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Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held February 6

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**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

February 6, 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: Mrs. Ashley Patel, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Dave DeWitt, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to excuse Mr. Craig Warner was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Dewitt; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve January 17, 2023 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Mayor reminded the council that items that need to be added to the agenda are due by Friday before a council meeting. Mr. Myerholtz shared that he has brought a personal device for recording.

Old Business

Resolution 2023-3, to authorize the Mayor to sign a property remediation agreement, received a second reading. Council was informed that CSX has a very limited maintenance budget and is exempt from local ordinances. Legal counsel has also advised, through prior communication, that the CSX contract should be left alone. Council did not discuss increasing the contract rate based on this information and the risk the contract could be pulled completely and then the Village would be stuck mowing the property for free. It was asked why railroads are exempt and legal counsel shared that federal law has broad jurisdiction over railroads and expressly preempts state and local governments from interfering with that jurisdiction. Mr. Easterwood requested looking into if CSX would sell the lot, and council had some brief discussion on the advantages of purchasing the land if CSX would sell.

Reports

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

Mayor: Attended the TMACOG Village Caucus, had a discussion on trees and how other communities handle trees. Will be meeting with Haraz 2/10 at 10am to discuss the Ohio Capital Budget opportunity. Met with the Administrator/Police Chief of Haskins and discussed the challenges of enforcing local ordinances. Spoke with Nick, Village prosecutor, regarding enforcing local ordinances. Nick discussed the issue with the sheriff and court system, and has given some feedback to write up a policy to use with the sheriff's department. Received a call back from Cliff with BP Solar, and he will be passing along new contact information as he is no longer the point of contact. He discussed the promise to give the Village downtown revitalization money. Mr. DeWitt emailed out a list of agenda items for committees to discuss. Mayor has met with Mr. Warner, and would like to still sit down with the remaining committee chairs to discuss the agenda items.

Fiscal Officer: 2022 has been closed and all reports submitted to the state, currently waiting on the county to certify the estimated resources. Pre-construction meeting for the Taylor St culvert project is February 16 at 1:30PM at the Village Hall. BWC audit was held last week, and a report of the findings are provided in the council folder. Reminded council members with businesses or are a point of contact for a business that all Village correspondence will be put in mailboxes or emailed to save money on postage since the cost of metered postage is up to 60 cents.

Mr. Dewitt shared some brainstorming ideas for the Village newsletter, such as doing an "opt-in" style service for people to receive the newsletter either digital or by mail, versus mailing it to the entire zip code.

Administrator: The furnaces are finally being installed. Spoke with Shad at the Township, they may possibly be selling the Dodge 3500, it is a 1998 with low miles and clean condition with V blade and dump. Would like to discuss this in Public Works, possibly selling the red truck and Colorado. Morlock updated the quote for Main Street paving, which is up to \$65,746 from the original quote of \$49,990 - will need to bid the project.

Zoning Inspector: No permits issued since previous report. Emailed the Mayor concerning the issue at 13295 High Street and the conversations with the property owner. 13295 High Street property is cleaned up. Sent an email to the Health Department regarding the fire damage cleanup at Broad Oak apartments. Ken also shared health department communication frustrations, once you submit a complaint they do not keep up with communication/status updates. Approximately 17 inoperable vehicle violation letters have been sent out, and only a couple have responded. Discussed inoperable vehicle definition in ORC, it was shared that "inoperable vehicle" is not a good term, but rather, "not street legal". Ken inquired about the privacy of the mobile home park. Paul Skaff shared that the

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Village would be unable to enforce traffic offenses, but no different than any other private property in the Village.

Committee Reports

Safety: 370+ runs for 2022. New tires were installed on 915. Drug license renewal is due by March 31st. The \$1,472 2022 grant was accepted and expended, just awaiting the reimbursement check. Committee discussed priority goals for 2023, which include: continued support for recruitment of volunteers, chief expressed the need to continue with volunteers, Mrs. Patel expressed the need for a recruitment event, need to seek an instructor with ties to Four County Services (Chief does not want Vanguard), and community CPR event. Milton Center 2021 unpaid runs have been paid and Milton Township paid 2023 contract.

Cemetery: Tom turned in his retirement effective 3/31/23. Board discussed cemetery rules in regards to dogs in the cemetery when there is a sign/rules that says no dogs. The board declined putting white amur in the ponds to get them cleaned up. The sexton position will be advertised with a deadline of March 1st.

Mr. Myerholtz inquired about the cemetery records. He was informed they are continually working on digitizing the records.

Upcoming Meetings: Rec Board 2/8 at 6:30PM, Administrative Process 2/14 at 6PM, Community Development & Public Affairs 2/16 at 5PM, Safety 2/23 at 5:30PM, Public Works 2/28 at 6PM
Next council meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6PM due to President's Day observation.

New Business

No new business presented.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$27,166.92, with a motion to approve made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Myerholtz shared that the Farmers Market dates have been established.

Mr. Easterwood inquired about the Oak St guardrail. A quote has been received and just awaiting a response from insurance on how to proceed.

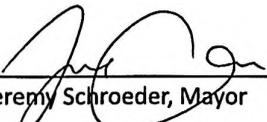
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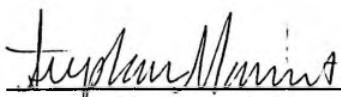
Shirley Moore, Gary Betz, Paul Skaff (Village Legal Counsel)

Gary Betz asked why the cemetery board doesn't do something about the cemetery ponds, as they look awful. Mayor shared that he has been approached by a group of residents willing to volunteer to help get the ponds cleaned up. Mr. Easterwood asked at what point does the council step in and help provide funding by possibly paying out of the general fund. Gary also requested that the book that belongs to the sexton in the maintenance building be returned, he mentioned that Jodie has had the book for 3 years.

Shirley Moore asked if the church building had been purchased, the church and parsonage sold. It was shared with her that someone has picked up an application for re-zone.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM.


Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor


Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk