

**The Village of Weston  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**May 16, 2022**

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. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to excuse Mr. Dave Dewitt was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve May 2, 2022 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.*

**Old Business**

Council reviewed a quote for professional shirts from 3G Printing. *A motion to approve the quote for \$547 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.*

**Reports**

**Mayor:** Mayor shared that the reservoir project has started and that they will be back soon to drag and hydroseed, and we are next on the schedule for the dock over the utility pier; this is on track to finish before the ODNR grant deadline. Plan to take a few grills from Merrill Park and a picnic table or two to add at the reservoir. There were swings that were removed and too close to the water and plan to relocate them. Stephanie shared a plaque sent from ODNR that will be required to be placed once the project is complete as part of the grant. Recently spoke with Hahns about the downtown warehouse they own and it was indicated that they plan to tear it down within the next 4-6 weeks. Their thoughts were to stone it; the Mayor had asked if they would be interested in planting grass to keep the area open to the public, if the Village would mow it. This could open up more area for Farmers Market vendors. This will be sent to the Economic and Community Development committee for more discussion. The middle school art class finished the mural inside the maintenance building.

**Fiscal Officer:** Will be on vacation June 13-17, the office will be closed during that time. Office will also be closed on Memorial Day. There are UAN Training modules May 17th and 24th. They are new topics and would like to give the live training modules full attention so the office will be closed those days from 11am-1pm for training.

**Administrator/Maintenance:** Someone may be donating parts we need for the ball diamond lights. CamTech has done 2 days and found 2 problem spots and where the water flows to the ditch. The map is being updated as CamTech works to show which way water flows and any problem spots identified. The problems identified were not fixed. Mr. Easterwood requested a report for the next Public Works meeting. The new Village Hall door and electric work will be completed on Thursday.

**Zoning Inspector:** Received zoning permit application for fence at 13443 Maple St and 20'x30' accessory structure at 13255 Broadway, both approved. Received a call from the owner of the condos/apartments on Brooke Lane, looking into buying the parcel to the east and wanted to know the possibility of erecting storage units. He was told that it would be considered commercial use and require a rezoning of the parcel, which would only be considered by the Planning Commission; he is considering whether he will pursue it. Letters were sent to 20410 Oak St for grass and 20740 Sycamore for grass and debris. Stephanie added that she received a call from the Sycamore St property that it is actively working on cleaning up the property. Received a call from the property owner at the SW corner of Clark regarding invalid plate on a car trailer. The trailer has a Michigan Permanent Trailer plate which according to the Michigan Secretary of State office does not require a renewal tag. Received a call from Habitat for Humanity regarding set-backs for the new house at the NE corner of Washington/Union, and also wanted to know if they could change the address from Union Street to Washington Street. Received a call from Mark Ohashi from Habitat for Humanity regarding surveyors/engineers in Wood County and directed him to contact the Wood County Engineer's Office. Ken asked him about Habitat's other developments and whether the parcels will remain with Habitat and not be sold to other developers and they said they can sign a memo of understanding to that effect. They have developed subdivisions in Spencer Township. Sent an email to Spencer Township trustees requesting information about the subdivision. Sent Stephanie information on the development in Spencer Township and additional information from Lucas County Engineer regarding Habitat for Humanity subdivisions. Discussed that Water St will probably need more right-of-way, and the same scenario would happen on Ash St. Also added information about curbs and that you would want curbs for brand new subdivisions but not a street butting up to a curbless street. Mayor requested Ken to check out 13402 Main St for grass and junk as well as the old bank building that has a pile of debris in the back.

**Committee Reports**

**Cemetery:** Tom thought there was a fuel tank leak and determined there was no leak. Electrical problems have been fixed at the building. Belt needed to be replaced on the mower which cost around \$150. The cast iron roof on the mausoleum has split and has come down, thinking it needs to be demolished. There are no heirs/relatives to take care of it. Mr. Myerholtz shared that he has had experience with mausoleums and restoring them is not worth the money.

**Public Works:** CamTech services is \$2,000/day and will budget \$10,000 for the storm sewer jetting. Recommend that Harold work out a strategy on their service plan and maybe start on Sandridge and Eileen and work towards the center of town trying not to overlap last year's work and get results from last year's work. Harold was instructed to check out the water drainage issue behind Porkys. Crack sealing done by Harold and Gary for the pallet and equipment rental will be around \$1,800. Ash St and Willow St were added to paving out of the \$100,000 budget. Mosquito disks were discussed as a possible avenue moving forward, mosquito discussion will be brought to council to decide. Waiting for an updated quote from K&K for Center St cross walk and old bus garage. *A motion to approve the addition of Ash St \$31,566 and Willow St \$6,100 paving was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.* There was additional discussion on canceling mosquito spraying this year. Mr. Myerholtz recommended

putting out traps for testing of mosquitos and making the call for spraying based on results after sending mosquitos to the health department. This surveillance can open up opportunities for grant funding. *Mr. Warner made a motion to budget \$1,000 for mosquito trapping program and surveillance with local access to mosquito disks due to not spraying for mosquitoes this year, seconded by Mr. Babcock.* If the trapping calls for spraying need, it will be brought back to council for further discussion.

**Finance:** Discussed employee raises, reviewed Grand Rapids pay schedule ordinance. Fiscal Officer line item has \$9,000 available and Administrator is already appropriated for per pay ordinance. This will be sent to the Personnel Committee for raises. Quote for streetlight conversion to LED is 109 lights at \$22,563. Reviewed street paving additions: Ash St (\$31,566) and Willow St (\$6,100). Road budget is \$100,000 leaving \$16,043 left for crack sealing and the sidewalk project by the Market. A tax commission board is required per income tax ordinance. Kathy accepts the Mayor appointment, the committee requested to reach out to Sarah Easterwood, Diane Hillier and Sarah Schroeder as the Council appointment. Mr. Easterwood shared that Sarah Easterwood is not interested and Stephanie shared that both Diane Hillier and Sarah Schroeder are interested in serving; they will need to be sworn in. Had a brief continued discussion on the future of EMS. Recommended reaching out to Haraz for brainstorming. Fiscal Officer Reported ~ Audit item for truck payment amounts not properly charged to principal and interest were reviewed and 2011 (Streets), 2101 (Permissive) and 2021 (State Hwy) will be fixed for future payments to be charged at 40% for Streets & Permissive and 20% for State Hwy. Appropriations will need to be amended in principal line items in Streets and State Hwy to fit this year's payment. Rob also added while on the topic of the truck is that the last payment will be in 2023 and recommended we begin discussion on possible trade in since we already budget for the truck payment each year. Discussed the PNC fees for adding ACH direct deposit, our checking balance gives an earnings credit but the platform to be able to add ACH costs \$50/month on top of the \$28/month for the remote deposit and statements - will be following up with PNC and costs found from other banks. We may need to take money out of Star Ohio to offset the fees with the earnings credit. Revenue budget is due in July, and will have to council for approval by the last meeting in June or first meeting in July. Deposits are supposed to be deposited within 24 hours, requested to pass legislation allowing up to 3 days to deposit per ORC section 9.38. Next meeting has been moved to June 7th. *A motion to approve the streetlight conversion to LED for \$22,563 was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.*

**Rec Board:** Plan to attend the Wood County Parks Grant meeting on 5/17. Still looking at options for something to drag the fields. Still need things for concessions and equipment and working out details on that. Plan on doing a scholarship fund in the future and plan to implement a baseball closet where families can donate old equipment for kids to use in the future. Want Harold to seal the pavilion by the bus garage. Agreed to spend up to \$100 on picnic table mounts to remove chains attached to the fence.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Planning Commission Hearing 5/18 at 6PM, Economic & Community Development 5/18 at 5PM, Safety 5/26 at 5:30PM, Personnel & Policies 5/26 at 6PM, Public works 6/1 at 6PM, Cemetery 6/2 at 6PM, Finance 6/7 at 6PM

#### **New Business**

Ordinance 2022-11 received a first reading, establishing policy governing the security and deposit of receipts. Ordinance 2022-12 received a first reading, making supplemental appropriations for the principal portion of the F550 truck payment in 2011 (Streets) and 2021 (State Hwy).

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

Council reviewed payment listing for May 3, 2022 - May 16, 2022 totalling \$26,325.53, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

#### **Miscellaneous Business**

The Main St demo property (13223 Main St) is up for forfeiture. Due to the time stamp on the letter, a decision on whether the Village wants to take ownership of the property by submitting a petition would have to be made by today. Back taxes are around \$22,000. Mayor and Mr. Easterwood suggested we would just be writing ourselves a check and the Fiscal Officer said that would not be the case, it would go through the county to be dispersed properly but unsure of the timeline and how it would work through a situation such as this forfeiture. Paul Skaff was searching for information on what happens when the state takes ownership and was unable to find proper information besides that if they sell it for less than the taxes owed the remaining taxes are extinguished except for federal taxes. Mr. Myerholtz and Mrs. Patel expressed a no vote and shared that it is not a smart business move to own property you cannot sell. Mr. Easterwood also expressed a no vote due to too many what ifs in worst case and/or best case scenarios.

#### **Citizens & Visitors**

Jigar Patel, Shirley Moore, Paul Skaff (Village Legal Counsel)

Jigar Patel was in attendance to ask about M2X coming to Weston. Mayor and Mr. Myerholtz informed him that they have no interest in working with municipalities and are focusing only on rural areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31PM.

---

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

---

Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk