

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
April 4, 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. *A motion to approve March 21, 2022 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.*

Public Presentation(s)/Hearings

Dustin Justice was in attendance virtually to provide a live demonstration of the Reach Alert program. *A motion to approve the Reach Alert subscription was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Angie Coleman, Michelle McClure, and Michael McClure were in attendance to discuss the need for a UTV for ball. In 2018 two Kubotas were traded in, one only had a \$200 trade which had the stipulation that maintenance would maintain (drag and mow) the ball fields; which they only mowed. Due to not having equipment they had brought in their own that is no longer working and shared that the need for a UTV is not a wishlist item and is very much needed. The original request was to split between funds to share the cost. Mayor noted that there is a \$27,000 cash balance in the ball fund. *Mr. Warner made a motion to approve the ball program to be able to purchase a UTV up to the amount of \$6,500, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved - 5, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mrs. Patel.*

Also requested was a P.O. for \$200 in baseballs and a P.O. not to exceed \$3,000 for uniforms, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved - 5, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mrs. Patel.

Mr. Myerholtz inquired about how the OTB association is affecting town ball. Angie explained how the program is working, which is that the Otsego towns (Haskins, Grand Rapids, Weston, Tontogany) were grouped together under Otsego by the Genoa League which is the league the Otsego towns play in. Also asked if the OTB will become a 501c3 association, and it was shared that the groups need more time to discuss this off season.

Reports

Mayor: The disc golf signage may need to be restructured. Updated council about projects that are in progress or planning including: Welcome Sign project to be completed by contractor soon, Handbook updates are being worked on by committee, Oak Street walking path and drainage will be being discussed in Public Works, and NWWSD will be working on a Taylor Street waterline project. Met with an engineer and Harold to go over the drawings for the waterline project west of the railroad tracks and down Beech Street and Poplar Street. *Bob Desmond has accepted a role on the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Easterwood to approve Bob Desmond to the Planning Commission, Approved unanimously.*

Fiscal Officer: Would like to look into purchasing everyone professional polos and half zip pullovers for events such as dinners attended or media interviews. Stephanie was instructed to get estimates.

Administrator/Maintenance: Bleacher pads have been formed and ready for concrete, the cost of concrete is \$140.5/yard and need approximately 8 years. The forms are a bit larger than those at the small diamond due to adding extra space to mount a picnic table on each pad. A motion to approve concrete for the bleacher pads out of Capital Outlay in General was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr Babcock; Approved - 5, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mrs. Patel.

Zoning Inspector: Sent a letter to Dollar General property owners regarding the fencing around the trash bin. Signed a fence permit for 13170 Maple Street. Received a call from the property owner at 13371 Main Street, he also owns a 2.3 acre parcel immediately west of this property and would like to place an industrialized storage unit on the 2.3 acre site that already has an existing out-building on it. He was informed that if allowed, it would probably be by variance, but would look into and get back to him. This issue was discussed with Paul Skaff.

Committee Reports

Safety: 75 runs as of 3/23. Jessie needed guidance on an unpaid run refund check issued to Township that was refused. EMS contract with Milton Center is still up in the air since it was discovered they no longer have a mayor or council, Paul is looking into information on if the Village is dissolved. Reminder of finance committee meeting with EMS chief and assistant chief on April 12 at 6PM.

Personnel & Policies: Reviewed proposed changes to the employee handbook provided by Fiscal Officer and left comments for any other updates needed.

Upcoming Meetings: Public Works 4/6 at 6PM, Cemetery 4/7 at 6PM, Finance 4/12 at 6PM, Rec Board 4/13 at 6:30PM

New Business

Ordinance 2022-6 received an emergency reading for authorizing and directing the fiscal officer to create an ODNR reservoir restoration fund within the established financial and budgetary accounting system for the purpose of segregating funds received and expended for the restoration of the Village Reservoir. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2022-6 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2022-6 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2022-7 approving watershed license agreement with NWWSD, authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement, received a first reading.

VFIS renewal premium of \$1,580 was reviewed and needed more clarification from UIS if this premium is EMS only.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing for March 22, 2022 - April 4, 2022 totalling \$16,901.26, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously. Council reviewed invoice for \$538.29 from Off-Contact for the 235 LED logo sign and a motion for approval to pay was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Myerholtz inquired about the status of the cemetery records. Stephanie informed everyone that she is meeting with Jodie on April 18th to begin the process of digitizing the records.

Citizens & Visitors

Dustin Justice - Reach Alert (Virtual), Michael McClure, Michelle McClure, Angie Coleman

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk