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Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

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**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

November 21, 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 roll call was taken: Mrs. Ashley Patel, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Dave Dewitt, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. Mayor noted that the Fiscal Officer was out due to illness. *A motion to approve November 7, 2022 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.*

Appointments

Weston Village resident Samantha Gerschutz was present to be sworn in as a member of the Parks & Recreation board. She will fill a vacant board position. Village council and Mayor thanked Mrs. Gerschutz for her commitment to the Village. This will fill the immediate board positions, but Parks & Recreation is always looking for additional non-board members to help plan events and activities the Village parks offer.

Old Business

Ordinance 2022-26, amending the rate schedule for Weston EMS services, received a final reading. This ordinance will increase the rates for the Village EMS to better reflect the current environment's standards set by Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance. *A motion for passage of Ordinance 2022-26 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2022-28, 2023 Appropriation Ordinance, received a 2nd reading.

Ordinance 2022-29, establishing a donation policy, received a 2nd reading. This ordinance will set a policy when it comes to donations being made to the village and was recommended to be put into place by Village legal counsel. Mr. Easterwood asked about where the donations would ultimately go if asked they should go to a specific cause. An example - if a donation was made to the Cemetery or Parks, would it be guaranteed that it ended up in that fund. The Mayor noted that yes, the revenue would be added to the appropriate line item in the line with the service, and the Fiscal Officer would be charged with lining that up. Some services of the Village have a specific special fund, while others operate from the Village's general fund.

Reports

Attendance: Ken Taylor (Zoning Inspector), Harold Boggs (Administrator)

Mayor: The Mayor brought up that he had asked the Fiscal Officer about the Village's Fire Insurance Procedures, as brought to his attention by a resident. The Fiscal Officer was able to line this up with Resolution 2008-11, a resolution providing insurance procedures for the repair, removal, and/or securing of certain fire damaged structures in the Village of Weston. The context provided was the recent fire damaged structure at Broad Oak Apartments. Mr. Easterwood asked about why that would become the village's business based on that it is private property. The Mayor noted that the intent seems to be that when a structure is damaged heavily due to fire, it's in the Village's interest to ensure that removal and rebuilding are in compliance with the law, but that further investigation into the resolution is needed. Mr. Ken Taylor mentioned that he has had contact with the contractor involved.

Administrator: Leaf pickup has been completed, but the crew will be on the lookout for any final piles that may have been recently lined up. He also reported on some estimates that have been received to replace two furnaces at the maintenance building. Currently 1 or 2 is completely down, and both are aging, apparently over 70 years old. The Administrator is looking for a recommendation from the finance committee. One bid was submitted by a Weston-based contractor, and two others were submitted from the local area. Mr. Easterwood asked about the status of the catch basin installation at the ball fields. Mr. Boggs reported that he is waiting for the ground to settle in that location and the location behind Porky's Pizza before a final grade is done. This will take place within the next few weeks.

Zoning Inspector: No permits have been issued since the previous report. Wrote final letter to Mr. Menaldi, and sent to Paul for comments, which was a day before Paul had written to Stephanie instructing no more contact with Mr. Menaldi. Repeat nuisance violations include: 20350 Oak St pickup with 3 flat tires and Jayco camper with no plates and flat tire, 13316 Main St boat/trailer with no plates, 13450 Silver camper trailer in rear yard with no plates, 13496 Center junk and weeds in rear yard, 20542 Elm junk, 20295 Oak 2 inoperable vehicles in rear yard. No action taken from council. New violations include: 20703 Main black Saab invalid plates, 13250 Maple junk throughout front porch, 13135 Maple trailer full of uncovered trash in rear yard, 20770 Sycamore appears to be enclosing front porch without a permit, 20400 Brooke Lane property to the east has a tarp shed with no permit. Menaldi property on Silver Street weeds have not been removed as well as buried debris, and Lawndale debris has made no progress on getting it cleaned up. Mayor noted that several of the issues need to be addressed by committee as well as some of the Village zoning code.

Mr. Myerholtz asked if there has been any progress with the demolition process for Broad Oak. Mr. Ken Taylor indicated that permits are being worked on through the county, but at that time knew nothing specific about demolition.

Committee Reports

Finance: Majority of the meeting was discussing the township contract for a rental agreement with the Village's EMS. The township meeting was attended by Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Dewitt, and Mayor. Mr. Jacob Brown, Township Trustee, shared some financial information/valuation information about the town vs township proper, and an explanation of where the valuation of the contract amount originated from. The Township is asking the Village EMS to pay \$14,000 in yearly rent for maintenance, utilities, and first responder runs. Mr. Myerholtz started by informing the township of the EMS fund, and pointed out that the Village does not run the EMS as a profit-making entity. He shared the year end financials which show that

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the EMS revenue and expenses are nearly in line with one another. The EMS operates on a fund which pays for all of the expenses incurred by the service, including gas, honorariums, salaries, etc. That fund also has to survive large purchases, such as a new Ambulance. The point was made that a \$14,000 expenditure would impact the budget significantly and would cause Village Council to reassess the contract amounts and run rates to bring the expenses and revenues to parity. Another important point was made by Mr Myerholz and Mayor Schroeder, as explained to the trustees, that all of the village residents are also township residents, and as such are paying for the upkeep and maintenance of the building that the Ambulances have resided in since its inception. It's due to this commitment by all the residents in the township that the rates are able to remain as low as they are, and as such are shared equally by the residents of Weston Township, including the Village's portion. Further discussion on this topic will be had at the next Finance Committee meeting. The Township Trustees also asked if the village council could have two meetings a year with the township. Also during this discussion, village resident Ms. Addysen Limes asked more about the separation of the township and village. The Village's insurance bonds were also talked about at Finance committee and there was a recommendation to move forward with a new arrangement presented to council by UIS Insurance. The committee also discussed road finances. All expenditures are cut off December 15th.

Rec Board: The board did not submit a grant with WCPD this year. Moved forward with approval of a gaga ball pit which will be installed in the spring. Ms. Addysen Limes explained the game of gaga ball. Mrs. Michelle McClure noted that it will be "bring your own ball". Christmas Party and Tree Lighting will be December 10th from 5-7PM at the maintenance building and will be ordering lights (not to exceed \$500) and party supplies (not to exceed \$500). The Christmas lights contest will be kept within the Village limits and Mrs. Patel offered a grinch for the Christmas party.

Economic & Community Development: Committee is working on a Pemberville-based subdivision draft. Committee is also looking into a program to incentivize owners of vacant properties. Reviewing the feral cat ordinance and other zoning recommendations. Tracey Hazelbaker asked several questions about the proposed 'cat ordinance' and the current draft was shared with her.

Upcoming Meetings: Finance committee has been moved to November 29th at 6PM (no December meeting). Cemetery 12/1 at 6PM. Economic & Community Development has been moved to December 13th at 5PM (no meeting 12/21). Public works 12/7 at 6PM. Rec Board 12/14 at 6:30PM. Personnel & Policies and Safety are canceled for November & December.

Approval of Expenditures

OML and TMACOG dues will be discussed at the next council meeting. Bills will be ready for approval at the next council meeting.

Citizens & Visitors

Michelle McClure, Janeille Grady, Samantha Gerschutz, Tracey Hazelbaker, HS Government Class: Addysen Limes, Samuel Head, Aiden Kern, Bryanna Trevino

Samuel Head, a resident in attendance, asked if there have been any problems reported with the goats he has in town in accordance with a 4H project. No problems reported.

Tracey Hazelbaker commented about dogs running loose. It was suggested that she contact the county dog warden. She suggested the laws could be reiterated through the village newsletter, and the Mayor indicated that could be done. She had also asked if the north/south alley between Clark Street and Maple Street, terminating on Taylor Street and Locust Street could be addressed for potholes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26PM.



Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor