inconvenienced due to the culvert project. He shared multiple concerns including the property marker, mowing, kids walking through the culvert, snow plows pushing snow into the driveway, the driveway/sidewalk, flagpole wire, utility project cleanup, and mailbox. Council requested that Mr. Higley put a list together with all the issues that can be given to the contractor/engineer multiple times while he spoke.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.



Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor



Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk