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Minutes of Meeting

Held September 8 20 26

The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2026

Meeting Commencement
The Village of Weston Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Rick Easterwood at 6:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll call: Craig Warner, Travis Ackerman, Erica Rupp, Jessica Susor, Brittney Klockowski. Ashley Patel was absent from the meeting. *A motion to excuse her was made by Ms. Klockowski; Seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously*

Agenda/Minutes
The agenda was then reviewed for any additions or modifications, and none were proposed. The minutes of the August 17, 2026 Council Meeting were presented for review. *A motion was made to accept the minutes by Ms. Rupp, Seconded by Ms. Klockowski; Roll Call: Approved unanimously.*

Public Presentation
Deputy attendee: The floor was opened for any comments or questions. After a brief technical issue with a microphone, it was confirmed that there were no further comments or questions for the Deputy.

Old Business

2nd Reading to Amend Wage Schedule: The second reading of an ordinance amending the employee pay wage schedule was presented. This ordinance applies to all village employees. As there was no discussion, the second reading proceeded.

Approve Typo in ORD 2026-9: The Mayor provided updated information, including clarification regarding a typo in Ordinance 2026-9. The ordinance, concerning supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31st, due to typo. Participants were encouraged to contact the Fiscal Officer directly with any questions. *A motion to approve proposed typo was made by Ms. Klockowski; Seconded by Ms. Rupp, followed by a unanimous roll call vote to approve.*

Reports
Mayor: Mayor Easterwood indicated that some comments would be held for later discussion regarding emergency items.

Fiscal Officer/Clerk: The fiscal officer's report was presented, noting that Ordinance 2026-9 (the typo correction) was already discussed. New business items, including a nomination for Northwest Water and other ordinances were mentioned as being in the new business section. Participants were encouraged to reach out to the fiscal officer directly for any further questions.

Administrator/Maintenance: Administrator report was presented by the Mayor as Harold Boggs was not present:
Grounds & Cemetery Maintenance: Cleaned up local parks, mowed grass in and around the outskirts of town, picked up chainsaw pole parts at Agpro, and marked out headstone foundations at the cemetery.
Facilities & Storm Drainage: Secured a quote for resurfacing the village hall, signed Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) paperwork, and had Camtec clean and camera the fire station storm drain while JPX provided a repair quote.
Traffic Control & Signage: Relocated the speed limit sign to the corner of Center Street and Evon Lane after changing its batteries, painted lines downtown and at railroad crossings, continued work on gathering street signs.
Street Lighting & Utilities: Repaired the street lights on Taylor Street, though follow-up inquiries to Victor Coleman and David James (Toledo Edison) regarding overall town light updates remain unanswered.
Tree Management: Placed the village on the state's tree maintenance list, waited on tree trimmers to clear branches on Locust Street so the light at Locust and Maple can be fixed, and coordinated with Abe Rowe to gather quotes for removing problem trees in the cemetery and village.
Recreational Equipment: Received a **$874.05** quote for fencing and parts from Sportscape, and pending a final decision on net types, the company will provide final pricing based on the provided pictures.
American 250 Ordinance and Signage The Administrator tasked Ms. Davis to get a quote for four commemorative entrance signs totaling $1,293.19. The village officially joined back in January 2025 under **Resolution 2025-1** to celebrate ·The board discussed the need for further deliberation on the design and potential committee involvement before finalizing the project. A suggestion was made to move the discussion of the signage to a committee or to pass it around for further review. It was noted that this might no longer be relevant as the village had applied for the grant separately. The item was passed around for review, with a significant amount of description to discuss. A motion to proceed was considered, but input was preferred.

Code Enforcement and Permits: Zoning report was read by Mayor Easterwood as Ken Taylor was not present: August 18th ~ The property owner of 20530 Taylor Street contacted me regarding a new garage and setback requirements. August 24th ~ I asked the clerk, Ms. Davis, to send a chicken permit to the property owners of 20210 Oak Street. September 2nd ~ I took four pictures of the mobile home at 20830 Sycamore Street and sent them to Paul; An email was sent to Anette for three properties needing a second letter for grass height, also requesting a first letter be sent to two properties for brush in the right-of-way. September 3rd ~ I signed a chicken permit for 20210 Oak Street.

Committee Reports

Community Development

- **Facade Enhancement Program:** Exploring a program similar to Bowling Green's, which provides matching funds for public-facing downtown properties. Discussing potential murals on the side of the post office and on the maintenance building garage doors. The artist, Jessica Ball, was contacted for input and plans to attend the next meeting. Ideas included the train station and Oo logo. Discussing the use of the Suburban Natural Gas fund ($1545) for murals on two garage doors, with the artist willing to do them. Concerns were raised about the cohesiveness of murals on multiple doors and the cost for two murals. The committee aims to utilize the fund before it expires.
- **Animal Control Ordinance:** Suggesting a shift in focus from removing stray animals to emphasizing owner/harbor obligations.
- **Alumni Park Swing Sets:** Identifying Alumni Park's swing sets as the oldest and tallest, with insufficient mulch for fall height protection, unlike the newer sets at Old Schoolhouse and Mural Park.
- **Pickleball Net:** Reaching out to Sportscape for a consultation on a 120-foot pickleball net.
- **Village Halloween Trick-or-Treat:** The village Halloween trick-or-treat event on October 31st from 6 to 8 PM was mentioned. It was noted that this coincides with a chicken barbecue at the fire station.
- **Costume Contest:** Proposing a costume contest before trick-or-treating with donuts and cider, potentially held at the library or village hall, requiring volunteers. A meeting was scheduled for Thursday at the fire station to discuss potentially hosting a costume contest there, leveraging the existing event.
- **Christmas Tree Lighting:** The board discussed a proposal to host the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony on December 5th at 6:00 PM. *A motion was madeMs. Klockowski; Seconded by Ms. Rupp to approve funding for a holiday appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus at a rate of $75 per half-hour. Following a roll call vote, the funding request was officially approved.* For event refreshments, the board noted that local churches will be contacted to coordinate donations of hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies, with a specific reminder to adjust quantities downward due to an excess of cookies left over from last year's event. The detailed discussion regarding final refreshment logistics was subsequently tabled for a future meeting, and the board noted that community volunteers will be needed closer to the event date to assist with coordination.
- **Kids Cookie Decorating Event**: Suggesting a pre-lighting cookie decorating event at the library.

Public Safety: The Public Safety committee report was presented by Ms. Rupp

- **Ambulance:** The new ambulance was expected to be in possession by August 25th. Quotes for lettering, power top transfer, and other items were still needed. Lettering quotes would be obtained once the truck was physically present.
- **iPads and Marcs System:** iPads were available and needed setup. The new Mark system has a learning curve, and it was unclear if iPads would be compatible or only work with Chromebooks. The current software matched the sheriff's permit offering, and iPads were downloaded but not yet active pending further system classing. Communications for in-route, on-location, and departure times would be handled by the iPad, communicating with the sheriff's department. Training for all personnel on the Marcs system would be scheduled.
- **New Jackets and Sweatshirts:** Kathy was asked to purchase new jackets and sweatshirts for new personnel, with extra stock for the office.
- **Clinical Training:** Julia was starting or had started her clinical training. Follow-up was needed on two other individuals who took the same class.
- **Fuel Cards:** The Fiscal Officer would update fuel cards to include gasoline, as the current card was only for diesel.
- **Grant:** A grant was not received, and a trauma registry was not reported from ESO.
- **iPad Docks:** The Fiscal Officer was asked to look up quotes for iPad docks for both ambulances.
- **2027 Budget:** Ashley asked Kathy to brainstorm ideas for the 2027 budget for the next safety meeting.

Action Items: The actionable items from the meeting were to look into quotes for iPad docks, have the fuel cards updated, and approve the candidate hire jacket and sweatshirt purchase.

Public Safety Follow-up: Follow-up on the Public Safety items was provided. Stephanie would get a quote for iPad docks suitable for both ambulances. Fuel cards were taken care of. The purchase of jackets and sweatshirts was likely within Kathy's budget and did not require explicit approval. The Stryker system was discussed, with a resolution reached regarding its setup and verification of workmanship. P&R Communications had transferred radios, and an invoice was expected. Quotes for lettering were still being processed, with a discussion about the cost of the chevron stripe and the state's requirement for reflective material. Two reflective star lights would be used to meet qualifications, and lettering concepts were sent to different individuals for quotes.

Public Works:

* Traffic cameras were installed on Union Street.
* Victor Coleman from Toledo Edison was assisting with replacement of lights around town.
* JPX is coming on Thursday to do the firehall stormdrain. Ditch maintenance for Taylor/235 for trimming the trees will be sent to ODOT by Harold.
* Harold was addressing ruts on Silver & Oak Street and the village hall parking lot.
* Grass seeding on Sycamore Street was expected to be finished by the next public works meeting.
  The committee was made aware of a purchase order from Cam-Tech that is overdue.
  The committee did not order this project and are waiting to hear communication from the township on it.
* A suggestion was made for OHM to pursue the ODOT grant for a safety corridor.

Action Item: *A motion was made by Mr. Warner; Seconded by Ms.Klockowski to approve OHM to apply for the ODOT grant for the safety corridor when it becomes available. The motion passed.*

Streetlight Assessment and Emergency Ordinance: The discussion moved to streetlights, which have been a long-standing issue. The approval for replacing 106 incandescent streetlights with LED was mentioned. However, some areas, particularly outside of Route 235, had not been completed. A potential project to add streetlights on Beach, Orange, and Poplar streets between Sycamore and Taylor had not progressed. Contact was made with Victor from Toledo Edison regarding a potential reduction in the streetlight assessment due to efficiency, but he was unaware of the specific project details. Documentation from 2023 was available, indicating efforts had been made. Victor stated he would send the information to his engineering department. It was noted that if Toledo Edison had not fulfilled their obligations under a grant, the work would be free of charge. The cost for new or future streetlights would be borne by the village. This discussion was intended to provide context for an upcoming emergency ordinance related to streetlights. A discussion began with a clarification on grant reimbursements. Ms. Klockowski stated that if work done under a specific grant was not completed as agreed, it should be free of charge. However, any upgrades or future needs not covered by the original grant would be an additional cost to them. This point was deferred for further discussion during the streetlight conversation.

Cemetery Board: The Mayor reported on the cemetery board's meeting, noting that tree trimming and foundation marking were underway. Concerns were raised regarding unauthorized use of the grounds by dirt bikes and e-bikes. Additionally, the board is waiting on a new sign rendering, pending the transition of the village website to a .gov domain.

Cemetery Operations and Improvements: provided an update on cemetery operations. As of the last pay period, there were 254 hours allocated for cemetery work, which was deemed sufficient for the remainder of the year. A quote was being sought for excavation, and foundations had been marked. Mrs. Trumble requested a trim of overhanging branches, and positive feedback was received from residents regarding the cemetery's appearance. There was no update on the floral market. A special meeting was held to discuss rules and guest policies, with a document distributed to the board for review. A quote for a cemetery sign was pending a rendering, and a QR code was designed for the sign, but a website domain change to ".org" required an update to the QR code.

Upcoming Meetings: Tree Commission 9/9 @ 6PM; Administrative Process 9/14 @ 6:00 PM Community Development 9/15 @ 5:30PM; Public Safety 9/28 @6PM; Public Works 9/21 @6PM; Cemetery Board 10/1 @ 6PM

New Business:

NWWSD Board Nomination for Bill Barnhart Discussion proceeded regarding the Northwest Water and Sewer District board nomination. Ms. Klockowski voiced hesitation over nominating a candidate, highlighting that the district had removed the water spigot at the watershed maintenance facility. She observed that nominees seeking position on the board were unaware of this removal. Mayor Easterwood reported that, per previous discussions with Theresa Pollock and David Bufford, the spigot had been taken out due to board cost concerns. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Warner, it was clarified that this decision came from a different board. Ms. Susor noted that the majority of spigots had been removed, including the location at Obies, though locations on Route 6 and in Bowling Green remain operational. Members recalled that while the topic was brought up to Mark the previous year, it was not directly addressed with Mr. Barnhart during his attendance. *Following deliberation, the Council determined to proceed with the nomination. Upon a motion by Mr. Warner, seconded by Ms. Rupp, Council voted 4-1 (Ms. Klockowski made no comment) in favor of nominating Bill Barnhart to the Northwest Water and Sewer District Board.*

Emergency RES 2026-11: Rate Resolution

The Mayor introduced Emergency Resolution 2026-11, a rate resolution that accepts amounts and rates determined by the Budget Commission and authorizes necessary tax levies. After confirming there was no further discussion needed on the accompanying document, *a motion to suspend the rules for the emergency resolution was made by Mr. Warner; Seconded by Ms. Susor. A roll call vote approved unanimously. Subsequently, a motion to approve the emergency resolution accepting tax amounts and rates determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing necessary tax levies, and certifying them to the County Auditor pursuant to was made by Ms. Klockowski; Seconded by Mr. Warner and approved unanimously by roll call.*

Emergency ORD 2026-10: Street Light Assessment
Mayor Easterwood presented Ordinance 2026-10, an ordinance to provide for the cost and expense of lighting streets, alleyways, and public places, including new and improvement lighting projects, and declaring it an emergency. A discussion followed regarding the streetlight assessment.The Street Lighting Fund currently has approximately $29,000 in unappropriated funds available for future projects. Because there is already a sufficient balance available for these purposes, it was recommended reducing the annual special assessment from $22,000 to $18,000. The Mayor suggested upgrading the light fund from 18 to 22 thousand dollars, stating that staying within that threshold would be acceptable. The board discussed setting a specific number for the assessment, with a suggestion of $25,000 to cover potential improvements. The consensus was to set the amount at $22,000 to cover improvements and avoid an excess. *A motion was made by Mr. Warner; Second, Ms. Klockowski; Roll call vote unanimously approved to set the assessment at $22,000. A motion to suspend the rules for the emergency resolution ordinance 2026-10 was then made by Ms. Klockowski; Seconded by Mr. Warner; Unanimously approved by Roll call. Subsequently, a motion for approval to provide for the cost and expense of lighting streets, alleyways, and public places, including new and improvement lighting projects, and declaring it an emergency was made by Ms. Klockowski; Seconded by Ms. Rupp and approved unanimously by roll call*
Emergency ORD 2026-11: Mowing Assessment
Mayor Easterwood then introduced an ordinance for mowing assessments, authorizing a special short-term assessment on certain parcels for benefits received from cutting grass and weeds, and certifying it to the Wood County auditor. There were three parcels involved. *A motion to suspend the rules for this action was made by Ms. Susor; Seconded by Mr. Warner, followed by roll call: Approved unanimously. Subsequently, a motion to accept Ordinance 2026-11, authorizing the special short-term assessment on certain parcels of real estate in the Village of Weston for benefits received as a result of cutting noxious weeds/grasses; certification to the wood county auditor for placement of charges on the tax duplicate, and declaring an emergency, was made by Mr. Warner; Seconded by Mr. Ackerman, followed by a roll call vote: unanimously approved.*
Emergency ORD 2026-12: Amend appropriations for Cemetery Foundations
Mayor Easterwood presented Ordinance 2026-12, an appropriation for cemetery foundations, which involved a supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year ending 2026. This would be an increase of $6,500, bringing the total amended appropriation to $15,250. *A motion to suspend the rules for this ordinance making an emergency was made by Ms. Susor; Seconded by Ms. Klockowski, approved by a unanimous roll call vote. Then a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-12, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, and declaring an emergency for the cemetery foundation, was then made by Mr. Ackerman; Seconded by Ms. Rupp, approved unanimously by a roll call vote.*

Approval of Expenditures
Council reviewed a summary of the bills ($311,692.01) and outstanding invoices ($5,563.51). *A motion to approve the summary of bills and payment of outstanding invoices was made by Mr. Warner, Seconded by Ms. Susor, Roll call: Approved unanimously*
August Bank Reconciliation: *A motion was made to approve the August bank reconciliation by Mr. Warner, Seconded by Mr. Ackerman; Roll call: Approved unanimously.*

Miscellaneous Business:
Sidewalk Repair Project: During the meeting, Mr. Warner raised a question regarding whether money had already been appropriated for sidewalk repairs, which was confirmed by the Mayor to be correct. Following this confirmation, a request was made to move the topic of sidewalk repairs to Public Works for further discussion, with Mr. Warner expressing hope that they could complete at least one project this year. *Hearing no objections to prioritizing this particular matter under Public Works, a motion was made by Mr. Warner; Second by Ms. Klockowski, approved unanimously by roll call.*

Citizens & Visitors
In Attendance: Keith Leady, Jonathan Gotegen; Liam Cranz; Gary Betz; **Online:** Unattended
During public comment, Gary Betz questioned Council about replacing the aging John Deere lawnmower. The board explained that a new zero-turn mower is being purchased proactively for backup, and the Mayor reassured Gary that the John Deere is being kept after he jokingly offered his resignation because he cannot operate a zero-turn model. Following research by Administrator Harold Boggs, the committee reversed its plan to fully replace the old mower after Harold traced its starter issue to a loose ignition wire; he will fix it to run the brush or drum sweeper. Harold's research noted the new zero-turn features specialized, non-pneumatic wheels for incline deflection, though it risks flipping near ditches if driven too fast despite a standard roll bar. Lastly, a debate arose over whether the new mower should be diesel or gas—since diesel requires a new fuel tank because only the little truck and the John Deere run on gas—but the Mayor clarified that exact fuel specs are unavailable and the zero-turn style was a collective group compromise.

Adjournment
Mayor Easterwood called for adjournment at 7:05 PM ***Motion:*** *Mr. Warner;* ***Second:*** *Ms. Rupp;* ***Roll Call:*** *Motion carried.*

Rick Easterwood, Mayor

Anette Davis, Clerk