

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

August 1, 2022

Council Meeting was called to order by President of Council, Dave Dewitt at 6:00PM - Mayor was absent, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and presentation of the agenda. Chuck Latta's presentation has been moved to the top 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. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve July 18, 2022 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.*

Public Presentation/Hearing

Chuck Latta, NWWSD board member for the past 2.5 years, was in attendance seeking nomination for renewal of his term on the board. He also presented a few NWWSD updates including a waterline project on Taylor, Beech, and Poplar streets that will be starting soon. Work is almost complete on the watershed. NWWSD is having an Open House on Tuesday, August 16 from 3-7PM with bounce houses, giveaways, food, and more. *Mrs. Patel made a motion to nominate Chuck Latta for the NWWSD board, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

An ordinance affirming a village-wide ban on the use of fireworks within the Village had a second reading.

Reports

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

Fiscal Officer: Reminder of the Farmers Market & Car Show on Thursday. No response was received regarding the email that was sent out for mosquito trapping, locations suggested are Merrill Park by the ditch, Locust St dead end by the ditch and the wooded area in A-extension of the cemetery. There are not a lot of location options since we do not have a lot of standing water currently. The traps will be placed Wednesday and picked up Thursday for testing and trapping will only continue until the end of August. The Farmers & Merchants account is open, have moved \$100,000 to the account, and working on updating our ACH information with the county, state, RITA, etc. Once our online portal is set up for ACH direct deposit we will be making this mandatory since Ohio is a state that allows employers to do that as long as the employee has choice to have their checks deposited to. UAN has to activate the Payroll EFT tab. August 15-19 the office will have limited hours due to multiple different training webinars. Jodie requested to hold off on the passage of the pay schedule until the cemetery board has their meeting to hire. She was informed when the next council meeting date and that the new employee would not be able to start until the pay ordinance is passed. *Mr. Warner made a motion to mandate payroll EFT through either file upload or data entry upload, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.*

Administrator: Durapatched Silver St and Main Street, more is planned this week. Crack sealing will be the week of September 12. Plan to meet with CamTech to look at Silver St. Mr. Easterwood requested to reach out to ODOT regarding the tall grass/weeds on 235. Harold indicated that he has already spoken with ODOT and they are planning to mow later this week.

Zoning Inspector: Talked with NWWSD regarding a conversation with a resident at 13426 Center St about the smell of sewage on his property across the alley from his residence, assistant superintendent of the sewer department was going to have his team go out and possibly TV the sewer on the N-S alley. Attended a 1.5 hour Economic Development meeting with utilities and Habitat regarding developing subdivision regulations. Sent a letter to owners of Lawndale regarding the debris on the property to the north of the newer section. Sent a letter to 20290 Taylor St regarding an unlicensed trailer. Had an email conversation with a realtor regarding a possible windmill at 13345 Main St, it is only speculative at this time, no information on height. Our code does not address a working windmill, other than we would call it a structure, we should consider something for the code that also addresses the fall zone. Spoke with 13496 Center St regarding trees overhanging sidewalk, the resident will take care of the issue. Multiple letters went out for grass and brush/trees overhanging the sidewalk. Letter was sent to 20740 Sycamore for junk throughout the property. 20295 Oak received a letter for an inoperable vehicle. Signed permit for Habitat for Humanity new home construction at the NE corner of Union/Washington. Received a call from the maintenance man at Lawndale regarding the debris letter. He will be working on getting a contractor to remove the debris. He also stated that all of the residents of the trailer park pay taxes, the Village should remove future brush that is hauled to the curb. Fence permit was denied due to lot size discrepancy. Mr. Easterwood requested a letter be sent to the Mannin property behind Blandy's there is a potentially hazardous tree that has taken some storm damage, but not a Village tree. Council had a discussion regarding the Lawndale comment to remove brush. Harold recommended that if it is storm damage related and they put it to the Center St curb it can be picked up. Mr. Easterwood shared concern about Spring/Fall brush pickup and including the trailer park, the trash service was abused and we do not want brush pickup to get out of hand. It was recommended to accommodate the service at a cost such as a drop off spot or a \$75 fee (for all property owners) outside of the pickup season. Ken also recommended declaring a storm and dedicating a time for getting storm brush to the curb when there is legitimate storm damage. Working on a fee schedule and updating brush pickup in the code will be sent to Personnel & Policies for more discussion.

Committee Reports

Economic & Community Development: Jim W. with Habitat for Humanity, Victor C. with First Energy, Garret Chamberlain with NWWSD, Matt Ziegler and Joe Pemberton with Suburban Natural Gas were in attendance to discuss the Water St Habitat Development. NWWSD gave a \$160,000 guess estimate up front to do the project for a projected 8 homes. First Energy also indicated money would have to be paid up front, and gave an example of \$30,000 for just a block that does not include poles, transformers, wires, etc. Discussed putting in an alley to have the utilities run. Each company is willing to work with the Village during

the project. To help save money it was discussed to have a gravel street instead of paved due to the homes being built at different times of years. Ken Taylor noted that the Lucas County Habitat for Humanity legal documents stated that they were responsible for all of the costs. The Hahn building was discussed, and Jeremy has spoken to Paul Skaff and if Hahn is willing to lease the property to the Village for \$1 the Village can mow and maintain it as this would be a binding agreement between the Village and Hahn. Discussed the sidewalk ordinance for new builds is ready to move forward which will need to be sent to the Planning Commission for the next steps in the process. Jeremy has started a draft letter to vacant property owners which would include a packet of some sort with realtor information in case they are ready to sell. Ashley will reach out to a realtor in town to see if they are willing to help with packets. The humane society won't take the check from SNG meaning we would have to pay them. Decided that Midway would be the best way to go for feral cats as they will take the check in advance and keep up on the balance. The cost to neuter cats is \$60-\$70, which will prevent tax dollars from being used on this. Ashley is still waiting to hear back from the grant writer at BGSU.

Safety: Rick had indicated starting the process of purchasing a new ambulance since a build at this time is 18-24 months out. Tim had communications with Brondes and they hoped to have the ambulance repaired by the end of last week, so far no communication. Rick shared he will follow up. Kathy discussed adding responders from Central Joint to run with our crew. They would need to be added to the drug license, payroll, and covered under insurance. There needs to be clarification as the Village handbook requires background checks. After a backing incident with the ambulance, Stephanie has paperwork to get gratis government issued license plates on both vehicles. A \$1,000 PEP safety grant is available and it was suggested that we should apply for vehicle backup cameras. Jessie needs input from Paul Skaff on handling the numerous unpaid runs that have been billed to Milton Center for an upcoming reporting deadline in December. 219 runs YTD. *Mr. Easterwood made a motion to allow the EMS chief to add volunteers to payroll and drug license, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.* Until more clarification is received regarding background checks, council has requested that background checks are to be done on new personnel we send through training, those volunteers already certified will not need one. Stephanie will follow up with Paul Skaff and insurance regarding the background checks. Stephanie will request a memo/guidance on handling the Milton Center unpaid runs from Paul Skaff.

Personnel & Policies: Reviewed the job descriptions that have been added to the employee handbook, Paul Skaff is reviewing the Employee handbook.

Upcoming Meetings: Cemetery 8/4 at 6PM, Finance 8/9 at 6PM, Rec Board 8/10 at 6:30PM
Public Works for 8/3 has been canceled.

New Business

An ordinance amending municipal ordinance sections 174.30 and 174.36, banning smoking/vaping/tobacco within 50 feet from any park, building, public sidewalks, bus stops and similar, received a first reading. Ken Taylor made a comment that there may be backfire regarding the no smoking in boulevards.

Resolution 2022-8, authorizing the Village of Weston to participate in the Wood County Park District Parks Grant program received an emergency reading. *Mr. Easterwood made a motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2022-8, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mr. Easterwood, Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Warner, Mr. Babcock, Mrs. Patel. A motion for passage of Resolution 2022-8 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.*

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing dated 7/19/2022 to 8/1/2022 totalling \$18,207.66, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

Citizens & Visitors

Chuck Latta, Shirley Moore

Shirley Moore was in attendance about the cracked concrete near the curve of Locust and Clark St. She was informed that the Village is not responsible for cracked sidewalks that is the responsibility of the homeowner. Shirley shared that it was damaged from the semi truck that went down Clark St a few years ago.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk