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Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held May 4

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**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

May 4, 2026

Meeting Commencement

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Easterwood at 6:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and A roll call was taken: Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Travis Ackerman, Ms. Erica Rupp, Mrs. Ashley Patel, Ms. Jessica Susor, and Ms. Britteny Klockowski. The agenda was opened for additions or modifications. Ms. Susor requested to add a topic to Miscellaneous Business regarding Garbage trucks. The minutes from the previous meeting were then presented for review. Mayor Easterwood noted a minor correction regarding the spelling of his name, which had already been addressed. Ms. Klockowski asked if all her edits were completed & Ms Davis replied "Yes". *A motion to approve April 20, 2026 council meeting minutes as written was made by Ms. Klockowski, seconded by Ms. Rupp; Approved unanimously.*

Public Presentation

Jay Sell from Priority Power Management (PPM), formerly of Aspen Energy, provided an update on the aggregation program. He announced that Aspen Energy was recently acquired by PPM, a Texas-based company. Mr. Sell assured the council that business would continue as usual, with him remaining as their advisor. He highlighted that the acquisition provides stronger financial backing. The aggregation program, which began in May 2021 with Dynegy, has saved the community over \$150,000 in five years. Mr. Sell emphasized that participants can opt out of the program at any time if they find a better deal elsewhere, as the program is designed to be a tool for savings when rates are lower than the utility or other offers. He confirmed that currently, there are no lower offers available than Toledo Edison

Resolution for Electric Supplier Agreement and Contract Timing

Mr. Sell explained that a resolution is before the council for a first reading, which will allow them to enter into a contract with PPM when the timing is right. He plans to work with Mayor Easterwood to determine the optimal time, noting that they waited for the right moment previously. The resolution allows for three readings, and the council needs to approve it to proceed. There is a deadline of early October to act for a December start. Mr. Sell expressed a desire for flexibility to take advantage of market lows, potentially influenced by geopolitical events, and aims to secure rates at or near current levels. He mentioned that current rates are trending above 10 cents per kilowatt-hour, underscoring the program's success.

Program Flexibility and Opt-Out Options

Mr. Sell reiterated that participants can opt out of the program at any time without penalty. Mr. Sell confirmed that the program is a tool and not a mandatory commitment. Ms. Klockowski stated in the past there was a 1 year contract and if that would be an option. Mr. Sell stated that while they signed a 12-month contract last time due to the best available rate, they are open to longer terms (e.g., 36 months) if it secures a lower rate. Mr. Sell stressed that PPM will not push for a deal if there are no savings and would rather pause the program and wait for better market conditions. Their priority is ensuring residents are happy and saving money compared to the utility.

Impact of Data Centers on Energy Rates

A question was raised by Mr. Warner about the effect of data centers on energy rates. Mr. Sell explained that data centers are indeed driving rates higher. He elaborated on the "capacity" charge on bills, which reflects insufficient generation to meet grid demand. These capacity rates are auctioned annually for future years, and the current cap has been reached. While the price cannot increase further this year, it may rise next year. The rapid authorization of new builds without adequate generation to support them has negatively impacted everyone's bills. Mr. Sell mentioned that PJM, their grid operator, has generation scheduled to come online, which may help alleviate the issue over time, but currently, the lack of sufficient power plants to meet the additional load is a significant problem.

Budget Plans and Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)

Mr. Myerholtz questioned how the aggregation program interacts with budget plans and the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP). Mr. Sell confirmed that residents can be on a budget plan and participate in the aggregation program simultaneously. However, he advised those on the PIPP program to remain on it, as it is more beneficial. For those wanting to enroll in the aggregation program while maintaining their budget plan, Sell offered personal assistance, asking them to call him directly with a bill for guidance.

Budget Program Details and Ohio Edison

Mr. Myerholtz inquired if the budget program would apply to both Edison and Dynagy. It was clarified that the budget program is an Ohio Edison program, and Dynagy will reconcile with them annually to ensure accuracy.

Old Business

Mayor Easterwood noted that the "State Capital Budget Update" was on the agenda for the second time. He inquired if there was anything new on it or if it should be moved to New Business? It was decided to remove this item from future discussions unless it is brought up again in the future.

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Second Reading; ORD to Amend Appropriations for WCSO rate increase: The second reading of the ordinance to amend preparations for a rate increase for the Wood County Sheriff's Office. This ordinance involves supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2026. The proposed increase is an additional \$4,000 to the previously appropriated \$66,000, bringing the total appropriation to \$70,000. Mr. Ackerman asked for clarification on the purpose of the rate increase. It was explained by Mayor Easterwood, that it pertains to contract rates for deputies and costs for new cruisers. Mayor Easterwood speculated that this increase might be a result of opting out of a 40-hour contract and reducing it to 26 hours, noting that the previous appropriation was nearly \$120,000.

Reports

Mayor: Mayor Easterwood made observations of no brush pickup on a recent drive through town, though it was later confirmed by the Administrator Harold Boggs that brush pickup was indeed happening. A successful heavy trash pickup event was also mentioned, with a significant turnout. Mayor Easterwood discussed the Arbor Day celebration on April 24th which involved the planting of two Buckeye trees at Alumni Park, donated by Bob Latta and nursed by Dean Babcock. Mr Boggs provided further details and revealed that three and three-quarters dumpsters were filled by noon. Specific streets serviced for brush pickup included Broadway, and Oak Street cracks sealed. It was noted that residents were putting out more brush after it had already been picked up, which is an issue that needs to be addressed. A quote for a mower was included in the folder as a backup in case of issues with Gary's mower. Additionally, a quote for Washington Street from J.P.S. was presented. Mayor Easterwood inquired if all products had been used. Mr. Boggs confirmed that all available products from previous years had been utilized, and no further crack sealing is anticipated at this time. It was suggested to budget for crack sealing next year.

Fiscal Officer/Administrative: The fiscal report from Stephanie was reviewed, Mayor Easterwood noted that both the cybersecurity policy and the non-filer subpoena program are on the agenda under "New Business."

Administrator/Maintenance:

Mr. Harold Boggs reported on heavy trash and brush pickup details. Further details revealed that three and three-quarters dumpsters were filled by noon. Specific streets serviced for brush pickup included Broadway, Oak Street cracks sealed. It was noted that residents were putting out more brush after it had already been picked up, which is an issue that needs to be addressed. A quote for a mower was included in the folder as a backup in case of issues with Gary's mower. Additionally, a quote for Washington Street from J.P.X. was presented. Mayor Easterwood inquired if all products had been used. Mr. Boggs confirmed that all available products from previous years had been utilized, and no further crack sealing is anticipated at this time. It was suggested to budget for crack sealing next year.

Code Enforcement/Zoning

Mr. Ken Taylor presented report updates. He received a call from a property owner on Russ Street regarding requirements for potentially building a new home. He also received an email from the property manager of 13270 Maple Street regarding a grass-cutting notice, which would be addressed. Mr. Taylor received a call from a property owner at the corner of Sandridge and SR 235 regarding keeping bees. He advised that there are no zoning code restrictions but recommended consulting an insurance agent.

Mr. Taylor sent a variance application to the property owner at 13345 Silver Street regarding the possibility of erecting a shed without a primary structure. No response had been received; however, the property owner had mowed the grass. He also spoke with a potential buyer of commercial property on Evon Lane who wished to build a house. Additionally, he received a call from a property owner who believed a zoning requirement permitting only second-floor living had been changed years ago, although the code had not been updated.

Mr. Taylor discussed Evon Lane and chicken-related issues with Mayor Easterwood. He also met with the property owner at 20780 Main Street regarding a permit for an expedition, provided the necessary paperwork, and noted that construction had not yet begun.

Mr. Taylor received a complaint from a resident on Walnut Street concerning a vacant lot next door that had not been mowed and was being used as a parking lot. An email was sent to Paul Skaff regarding this matter and the chicken issue, but no response had been received. He also received a call from an appraiser regarding zoning transportation for property on Ash Street.

Mr. Taylor drove through the village to identify seven properties requiring grass cutting and cleanup of furniture and debris. Notices were sent to all identified properties by Ms. Davis, Village Clerk, on May 4.

Chicken Ordinance and Permits: The chicken ordinance was discussed, with confirmation that it has been updated and placed on the website. Mayor Easterwood commented the permits are due June 15 and are non-transferable. Further details on the non-transferability are expected later.

Committee Reports

Committee meeting minutes are maintained separately by each committee and are available as public records.

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Community Development & Public Affairs:

The Community Development and Public Affairs Committee meeting minutes from April 21 were reviewed.

Attendees include: Ms. Klockowski, Mr. Ackerman, Mrs. Patel, Erica Rupp

Key points included:

- * Approval of previous minutes.
- * "Heart of the Community" item from Harold and Jesse Kendall is ready for pickup by Ashley for the May newsletter.
- * Business spotlight from Cresset Chemical has been emailed for the May newsletter.
- * Decided to feature both "Heart of the Community" and "Business Spotlight" on an every-other-month basis.
- * Garage sale days are scheduled for June 11th-14th, with information sent for advertisement.
- * Food trucks confirmed for the Ball Diamonds, Merrill Park, and Market include Big Meals on Wheels, Big Daddy Sausage, Thai Food Egg Roll, and Rolling Lemonade. Possible participation from Girl Scout cookies and Otseo Schools is pending confirmation.
- * New signs have been installed at Old School House Park.
- * The committee decided to add "Heart of the Community" and "Business Spotlight" to the village-approved Facebook page

Safety:

The Safety Committee meeting minutes were presented from 4/27/2026

In attendance: Mr. Ackerman, Ms. Klockowski, Kathy Heyman, Tim Schroeder Mr. Patel, Mayor Easterwood, Mrs. Patel

Key discussions included:

- * Approval of March 23rd, 2026 minutes. Mr. Ackerman motioned; Ms. Klockowski second; roll call approved
- * Year-to-date runs: 145.
- * No new reports from the clerk. Kathy stated Allyson is awaiting state testing after completing classes. Three other individuals are attending classes for basic training and will soon be able to do ride-along training with EMS.
- * Jamie is awaiting an official date for the new ambulance to transfer the power cot from the current 915 to the new 915.
- * Ms. Klockowski suggested looking into the Firehouse Subs grant, but it was clarified that the fire department must apply. Kathy inquired about the EMS safety committee and township potentially collaborating on the grant.
- * The May 2026 meeting will be held on May 27th at 6:00 PM in the safety building.
- * Shad Kendall raised a question about the village handling AMA billing, which would require self-billing and could lead to delays on the patient interim side whether we would be approved or not.
- * Pagers and batteries will be purchased through PNR Communications. The PO is ready but EMS requested an additional two pagers and four batteries, as some existing pagers are aging.
- * The Actionable items approved were for the purchase of five pagers and ten batteries from PNR Communications, totaling \$4,000 and change. This was an increase from the previous approval of three pagers and six batteries.

Mayor Easterwood addressed Actionable items:

The council discussed the possibility of implementing EMS billing. It was noted that residents who require lift assists or other services might not be able to afford billing, and this would represent a significant cost of doing business. The decision on whether to pursue this would be made by the council, and billing would be handled internally, not through MediCount. Ms. Klockowski inquired if this was to be done through the EMS Clerk Mrs. Monts. Mayor Easterwood stated it would need to go to Administrative Process for the contract & then revert back to safety. Ms. Klockowski motioned to send the substitute billing for AMA to the administrative process was made by Ms. Susor, seconded by Mrs. Patel, roll call Approved 5; Opposed - 1 Ms. Klockowski, passed with a 6-1 vote.

Public Works:

The Public Works report from April 28 was presented by Ms. Klockowski; In Attendance: Mr. Warner, Ms. Susor, Ms. Klockowski and virtually William Port and William Scheiber from Delta Institute

The Public Works Committee meeting with Delta Institute was discussed. It was noted that Delta Institute will provide a development plan incorporating funding and loan options for the Washington Center. The committee emphasized the importance of planning the timeline around budget availability and due diligence. Discussion also included filling potholes on Washington Street following brush pickup. Ms. Susor spoke with Bob Desmond regarding Washington Street possibilities, including an OPWC grant for funding and a temporary paving fix. The committee recommended pursuing the OPWC grant and, if unsuccessful, opting for the temporary paving. Inquiry was made regarding Delta Institute partnering with DGL for the OPWC grant application. The RBDG project on the Locust Street parking lot was deemed no longer viable due to the lengthy Brownfield testing timeline. The stormwater map has been updated, and a resolution outlining the stormwater phase plan was requested. It was reported that the village lawnmower, a John Deere 730, is billowing smoke; quotes for a new mower are to be sent to the administrative process. Dirt patch and crack sealing will resume for

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the village at large. *The committee agreed to send the Washington Street project financing to the administrative process and recommended asking DGL to initiate the OPWC grant for Washington Street.*

Four Actionable Items were presented:

- *The committee agreed to send the Washington Street project financing to the administrative process. A motion to move this to administrative process was made by Ms. Klockowski, second Ms. Susor; Roll call Approved.*
- *The committee recommended asking DGL to initiate the OPWC grant for Washington Street. A motion to have a conversation with DGL regarding this was made by Ms. Klockowski, second Ms. Susor; Roll call Approved..*
- *Quotes for a new mower are to be sent to the administrative process committee. A motion to move this to the Administrative Process Committee was made by Ms. Klockowski, second Ms. Susor; Roll call Approved..*
- *A resolution outlining the stormwater phase plan was requested. It was decided that this could be handled internally without the need for committee referral.*

Upcoming Meetings: Cemetery 5/7 at 6PM, Administrative Process 5/11 at 6PM, Tree Commission 5/12 at 6PM, Community Development 5/19 at 5:30PM, Public Works 5/26 at 6PM, Safety 5/27 at 6PM

New Business

Two items were presented under New Business:

RES for Electric Supplier Agreement with Purchase Power (formerly Aspen Energy): The current contract with Aspen Energy (now PPM) is valid until the end of the year. The resolution is to change the verbiage from Aspen Energy to PPM. It was suggested to hold off on this or make it a first reading, as it is a sample draft.

Executive Session for Cybersecurity Policy: The council will go into executive session to discuss the details of the cybersecurity policy under ORD 121-22 G6.

It was decided to move the remaining new business items to the end of the agenda, followed by expenditures, miscellaneous business, visitors, and then the executive session.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed a summary of the bills (\$19,215.00) and outstanding invoices (\$9,958.27). *A motion to approve the summary of the bills and payment of outstanding invoices was made by Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Ms. Rupp; Roll call - Approved 4, Opposed - 1 Mr. Warner, Abstained - 1 Ms. Susor.*

Miscellaneous Business

Mayor Easterwood presented miscellaneous business:

The council deliberated on the authorization of a non-filer subpoena program presented by RITA, which aims to improve tax compliance and recover unpaid municipal income tax. A decision for the 2026-2027 cycle is required by June 1, 2026. The council considered two options: a no-cost letter campaign or a letter campaign combined with an administrative subpoena program at a cost of \$1 per subpoena. Following discussions on the program's necessity and past success, the council unanimously approved a motion to proceed with Option two, including the subpoena component.

RITA Non-Filer Subpoena Program Decision

The review of the RITA non-filer subpoena program continued, with the fiscal officer's report clarifying that the objective is to improve tax compliance and recover unpaid municipal income tax. The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) requires a participation decision for the 2026-2027 cycle by June 1st, 2026. The council considered two options: Option one is a no-cost letter campaign; Option two includes the letter campaign plus an administrative subpoena program for non-respondents at a cost of \$1 per subpoena. Given the program's past success and low cost, Option two was recommended. RITA maintains confidentiality regarding specific methods but utilizes various notices, subpoenas, and audits in conjunction with state and federal agencies. *A motion to proceed with Option two of the RITA program, including the subpoena component, was made by Ms. Klockowski and seconded by Mr. Warner; Roll call: Approved unanimously.*

Garbage Truck and Street Infrastructure Concerns

A concern was raised by Ms. Susor regarding garbage trucks and their impact on street infrastructure, following earlier discussions on Washington Street. A proposal was made to review how heavy trucks servicing residential dumpsters affect village roads, noting the damage caused by multiple companies operating on various days. Potential solutions include revising residential codes to permit only garbage cans instead of large dumpsters. The cumulative impact of various garbage companies was also debated. *It was decided to refer the matter of garbage collection and its infrastructure impact to the Administrative Process committee by unanimous vote.*

Citizens & Visitors

Attendees: Shad Kendall, Keith Leady, Rob Myerholtz, Jigar Patel, Anthony Ickes, Shirley Moore, Tim Schroeder, LuAnn Hunt

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Dog Waste and Ordinance Enforcement

During the public segment, Mrs. Linn expressed concern regarding dog waste cleanup. Mayor Easterwood noted the difficulty of enforcement without a Mayor's Court. The issue of the misuse of provided disposal bags was also mentioned. It was suggested that reminders regarding cleanup be added to the newsletter and website alongside existing leash rules. Mayor Easterwood agreed to look into the matter

Public Parking Lot Discussion

Jeremy Schroeder inquired about the public parking lot. Ms. Klockowski explained that the matter had been removed from discussion because the project would require reimbursement funding, which would need to wait until the next fiscal year's budget cycle. She further noted that the current reimbursement period expires in September and does not align with the village's financial timelines.

Commercial Zoning Ordinance and Vacant Structures

Shad Kendall opened for discussion and clarified that prior deliberations regarding second-floor residential occupancy within the village center had not been formally codified into any existing written ordinance. Mr. Kendall requested a review of ORD 2008-14 regarding vacant commercial structures. The ordinance stipulates that structures vacant for 60 days revert to residential use on the second floor. He noted a specific Mill Street property vacant for over six years, suggesting a lack of enforcement. The council discussed the original intent to encourage second-floor apartments and the application to single-family homes in commercial districts. Mayor Easterwood acknowledged the complexity and the need to revisit the commercial code to address potential spot zoning. Mayor Easterwood agreed to schedule a meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss rezoning.

Parks and Recreation Funding and Library Levy

Rob Myerholtz spoke and proposed that park funding be decided via a voter levy. It was noted that the village has paid approximately \$248,000 annually for a library levy over the past decade, though the auditor recently halved this amount due to non-utilization. Mr. Myerholtz emphasized that collected funds should be used for their intended purpose and contrasted this with the proposed stormwater surcharge, which is not planned for a voter referendum.

Sports Initiative and League Lineup Refund

Ms. Hunt spoke on The Weston Sports Initiative requested code changes for the equipment building to restrict access. Additionally, League Lineup is offering a refund for prepaid fees; the council will consult the fiscal officer to determine if the village can issue a check to the initiative. Weston Sports Opening Day is set for May 16th, beginning at 9:30 AM at the library, followed by T-Ball at 11 AM at the diamond with food trucks and prizes.

Library Program Director and Upcoming Events

Mr. Myerholtz reported that the library has hired a new program director to coordinate upcoming events and community programs.

Executive Session for Cybersecurity Policy

The council convened in executive session to deliberate on the specifics of a cybersecurity policy, citing ORD 121-22 G6. A motion to enter executive session was made at 7:07 PM by Mrs. Patel and seconded by Ms. Rupp, followed by unanimous approval via roll call.

Upon reconvening at 7:27 PM, a motion to enter into regular session was made by Mrs. Patel and second by Ms. Rupp, approved unanimously by roll call.

Mayor Easterwood presented that the council reviewed a cybersecurity policy document submitted by Paul Skaff. A motion was then made to table the resolution regarding the version of the cybersecurity policy provided by Stephanie Monts. *A motion to table the resolution was subsequently made by Ms. Rupp, seconded by Ms. Klockowski and confirmed by a roll call vote.*

Adoption of Cybersecurity Policy

Mayor Easterwood presented that the council elected to move forward with the cybersecurity document provided by Paul Skaff, which entails the adoption of an ORD 121-22 G6 establishing the village's cybersecurity policy. It was concluded that an emergency declaration is unnecessary, as the three-reading process allows ample time for thorough review. *A motion to accept Mr. Skaff's document was requested by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Ms. Rupp and unanimously approved by roll call, to proceed with the formal adoption.*

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Ackerman; Approved unanimously by roll call.



Rick Easterwood, Mayor



Anette Davis, Clerk