

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

July 5, 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, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to excuse Mr. Rob Myerholtz was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve June 20, 2022 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

A verbal estimate of \$20,000-\$22,000 was given by Brondes for the 915 ambulance engine. Mr. Easterwood requested a formal estimate. Mr. Easterwood also requested a proper diagnosis on why the engine did what it did, is there a warranty, what exactly are we getting, is the "pedigree" upgraded or will we eventually have the same problem again. Tim Schroeder shared that if it is fixable to fix it. The used ambulances out there are high mileage and we do not know the maintenance history, he had also reached out to the EMS personnel and received no response. There is a 18-24 month turnaround for a Braun Ambulance. Mr. Myerholtz shared he has done some research online and the unit we have with the milage is selling for around \$20,000-\$22,000 and shared there are demo units out there. Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Easterwood had shared that they have not seen any demo units and they typically do not advertise price on a demo but it is usually about 20% discount. Mr. Easterwood will call Brondes to get more information and request a formal quote be emailed. The cost of repair does fit into the EMS budget currently.

Reports

Fiscal Officer: Virtual meeting authority expired July 1, 2022 and has not been extended. Board members/council members cannot attend virtual meetings and be counted in quorum. Sent out another letter with an unclaimed funds notice to those with outstanding checks. We have gotten 3 responses so far, the deadline for responses before it gets sent to the Unclaimed Funds Division is July 31, 2022.

The Revenue Budget was presented and reviewed with a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer to submit to the County Auditor was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

Administrator/Maintenance: The library had a trip hazard within their approach, K&K is doing the project and approached Harold about doing the concrete in the front by the ramp/handicap parking area. It is in very bad shape and would be about 21' at 6" deep. Mrs. Patel recommended paying for this out of the Capital Outlay where we did not use the history project budget. Mr. Easterwood requested a formal quote and Mr. Myerholtz requested the concrete specs. Also added was that pothole repair will begin next week.

Zoning Inspector: Properties that need grass/weeds cut include: 13345 Silver St, 13505 Main St, 13135 Milton St, 20725 Sycamore St, 20740 Sycamore St, 20524 Russ St, 20424 Union St, and 20440 Walnut St. Inoperable vehicle at 20350 Oak St and 20295 Oak St. 13375 Silver St has a recliner and office chair in the boulevard. Property just declared a nuisance at 13765 Main St is still a mess and needs to be cleaned up, asked to get some guidance from Paul Skaff what we can and can't do once it is deemed a nuisance. 20830 Sycamore St has a trash pile at the northwest corner of the property which is getting larger. 13417 Center St has a tarp shed in the rear yard without a permit. Ken also noted that the village does not have a definite definition of a nuisance property. There seem to be a few potential nuisance properties that we will need to assess what the next step is. Mayor requested we look into patching the hole in the foundation at the Walnut St nuisance and putting a value on it.

Kellee Downard asked about the woodsy property on Oak St. Mayor said the mannequins are not a problem but if junk starts piling up outside the woods we address it. Kellee also added that there is a camper that has obvious signs that someone is living in it due to seeing electricity running from the apartments.

Shirley Moore had asked if the trees near her property have been addressed yet. Mayor said a courtesy letter needs to go out to the property owner. She had also asked about a utility alley being cleaned up, and was told Toledo Edison does not deal with trees until they actually take out power.

Committee Reports

Personnel & Policies: Will be adding job descriptions to the employee handbook, and working on the job descriptions. Jeremy shared a rough draft of the REACH alert procedures.

Upcoming Meetings: Public Works 7/6 at 6PM, Cemetery 7/7 at 6PM, Finance 7/12 at 6PM, Rec Board 7/13 at 6:30PM, Economic & Community Development 7/20 at 5PM, Safety 7/28 at 5:30PM, Personnel & Policies 7/28 at 6PM

New Business

Ordinance 2022-13, establishing employee wage schedules received an emergency reading. *A motion to suspend the rules for the emergency reading of Ordinance 2022-13 was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Babcock. A Roll Call Vote, Yes, was taken: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2022-13 was made by Mr. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing for June 21, 2022 - July 5, 2022 totalling \$19,101.28, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Easterwood was reviewing an email regarding the opt-out fireworks ordinance and had asked why it was not on the agenda. It was shared that an email went out and nobody on council responded with interest to have it passed or discussed. Kellee Downard asked why citizens even need to set off fireworks, why couldn't the Village just put on a show. It was requested to be put on agenda for discussion at the next council meeting.

Citizens & Visitors

Rob Myerholtz (Virtual), Randy Hann, Pam Hann, Shirley Moore, Kellee Downard, Ben Downard, Tim Schroeder

Kellee & Ben Downard were in attendance regarding the community ball day. She shared she was not in attendance to complain but more to provide suggestions on why the fields can't be rotated, why does softball only get to play on the small diamond. The walks to the concession stand and bathrooms from that field are too far. It was shared that there has been discussion on bringing a cart down to the other diamond to sell food and drinks. Mayor shared that the goal of the community ball day was to get the community to come, and was done through his office. The Downards recommended maybe an end of season wrap up with all the teams, not just the boys. Mayor shared that more volunteers need to be available to assist with this as our ball program volunteers already have their hands full.

Tim Schroeder shared that he had Toledo Edison look at the ball diamond lights. There may be a loose connection in the oil switch that may have caused the motor to burn out. Deshler has one that they could sell us. Tim shared he will talk to Jerry with Custar's electric.

Mr. Myerholtz added that the Farmers Market is on Thursdays and we have a lot of food vendor commitments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk