

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held May 1 20 23

The Village of Weston  
Council Meeting Minutes

May 1, 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: Ms. Jessica Susor, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Dave DeWitt, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. A motion to approve April 17, 2023 council meeting minutes as written, and correction to April 3, 2023 minutes that needed Old Business Ordinance 2023-7 and Ordinance 2023-8 to say "second reading" instead of "first reading", was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Ordinance 2023-5 received a final reading. Mayor shared that he met with the Wood County Sheriff to review the Administrative Protocol for Code Enforcement, it was confirmed that the WCSO will work with the Village to issue citations. A question arose regarding unlicensed vehicles, the Sheriff only considers this an issue when they are on the roadway. Discussion continued on unlicensed vehicles and requesting the property owner to prove registration. Paul Skaff confirmed that a Village official cannot enter a property to look for registration and the owner is not obligated to provide a VIN number to check the registration, other Villages handle vehicles the same way being proposed. Paul Skaff also confirmed that the Village can file a complaint on the tenant or the person violating the ordinance, it is not limited to the property owner listed on the Wood County Auditor's website. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-5 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2023-8 did not receive a final reading. The contents of the ordinance needs to be-reworked.

Ordinance 2023-11 received a second reading; an ordinance making supplemental appropriations for police protection contract increases.

Mr. DeWitt opened discussion for council rules and asked Mr. Myerholtz for his concerns. Mr. Myerholtz shared concern that the Mayor is able to make changes to committees with or without council approval. Mr. DeWitt indicated that it is the same as a few other village examples, such as Haskins. Mr. Myerholtz shared that back in January the Mayor made a statement he wanted to get rid of him off of council, which the Mayor and Mr. DeWitt expressed that is not what was said. It was shared that the comment was made that if Mr. Myerholtz was appointed to the Finance committee, the Mayor can remove him. There was a moment of silence while Mr. Myerholtz began searching for a text message between Mr. DeWitt and himself, and the Clerk noted that discussion should get back on track to the original question of committee appointment authority. Mr. Myerholtz pointed out that the council rules were not followed in the case that the previous committee chairman remains on the committee for at least a year. Mr. DeWitt pointed out that council rules and council committees are two separate things that were voted on separately. Mr. DeWitt shared some examples of what needs to be updated or changed in the council rules. The Mayor shared that he takes pride in selecting the committees and has met with all the committee heads, except for one committee head who refused to meet. There were no other comments from council and Mr. DeWitt requested a Google Doc be shared to share comments and then discussion on those will be held at the next council meeting.

Reports

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

**Mayor:** Met with the Sheriff, Rod Konrad and Greg Panning regarding code enforcement and what we are trying to accomplish, they have committed to be there to back up our ordinances. A draft administrative protocol is being finalized. The Sheriff wants the ability to knock on the door and talk to the owner/tenant before issuing a ticket. Gave a big shout out to Corbin Kirk and daughter for being a part of the baseball field cleanup.

**Fiscal Officer:** Vacation scheduled June 6-14. Received a letter from Ruby at Beacon Medical Billing that they will be closing effective July 1st, need to find a new billing company ASAP. Kathy is working on putting a list together from other area chiefs with recommendations. Planning Commission Hearing for a rezone application will be May 22nd at 6PM.

**Administrator:** Received a quote for the Oak Street safety corridor and walking path. Waiting on a quote to portion out Main Street for resurfacing. Brainstorming alternatives for weed control. Will continue durapatching for marked areas when weather allows. Cemetery had indicated the port-a-pot is never used and cracked but could be fixed and used at the park, working on getting the roof fixed.

**Zoning Inspector:** Pointed out that the previous definition of livestock in the zoning code was replaced with agricultural animals definition and R1 district refers to the definition of livestock. About 16 homes in need of grass cutting. Spoke to the assistant manager of the Dollar General about grass needing to be cut over the septic system, the manager said a work order will be put in to have the work done. Will be sending an informational letter regarding keeping of vehicles ordinance.

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## Committee Reports

**Community Development & Public Affairs:** Did a final review of Ordinance 2023-5 and agreed it was ready for a final reading. The committee spent a great amount of time discussing the verbiage of, and definitions of terms contained within Ordinance 2023-8; it was decided that the wording needs further tweaking before the final reading.

**Public Works:** About \$46,700 left in the streets budget, Union Street paving was discussed and decided to go ahead and pave. There was indication that the Village Hall had developed a couple of roof leaks, Dave was going to use his drone and moisture scanner to see where it was leaking to come up with a plan to fix. 2024 planning for street projects are underway, residential Main Street would need to be in 2 sections of paving. Discussed downtown Main Street being done in different phases, but also going to explore other options like OPWC. Storm sewer projects include: scheduling of Silver Street at Cresset, exploration of railroad tracks by Taylor and Eileen east of the intersection.

**Safety:** 119 runs for the year. 915 is in for alternator repair. Continued discussion on the future of EMS, including: part time daily coverage which has an estimated cost of \$2,000 per week, and T. Schroeder suggested a district is the only way to accomplish this. Kathy stated she has people ready to train, which would be a winter class. Tim indicated his certification would be renewed through 2027.

Mr. Easterwood added discussion that the village cannot sustain a full time or part time staff and that some kind of levy money would be needed which would be a township issue with a district, and looked into information on what Grand Rapids Township did. The disadvantage of a district is that the personnel would still be pulled from the same pool of people. More research is needed on the topic.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Cemetery 5/4 at 6PM, Rec Board 5/10 at 6:30PM, Administrative Process 5/17 at 6PM, Community Development & Public Affairs 5/18 at 5PM, Planning Commission Hearing 5/22 at 6PM, Public Works 5/23 at 6PM, Safety 5/25 at 5:30PM

## New Business

No new business at this time.

## Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$27,939.01, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. DeWitt; Approved unanimously.

## Miscellaneous Business

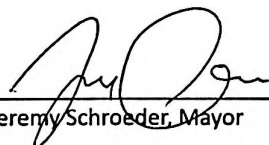
*Request for approval for motion picture licensing at \$395/movie to show 3 movies in the park (June 3rd, August 2023, and Halloween) was approved by motion of Mr Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.*


## Citizens & Visitors

Howard Lashuay, Shirley Moore, Lee Higley, M. Villega (WS4/WCSO)

Lee Higley was in attendance regarding the neighbor to the north with tall grass, trash, and brush that needs to be cleaned up. Also shared that he had property damage due to a reported drunk in the area, a report was taken with the sheriff's office. Mr. Higley asked the council if the sheriff should cite the person for a hit and run. The fire hydrant was also damaged, council shared that that is a NWWSD issue. Mr. Higley also asked about the timeline of the culvert project, which has an estimated date of June 12. Mr. Higley had requested a copy of the engineers drawing and questioned how the benchmark (aka property marker) will be dealt with and that others may be affected, this would be something to discuss with the project engineer. Lastly, it was reported that the street light in front of Mr. Higley's property cycles, goes out for a while and then comes back on.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38PM.

  
Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

  
Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk