

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held

September 18

2023

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

September 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: Ms. Jessica Susor, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Dave DeWitt, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to approve September 5, 2023 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Resolution 2023-11; submitting votes to fill a vacant board seat on the NWWSD received a final reading. The only name on the ballot is William Barnhart, this ordinance allows the Village to submit a vote for him. *A motion to approve Resolution 2023-11 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Susor; Approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2023-20; for keeping of fences and accessory structures received a final reading. There was discussion that "standard building practice" is too vague and it was pointed out that the recommendation from Mr. DeWitt was "modern standard building practices". Mayor pointed out to Ken Taylor that this ordinance is for the keeping of fences and accessory structures, all other recommendations would be part of zoning, such as type of fence. *A motion to approve Ordinance 2023-20 with the addition of the word "modern" in the factory standards definition was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. DeWitt; Approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2023-21; for management of cat population received a final reading. *A motion to approve Ordinance 2023-21 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.* This is also requesting approval to submit TNR and trap purchasing to the Suburban Natural Grant, and the money to be sent to For the Love of Cats or the veterinarian that works with them to TNR the community cats in Weston. Trap purchase would be about \$100-\$150 worth of traps. *A motion to approve TNR and traps to be submitted in the SNG grant was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.* Traps will have a sign-out process.

Reports

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

Mayor: Worked with Ken on some code enforcement items. Went to BGSU Jerome library to look at Weston history, another opportunity is Tuesday, September 26th (all day), they have pulled all the information to view. Went to the Cemetery Board meeting, got notification the cemetery grant was not awarded. Met with the Administrative Process committee. Sheriff will be doing a community outreach day on October 12 at 6PM. Participated in the Otsego roundtable podcast with Ms. Susor.

Fiscal Officer: Draft newsletter was presented, Mr. Easterwood requested the Chicken BBQ be added in for October 28th from 11AM until gone. Provided an update from Toledo Edison: the streetlights were not under a discounted rate similar to the aggregate for the residential customers, Toledo Edison is also looking to make sure the LED lights were coded into billing correctly. Informed Aspen Energy and they are working to find a lower rate for the street lights because they are currently at \$0.1085/kWh.

Administrator/Maintenance: Not in attendance. Mr. Easterwood inquired about the timeline of getting the crack sealer back. Ms. Susor asked if a list is being kept for durapatching and crack sealing, and also pointed out the north end of Washington street is coming undone. It was also requested that a list be put together for Public Works for areas that need to be lighted, and if any of the lights on Village property need to be upgraded to LED.

Code Enforcement/Zoning: 2 permits issued since previous report. Signed permit for chickens on Maple Street. Received a complaint regarding the condition of the ditch throughout town. Called the county ditch maintenance office and verified the ditch was their responsibility, there is a 25-foot easement from the top of the bank on both sides, and the ditch was scheduled to be sprayed for weeds this summer, but wasn't sure if that had been accomplished or not. Received a complaint regarding the Welcome sign on Taylor Street when heading southbound on Weston Road. Signed a permit for a carport on Silver Street. Talked to the owner of 20350 Oak Street and reported the camper will be removed this week.

Mr. Dewitt inquired about an update on the pig. Ken shared that he has gone by the property multiple times and each time he has not seen the pig or the ducks.

Committee Reports

Cemetery: 1 burial in the last month. New employee is working out well. Motion to repair and restore WPA outhouse with historical plaque and origination information. Began updating policies and procedures, after updates a pamphlet and signage will be created to inform patrons and citizens for enforcement. Palmer has picked orders and agreements and is in the process of scheduling the mausoleum project. Voted to postpone the lantern tour until 2024 based on the suggestion from the genealogical society. Entrance gate hinges will be repaired and gates painted by the sexton in a way that will allow the gates to remain opened as an entrance. Foundation pours coming in October and currently have 3-4 pours. Pursuing quotes for tree removal of half a fallen tree where the remaining half is hanging over grave sites near the old Kern property.

Administrative Process: Reviewed 2024 appropriations draft. Discussed Harold's salary and would like to invite him to the next meeting to discuss. Discussed Silver Street project with the Township with the recommendation to proceed with this next year aligned with the remaining portion of the Village property up to the trailer park. Discussed the sidewalk repair budget for next year. Committee will review the BGSU survey and discuss it at the next meeting. Discussed the spiderweb piece of equipment at Old Schoolhouse Park and it is showing signs of wear, Mr. DeWitt sent a picture which has been forwarded to the Rec Board. Discussed increasing parks and rec budget with the recommendation the board be vigilant on upkeep and maintenance of parks. It was recommended to use remaining ARPA money to put towards purchase of snow plow package, however, it was determined after the meeting this is not possible due to guidelines of how ARPA is spent. Will re-appropriate in the Permissive fund for the plow expenditure

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and split between general, permissive, and state highway fund. Recommending to put a minimum of \$5,000, max of \$10,000 for a grant writer into next year's budget. Meeting will be moved to the 2nd Monday of each month.

It was pointed out that the focus of the sidewalk budget is finishing sidewalks to the road and village property sidewalks and ADA compliance. Mayor reviewed Village Officer's Handbook on page 1-7 in regards to who is responsible for keeping sidewalks repaired, the village or the property owner: ORC Section 723.01, in part, provides that the village is responsible for the care, supervision, and control of the public sidewalks.

Mr. Easterwood shared that at the township meeting Jacob said he was waiting for our meeting to finalize, Randy wants to move forward with the project this year, he is in charge of the roads. *Mr. Easterwood made a motion to approve the ¼ cost up to \$9,000 of the Township Silver Street road project if they move forward this year, with the detail that we would be willing to finish the rest of the road if the project waited until next year, seconded by Mr. DeWitt; Approved unanimously.*

Rec Board: Approved to purchase 2 standard port-a-pots at \$350 + \$50 delivery/each. Service fee will be \$60 per unit per service. Will budget to purchase a handicap unit in 2024. Approved to place a badminton net at Old Schoolhouse Park, and a volleyball net at Alumni Park. Both will be just for leisure/fun and no sand will be installed at this time. Posts will be DIY with either PVC or EMT and concreted in as kits come with posts that are too flimsy and break. Reviewed fall fest items and sign-up forms for Chili Cookoff, Pumpkin Tumble, Scarecrow Royalty, Art Walk, and Power Wheels Derby. \$1,500 budget for Fall Fest & Halloween was approved. Reviewed court lining options for Wood County Park District grant submission. Stephanie, Lynn, and Samantha met with a contractor to update the basketball court, the design is for 1 full basketball court, 1 half court, and 2 pickleball courts. The asphalt is recommended to be re-done as well. Voted to apply for the lines only option + asphalt totalling \$35,547. Board discussed requesting an increase in the budget for 2024. Requested continued brainstorming for a community building. Requested Community Development committee to discuss options on if any downtown vacant buildings could work as a community building. Brittney has been researching information on community grant funding through Community Facilities Grant through the USDA Rural Development.

Upcoming Meetings: Ball Program Special Committee 9/19 at 6PM, Community Development & Public Affairs 9/21 at 5PM, Public Works 9/26 at 6PM, Safety 9/28 at 5:30PM

New Business

Resolution 2023-12 received an emergency reading; resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2023-12 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Ms. Susor, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. DeWitt, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Resolution 2023-12 was made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2023-22 was expected to receive an emergency reading; ordinance making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, to provide for v-plow purchase. Mr. Easterwood questioned the v-plow and said the 1-ton was to be brought to the dealership to get an estimate on fixing, and we would not want to purchase a plow for a vehicle that is not worth fixing. Ordinance 2023-22 received a first reading.

Approval of Expenditures

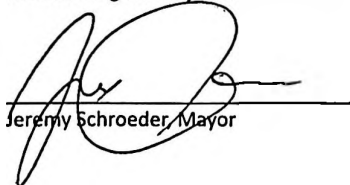
Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$25,726.62, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

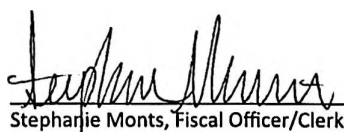
Citizens & Visitors

Savannah Villarreal, David Fowler

Mr. Fowler and Ms. Villarreal were in attendance to observe. Mr. Fowler complimented council on the organization of the meeting and open communication between the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34PM.


Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor


Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk