

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

February 5

20 24

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

February 5, 2024

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. Brittney Klockowski, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to excuse Ms. Jessica Susor was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve January 16, 2024 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

A resolution authorizing the sale of Village property by internet auction received a second reading.

Reports

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

Mayor: Met with Ambroise at the Health Department to check up on properties. Brought up 13316 Main Street and the dilemma of no owner and where the health department fits into this. The health department also starts a letter process, however, without an owner they run into the same issue, but after the letter Ambroise tries to make personal contact. Mayor shared that he tried to knock on the door Saturday to try and start compliance communication. Ken shared the issue with no follow up from the health department and would like to be cc-ed, when you submit a complaint there is no notification on if the health department even received it. Mr. Easterwood shared that it was requested by the health department to just check in on the complaint properties, such as once a month. The health department is also urging citizens to call in complaints as well, which can be added to the file because it's "weight". Right now there is only one active property on the health department's list, it seems when there was turn over the old files were not shared with Ambroise. Mayor shared he also met with a resident regarding a neighborly noise nuisance.

Fiscal Officer: 2023 year has been closed and the Annual Financial Statements are available. Have 3 confirmed Hometown Hero banner applications.

Administrator/Maintenance: Changed dumpster service due to Rumpke's failed service, switched to Waste Management. Working on getting updated quotes for Public Works to review. Refurbished the wooden picnic tables.

Code Enforcement/Zoning: Received a call from a Taylor Street resident in response to a letter regarding a structure issue, new doors will go on the garage in the spring and will cover the holes with plywood until then. Signed a permit for an accessory building at 13150 Milton Street. Sent a letter to the Mayor regarding the issue of Rumpke not picking up trash in the Village on the scheduled date. Letters went out for a dumpster in the boulevard on Main Street, and the Marathon for an inoperable vehicle. Asking council to deem 20840 Taylor Street a nuisance in regards to an inoperable RV.

Ken asked what can the Village do to make sure trash service is picked up on time. Nuisance RV at 20840 Taylor Street was shared with photos, there always seemed to be excuses as to why it was still violating the code. The RV is inoperable, has no windows and the code requires a fitted covering and the covering for the RV is laying partially on the ground not covering anything. *A motion to declare the RV at 20840 Taylor Street a nuisance was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.* Mr. Easterwood asked about the gazebo and accessory structure at the Broad Oak apartments, Ken shared a letter was sent to the property owner to submit a permit and have not had any response. Another letter will be sent. Ms. Klockowski shared that there is a camper on Sycamore Street with insulation at the bottom that has obvious signs someone is living in it. Ken shared the health department was supposed to be looking into if something was living in the garage, living in campers is not allowed. Ken pointed out multiple properties with torn up boulevards and understands that in the current season it will be muddy but council should set parameters for stoning boulevards if they are going to be used for parking.

Committee Reports

Community Development & Public Affairs: The committee discussed what parameters should be considered for regulation regarding trees in general, with emphasis on boulevard trees. Situations such as distance from intersections, or maintenance of damaged or intrusive plants were noted. The committee is also going to look into programs or mechanisms to plant more trees in the Village. There was further discussion concerning a community building and adding or upgrading community facilities. The ideas of things such as a storm shelter or cooling center were raised. It was agreed that we need to be much more aggressive with seeking direct loans or grants to fund these types of initiatives. Moving forward with the natural prairie at Alumni Park, recognized the need to clearly explain the goals and stages of the project to residents. A physical delineation of the area(s), as well as metal signage were deemed appropriate. Ms. Klockowski brought up the Safe Streets Initiative for future discussion. The committee was joined by the Courtney's late in the meeting to ask questions about the Village in general, the downtown, businesses,

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and commercial properties.

Public Works: Discussed Main Street paving project. Due to not being awarded OPWC, some options were put on the table: 1. Pave \$75,000 worth of road, 2. Option 1 + Pave the other half at a later date to get us to the city limits, 3. Get with Kleinfelder on engineering and go for a SIB through ODOT. Storm sewer projects planned are Ohio and Ash Street repair. Discussed paving Van Tassel from Taylor to Village Limits at \$47,900; this includes widening due to the damage from the semis using the grain elevator. Street lights need to be replaced on the east side of Sand Ridge and Eileen. Plan to present to council approval for a no fee parking permit at the public lot. Scope includes: after 72 hours and no permit vehicle will be towed, not to be used for storage. The plan is to get users to register so there is contact information on file. Working on a proposal for a sidewalk plan.

WSIB: Would like to see itemized summaries of last year's expenses for concession stand and overall cost. Looking at other ball partners outside of OTB. Current equipment has been deemed acceptable with a few exceptions, some in good repair others mismatched. Suggestion to create "Team Kits". Discussed giving away unused and retired equipment. Still looking at the sponsorship program and finalizing details on the different level amounts. Interested in having high school students as umpires for 8U. Would like separate door codes for the concession stand and the equipment shed. Suggestion to ask members of the community if they are interested in being on a concession stand subcommittee. A 'no fee' year for signups was suggested but the board believed it would be something to possibly look at in the future but not at this time. Approved \$200 to make yard signs for signups. Motion was made to provide snacks at the in-person signups. Next meeting is 2/6 at 5:30PM.

Safety: 20 runs. Excellent grades achieved in the EMT class, to be completed in March. 6 EMTs are running on current schedule. 914 and 915 units will go to Thayer for services as needed with scheduled regular maintenance. May need new pagers and new airway supply and radio reprogramming. Ms. Klockowski inquired about heating and cooling centers for the Village, the discussion including utilizing the library and Village hall during open hours. A policy would be needed for this.

Administrative Process: Appropriations will need to be amended to account for the remaining ARPA funds, other appropriations amendments will include the Sheriff's department rate increases. Discussed new ideas regarding advertising on the 235 sign and newsletter. Businesses in the Village and Township can advertise, and open spots on the sign will be for self promotion. The advertising rate will be reduced, and newsletter advertising will be a lower rate. Harold will be purchasing a new salt spreader for \$6,500, committee agreed 75% to come from streets, 10% from state highway, and 15% from permissive funds. There has been no progress with the cemetery sexton proposal. Discussed cemetery levy expectations and deadlines. Mayor provided feedback on his conversations with the health department and how we can follow up on properties that have been reported. Discussed Main Street paving and future projects under financing through SIB. Stephanie will look into this program.

Mr. Myerholtz asked "what brings people to town" and pointed out that the Village spends a lot of money on the parks and that information he has read states that people don't look for that and what they look for is if it is a business friendly community. Mr. Myerholtz recommended that we look into upgrading the 235 Village sign by putting up an LED sign because we need to promote entrepreneurial things.

Upcoming Meetings: Cemetery 2/8 at 6PM, Administrative Process 2/12 at 6PM, Special Ball Committee 2/13 at 6PM, Rec Board 2/14 at 6:30PM, Community Development & Public Affairs 2/15 at 5PM, Council Meeting - Tuesday 2/20 due to Presidents' Day.

New Business

Ordinance 2024-1 received an emergency reading; making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 - ARPA funds. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2024-1 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote: Ms. Klockowski - Yes, Mr. Babcock - Yes, Mr. Warner - Yes, Mr. Myerholtz - Yes, Mr. Easterwood - Yes. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2024-1 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2024-2 received an emergency reading; approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2024 edition, as the code of ordinances for the municipality of Weston, Ohio. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2024-2 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Roll Call Vote: Ms. Klockowski - Yes, Mr. Babcock - Yes, Mr. Warner - Yes, Mr. Myerholtz - Yes, Mr. Easterwood - Yes. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2024-2 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.*

Resolution 2024-1 received an emergency reading; authorizing and confirming the assignment of OWDA loan. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2024-1 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote: Ms. Klockowski - Yes, Mr. Babcock - Yes, Mr. Warner - Yes, Mr. Myerholtz - Yes, Mr. Easterwood - Yes. A motion for passage of Resolution 2024-1 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

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Resolution 2024-2 received an emergency reading; to authorize a 2024 work agreement with the Wood County Commissioners, authorizing the Administrator to execute said agreement. A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2024-2 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote: Ms. Klockowski - Yes, Mr. Babcock - Yes, Mr. Warner - Yes, Mr. Myerholtz - Yes, Mr. Easterwood - Yes. A motion for passage of Resolution 2024-2 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2024-3 received an emergency reading; approving and authorizing the Mayor and/or Fiscal Officer to execute an agreement for delinquent debt collection with the Ohio Attorney General. A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2024-3 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote: Ms. Klockowski - Yes, Mr. Babcock - Yes, Mr. Warner - Yes, Mr. Myerholtz - Yes, Mr. Easterwood - Yes. A motion for passage of Resolution 2024-3 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.

An ordinance making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 received a first reading. This is an amendment to provide for the rate increases for police protection services.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed a summary of the bills (\$13,038.64) and outstanding invoices (\$13,904.46). A motion to approve the summary of the bills and payment of outstanding invoices was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

Council requested an explanation of the different amounts on the real estate bills. Requesting the clerk to look into the BWC grant for EMS, the last grant was believed to be used to purchase the cylinder lift station. Stephanie provided Mr. Myerholtz with a link of all the BWC grants via email, and Stephanie pointed out a name for the grant would be helpful in order to know what to search for, because there are not BWC grants specific to EMS departments most of them are for schools and fire departments.

Ken pointed out that the Village has no regulations for signage, and asked if we want a process for this.

There was some discussion on buildings in relation to a community building. Mr. Myerholtz expressed that the Village is the worst landlord for the post office because the building is in bad shape. He shared that the Village Hall does not need any attention. Mr. Myerholtz shared that he recently watched the Grand Rapids council meeting video and they are using ARPA funds to provide low interest loans to downtown businesses, and expressed the Village needs to look into support for the downtown district.

Citizens & Visitors

Jigar Patel (virtual), Ron Dallas (virtual)

Nothing to report from Visitors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46PM.

Signature of Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Signature of Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk