

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

September 19, 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 request was made by the Mayor to add Ordinance 2022-24, stop intersection ordinance, under new business . 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. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve September 6, 2022 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Mayor asked if there was any additional discussion on Ordinance 2022-16, amending the pay schedule; which received it's final reading. *A motion for passage of Ordinance 2022-16 was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Reports

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

Mayor: Grand opening of the Watershed was before the meeting. Thanked Sonlight church for helping Tom clean up the graves with weed whacking.

Fiscal Officer: Newsletter is drafted, no additions were requested. All outstanding checks from before 2020 have been moved to unclaimed funds. Reservoir project has been closed out and submitted for reimbursement, and should be receiving the grant money September 20th.

Administrator: Kendall is scheduled this week to dig, and already did some prepwork on the Silver St catch basin project. Plan to do some work behind Porkys, there is a dead end storm sewer which will need to be connected to our system. Sandridge work this year on the line by Eileen was discussed. Would like to address the ball diamond area storm sewer. Crack sealing has started and will continue to work through the pallet of material. CamTech is complete and identified most of the existing stormwater infrastructure and cleaned up everything they could find, located about 4-5 breaks to address, and helped identify all the outlets. Harold is to follow up with the gas company regarding the corner of Silver/Walnut where stone was filled, which needs fixed. NWWSD followed up with a storm sewer issue on Clark, manholes with X's marked will be redone by NWWSD and brought up to road level.

Zoning Inspector: No permits were issued since the previous report. Reported the following issues/violations to Stephanie: 6 tall grass, bags of carpet in trash bags laying in ROW, inoperable vehicles in ROW, truck with 3 flat tires, camper/trailer with no plate, boat/trailer with no plate, 4 trailers full of debris without covering. Sent letter to applicant for variance for incomplete request.

Mr. Myerholtz inquired about an RV on the corner of Silver/Oak in the ROW. He was informed that the code has nothing against vehicles parking in the ROW, there are many properties that have vehicles in the ROW due to no driveway or not enough driveway space.

Committee Reports

Public Works: Discussed the ditch at the end of Evergreen, think it is best that Harold get with the county and advise with catch basin cleaning and ditch cleaning of that location. Sandridge bridge project and drainage for Eileen Street and west of 235 was discussed and to make sure a plan is in place before the project starts. Silver Street catch basin replacement done by Harold with the help of Kendall Plumbing & Heating. Request updated quotes for the residential portion of Main Street from Cherry St to the curve heading out of town. Clark Street and Oak Street manhole cover issues need to be addressed as they appear to be below street level. Work on getting a better budget established with grants or thoughts for the rest of Main Street.

Mrs. Patel asked about the status of the LED street light replacement by Toledo Edison. Clerk informed her that it has been sent to the Toledo Edison project manager, and once they are ready to move forward we will be contacted; there is no timeline at this time.

Rec Board: Discussed the lights at the ball fields, have a chance to host a tournament each ball season that would generate significant income, working lights are needed in order to do this. Asked about the whereabouts of the rototiller. At the time of the meeting the Halloween party location would like to be held at the fire station but have not been able to confirm with the fire department if this will work for them. Saturday is the rummage sale at the ball fields. Voted to use the remaining Parks money to put in a gaga ball court at Old Schoolhouse Park. Obtained quotes for grant ideas: Park Shelter, Exercise Equipment, Mulch, Portable Scoreboard. A final decision will be made once all quotes are received. Voted to spend \$500 for the Halloween party.

Mr. Easterwood shared that the township approved the usage of the Safety building for any kids or community related event.

Mayor gave some information on the ball lights. The oil can switch is broken, there are two of them and that is why only half of the lights come on. Deshler has the same setup and does their own electricity and keeps some in stock and would sell us one or find a source. Need to find a contractor that will be able to install one due to it being up high on a pole + high voltage. The tackle football team also needs lights due to later practices and sun setting earlier, one of the leaders happens to be an electrician. Mr. Myerholtz asked if Toledo Edison would be willing to donate the time to install the oil can switch, a name shared was Joel Hossley from Grand Rapids. Mr. Easterwood asked why we don't look into updating the lights overall and it was shared that the cost is in the \$100,000s to get new lighting.

Upcoming Meetings: Economic & Community Development 9/21 at 5PM, Safety 9/22 at 5:30PM, Personnel & Policies 9/22 at 6PM, Finance 9/28 at 6:30PM

New Business

Resolution 2022-10 received an emergency reading, submitting votes for Chuck Latta to fill a vacant board seat on the Northwestern Water and Sewer District. *Mrs. Patel made a motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2022-10, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Resolution 2022-10 was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2022-22 received an emergency reading, establishing mutual aid for fire and emergency medical services. *Mr. Easterwood made a motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2022-22, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2022-22 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2022-23 received an emergency reading, making supplemental appropriations in council salary. *Mrs. Easterwood made a motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2022-23, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2022-23 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.*

Mayor presented updates to the stop intersection ordinance, which also included adding a yield section. Mr. Myerholtz questioned yields in residential areas. Mrs. Patel shared concern for areas with children, which should have stop signs not yields. The section on fines will need legal guidance from Paul Skaff. This will be a first reading on Ordinance 2022-24, establishing stop intersections.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$21,245.56, with a motion to approve made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

Employee handbook updates were reviewed. *A motion to approve the changes in section 1.4, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 3.1, 3.2, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.7, 4.9, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, and adding job descriptions to new section 8, were made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.*

Church of Christ Family Fun Day is October 1 & 2. *A motion to approve the Elm Street closure for Family Fun Day was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.*

Citizens & Visitors

Randy & Pam Hann

No comments from citizens or visitors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk