

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held December 18

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**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

December 18, 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, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. A motion to excuse Ms. Jessica Susor was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve December 4, 2023 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. DeWitt; Approved unanimously.

Old Business

A motion to approve the PEP Insurance Renewal, and pay the premium of \$14,042.59, was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Mr. Myerholtz and Mr. Easterwood attended a meeting on the CAD Agreement and provided an update. The cost factor was confirmed, the county commissioners are paying the \$941/year for each entity in the county for 5 years. There will still be standard dispatch, and will continue with this program. It could take up to 10 years to get the program fully automated. There is an option to opt out. The previous contract needs rescinded because a new contract will be coming due to the other solicitors pointing out the open-endedness after the 5th year. The only current cost would be the VPN service, EMS already has iPads and cellular service.

Reports

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

Mayor: The Holiday Hoopla was a success. Thanked Mr. DeWitt for serving the community, and expressed appreciation for everyone's effort and work that has been in the committees. Any thoughts about committees or agenda items for the committees should be shared, working on putting the committee list together for 2024.

Fiscal Officer: No report at this time.

Administrator/Maintenance: Spiderweb playground barriers have been repaired.

Code Enforcement/Zoning: No permit issued since the previous report. Received a question regarding keeping bees on private property, forwarded the question to Paul, there is nothing in the code to prohibit it, but would be wise for the property owner to speak with immediate neighbors in the event that there are allergies, the Village would not be responsible. Received a complaint of vehicles parking in the right-of-way and potentially dragging mud on the Village streets, with the passing of Ordinance 2023-8, it did not address tracking mud into the roadway as the previous version did, this will need revisited. 20440 Walnut Street was bought at auction, since that time there has been a roll off dumpster in the side yard being continually filled and emptied, will keep an eye on the progress. Items that are in the process of receiving letters include: Main Street tarped sheds, Maple Street fence and shed, Main Street property has a truck chassis without doors or engine, Taylor Street detached garage with doors falling apart, Center Street - indoor furniture in front of house near right-of-way. Fence at the southwest corner of Maple/Oak has been taken down and hauled away. Outbuilding on Main Street in disrepair is being addressed by the property owner. Junk at Lawndale has been removed.

Mr. Easterwood pointed out the Broad Oak apartments property has a temporary shed and new gazebo. Ken shared that the temporary sheds look to be from the construction. The gazebo will need a zoning permit sent to the property owner.

Committee Reports

Cemetery: Have decided to allow Arbor Barber to trim two of the dangerous trees at a new decreased bid of \$1,200 after the new year if the quote will stand. Had two cremation burials for the month of November. Discussed potentially allowing Harold to assume the sexton position, discussion went well and the board is going to revisit the proposal in the coming meetings. Discussed a couple of foundations that need fixed in the spring. Discussed levy options for 2024-2025 in regard to replacement versus renewal.

Administrative Process: Waiting on cemetery to decide on addition of Administrator as Sexton in order to propose a proper salary for the Administrator. Stephanie followed up with NatureWorks and why we were not awarded the latest grant application; which was because we scored low in the point system when it came to public participation. Also did not receive the WCPD grant, Mr. Warner expressed he will reach out to a board member and ask why we weren't selected. Discussed moving the walking trail to the Community Development committee in order to move it along. Discussed final payroll payment for the year to EMS, which will go out with the bi-weekly deposit on 12/21. Will close out the Taylor Street culvert project. Discussed takeaways from BGSU survey with thoughts on downtown beautification project and the overall success of community involvement during the past year. Discussed ideas on increasing awareness and signups for Reach Alert.

Rec Board: Holiday Hoopla budget was increased \$200 for extra supplies needed that were used at the tree lighting. Unanimously voted to provide hot dogs/snacks at the Holiday Hoopla. Briefly discussed year end equipment needs. Minutes from the November 8 and December 4 meetings were approved. Kristyne Long was sworn into Rec Board and Shelby McClellan expressed interest once Brittney resigns due to being on council. Reviewed remaining tasks for Holiday Hoopla on December 16th. Santa will be handing out 100 goodie bags to children in attendance. A mailbox will be displayed for Santa letters. Cookie bakeoff contestants have been contacted, 5 chocolate chip entries and 5 frosted sugar cookie entries. Santa will be arriving on the fire truck

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around 2:40PM and all the details have been worked out with the Fire Chief. Game details were shared for grinch game, ups and downs game, and hungry hungry reindeer. Plan to begin setting up at 5PM at Sonlight Church on Friday. Ken Myers arrived around 7PM to be sworn into the WSIB due to not being able to attend the December 14th ball program meeting. Stephanie provided an update on the plannings of the Simmer & Swap, event information will be posted on December 20th. Will be utilizing the maintenance building from 3-5PM, with soup dropoff at 2PM. The budget for this event is \$250, if there is any funds remaining after supplies it was approved to purchase bread or crackers. Stephanie expressed worries for event attendance, and presented a backup plan to still hold the date but as a Parks & Rec meet and see what people would like to see from parks and rec. Board discussed purchasing some year end equipment and approved fitted table covers, canopy tent weights, canopy tents, balloon pump, and document displays with a budget of \$350.

Mr. Easterwood asked about the forecast for the Parks & Rec budget. The board kept track of all the events/equipment and costs, which is how the 2024 budget was built. Plan to discuss 2024 events after utilizing a poll about what the community would like to see again.

Ball Program Special Committee: LuAnn Hunt, Dennis Sauter, and Jeanette Zamarripa were sworn in as WSIB members. Ken Myers was sworn in the day before by the Mayor. The board members discussed and agreed upon contacting additional resources, next meeting date and location, and first steps to take as a board. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30PM December 20th at the Village Hall.

Jerry Mohler, who was planning on being a member, has health issues/surgery that is preventing him from being sworn in but will help when he can.

Upcoming Meetings: Community Development & Public Affairs 12/21 at 5PM, Public Works and Safety have been canceled for December, Council Meeting is Tuesday Jan. 2nd due to New Year's Day

New Business

Resolution 2023-15 received an emergency reading; approving Village Solicitor. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2023-15 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. DeWitt; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. DeWitt, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Resolution 2023-15, was made by Mr. DeWitt, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.*

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$54,511.48, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

None at this time.

Citizens & Visitors


Shirley Moore, Kathy Heyman, Brittney Klockowski

Shirley Moore wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Executive Session

Mr. Warner made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:39PM for personnel discipline discussion concerning an EMT, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. DeWitt, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. Regular session resumed at 7:19PM. Discussed disciplinary action of an EMT with the EMS Chief and will be referred to legal for additional recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21PM.


Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor


Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk