

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
January 18, 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 with all council members present: Mrs. Ashley Patel, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Dave Dewitt, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to approve January 3, 2021 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Resolution 2022-1, approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute USPS lease renewal received a final reading. *A motion for passage of Resolution 2022-1 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2022-1 amending cemetery sexton compensation, received a second reading.

Reports

Fiscal Officer: Budget/Appropriations are set and available for review, appropriations will need to be passed no later than the February 7 council meeting. Quote from the Copy Shop for Business Map was presented for \$494, which includes 2,500 color prints with re-design to fit on 8.5x11" paper. *A motion to proceed with the print was made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Babcock; approved unanimously.*

Administrator/Maintenance: Working on gathering quotes for new Welcome signs and handicap accessible door for the Village Hall.

Zoning Inspector: Letters will be sent out for junk in yards and inoperable vehicles, majority are expired tags.

Committee Reports

Cemetery: Gary's salary was raised to meet the new state minimum wage. Shelen Stevens was sworn into a new term on the board. Discussed why the trust is in the red and what the next steps should be. It is now understood that Tom will have to sign Gary's timesheets. Re-hired Jodie Domer as cemetery clerk. Board voted to allow Tom to buy lumber to create forms used for digging graves to prevent cave-ins.

Finance: Discussed necessary corrections to appropriations. Discussed acquiring a charge account for EMS and maintenance at Marathon. Discussed pursuing extra snow plow drivers and/or contractors for emergency use. Discussed the need for a handicap door at the Village Hall.

Mr. Myerholtz added that in the past the township had come in and helped since we are in the township and pay taxes to the township and that they could possibly be one of the primary assets for plowing during emergency needs.

Mayor went over the cemetery budget and revenue and appropriation versus budget difference. Mr. Myerholtz added concern for cemetery decreases (vs. lots and burial purchases) and asked what the proposal is to help take care of that, as the trend is down. Also recommended was the cemetery clerk to meet with the Finance committee once per year for an update. Mayor also added that in the finance committee it was discussed to fine tune the reports generated by UAN for the boards/committees. The plan for 2022 is to promote literacy in the budget for council and looking into possibly having someone come in from the county auditor's office.

Rec Board: Janielle Lucero has been sworn in as a new rec board member. Did not receive the Wood County Park District grant. Town ball updates include gathering quotes for uniforms, thank you letters to sponsors with opportunity to renew for 2022 season and signup dates. Signup dates will be Saturday 2/19 from 9am-noon and Sunday 2/27 from 3-5pm The ball program is also in search of a new town president. Clean the Parks day is set for April 2nd, weather permitting. Steve Miller was in attendance to discuss the idea of the rec board and fire department collaborating on town events such as the Christmas Party/Santa Parade, Easter Egg hunt and Fireman's Festival.

Upcoming Meetings: Economic & Community Development Jan. 19 at 6PM, Safety Jan. 27 at 5:30PM, Personnel & Policies Jan. 27 at 6PM, Public Works Feb. 2 at 6PM, Cemetery Feb. 3 at 6PM

New Business

Resolution 2022-4 declaring property (Silver St debris pile) a nuisance, received a first reading.

Mr. Easterwood requested the quote we have on file for cleanup be reviewed to make sure the cost has not changed by the contractor. Bob Desmond shared that there are grants for demo-ing nuisance properties and/or danger to public, he did not have details as Poggemeyer does not typically assist with these, but believes it may be under CDBG.

Resolution 2022-3 approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Toledo Edison LED street lighting agreement, received a first reading. Bob Desmond shared that ODOT also has safety grants for lighting.

Resolution 2022-2 to retain Poggemeyer Design Group to assist with the Village's Taylor Street culvert replacement project and authorize the Mayor to sign a professional services agreement and commit money to pay for professional design services received an emergency reading. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2022-2 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 Resolution 2022-2 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; approved unanimously.* OPWC does not reward until July 1.

PUCO agreement is up for renewal, this is done every two years.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing for January 4, 2022 - January 18, 2022 totalling \$20,966.92, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Warner; approved unanimously.

System for Award Management (SAM) is due for renewal, which must be active for any federal awards, funding, or assistance. *A motion to renew SAM for 3 years at \$999 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Dewitt; approved unanimously.*

Citizens & Visitors

Shirley Moore, Bob Desmond (PDG)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk