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Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held AUGUST 7

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The Village of Weston

Council Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2023

Council Meeting was called to order by President Pro Tempore Dave DeWitt at 6:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and presentation of the agenda with OPWC Main Street project discussion and Resolution 2023-10 to be added before old business. A roll call was taken: Ms. Jessica Susor, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. A motion to approve July 17, 2023 council meeting minutes and July 24, 2023 public hearing council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Presentations or Hearings

Bob Desmond with Kleinfelder was in attendance to review OPWC application information. This project would be to repave, replace curb ramps that do not exist or are not ADA compliant, replace or add sidewalks to connect routes, and add underdrains on Main Street from Cherry Street to the Village limits. The budget is \$250,000, council agreed to a \$125,000 Village match. Mr. Myerholtz suggested discussing a 0% financing option, Mr. Desmond explained how the 0% financing works through OPWC and is typically if it involves water/sewer. There is also an opportunity to apply to the CDBG grant to help repair sidewalks, which requires a 50% match.

Resolution 2023-10 received an emergency reading; a resolution authorizing the Administrator of the Village of Weston to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement program(s) and to execute contracts as required for improvements to residential Main Street. A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2023-10 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Ms. Susor, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. DeWitt, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Resolution 2023-10 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.

Old Business

An updated draft of the Parks & Recreation Board description/duties was reviewed with a request to update part B to read "...members, one member may be a non-resident, appointed by the Mayor." A motion to accept the Parks & Rec Board document as written with the noted changes was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Reports

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

Mayor: Not in attendance.

Fiscal Officer: Our municipal code is officially online through American Legal Publishing, this can be found under the tab Title 17: Municipal Regulations; a direct link is provided under the Zoning/Code Enforcement tab on the website. Budget is due October 1st, all committees and departments need to be notified.

Administrator: One pallet of crack sealing has been finished, plan to finish the other pallet in the fall. Waiting to hear back from K&K with a quote for Taylor Street sidewalk. Mr. DeWitt asked what the orange spray paint on the roads were, Harold answered that those are spots to durapatch.

Code Enforcement/Zoning: 13515 Center St confirmed the rooster is gone. Community Development committee was given a copy of the Wood County Health Department building regulations. There are multiple cars parking over the sidewalk, which is not allowed according to ORC 4611.68; and pointed out the issue with parking in the boulevard as well as in the street. It was suggested to put together a program for residents to stone their boulevard for parking, which would prevent mud from being tracked into the roads. Mr. DeWitt requested a list of properties with parking issues for the streets committee. Bob Desmond suggested widening the sidewalks to 5' so that you would still have 36" to be ADA compliant, which could attract to the CDBG grant.

Brittney Klockowski asked about putting a tree in the boulevard, and Mr. Myerholtz questioned if residents are allowed to put trees in the boulevard because then the Village is responsible. Brittney pointed out that the Village does not have any regulations or standards for trees. Brittney also provided information on how BG handles trees and suggests the Community Development committee look into a tree ordinance.

Committee Reports

Community Development & Public Affairs: Reviewed the ordinance for keeping of fences and buildings. Discussed the vision for nuisance properties and vacant downtown buildings. Discussed a timeline and penalties for farm animal violations. Discussed brush pickup policy and how it can be improved.

Public Works: Discussed a budget of \$250,000 for the Main Street paving project, \$125,000 Village Match, \$125,000 OPWC grant, and Bob Desmond will be providing a proposal by the next council meeting. Kleinfelder is getting with Nagel for the final touches on the bridge project; there were concerns about the drive approaches. Harold provided an update on the crack sealing project. Harold is working on getting a quote for a V-blade for the GMC truck for 2024 budget and also looking at fixing the oil leak. Discussed water issues on Clark/Locust Street, a rough survey on height states that there is a low spot on the southwest corner of the intersection on Shirley Moore's property. Harold is going to see if a possible catch basin can be placed in the corner. Discussed the water pooling into Shirley's garage and recommended she would have to put a trench drain in the concrete driveway that catches the runoff before it goes into the garage.

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Rec Board: Voted Samantha chairperson and Stephanie as secretary. Reviewed financial update. Upcoming event: Block Party with Movie in the Park on August 12, board voted to spend \$150 on food and \$400 on event games to be used for the block party and future events. Discussed Halloween and Christmas ideas. Plan to apply to the Wood County Park District Grant to resurface the basketball court to a multi-sport surface, Stephanie is working on obtaining quotes. Discussed bathroom options for the future. Voted to reallocate the Rec Board's half of the Sam's Club membership to the ball program fund, due to the Rec Board not planning to utilize the membership, it was utilized fully by the ball program.

Safety: EMS runs are 211 YTD. App has been installed on the iPads to start submitting runs. Still no clarification on the 10% Medicare penalty. EMS billing with Medicount started on July 1st. Still working on outstanding bills from Ruby. Stephanie explained that there are a bunch of open accounts that still need to be collected and we are working with Medicount who is providing us tips on how to handle open accounts. Still looking to start classes for EMTs in November, there are 5 interested so far. EMS is looking into purchasing rain gear. Harold was also in attendance to review safety items needed, he was instructed to purchase what is needed.

Upcoming Meetings: Administrative Process has been rescheduled to August 23rd at 6PM, Public Works has been rescheduled to August 29th at 6PM, next council meeting has been rescheduled to August 22nd at 6PM, Rec Board 8/9 at 6:30PM, Cemetery 8/10 at 6PM, Community Development & Public Affairs 8/17 at 5PM, Safety 8/24 at 5:30PM

New Business

Council discussed the forfeiture notice for 20440 Walnut Street, including possible properties that would end up in the same situation in the future. If nobody accepts the forfeiture it goes to the State of Ohio Forfeited Land. Mr. Warner shared that the Community Development & Public Affairs committee has been discussing vacant properties to fund and put a policy in place. Brittney Klockowski, Ms. Susor, and Mr. Warner pointed out that obtaining the Walnut Street property and demolishing it to sell for commercial use is an opportunity to begin revitalizing the downtown area. Mr. Myerholtz shared he is not a fan of the Village buying properties. Mr. Easterwood pointed out that the Village does not have any kind of plan in place and noted that this house specifically could cost \$15-20K to demolish because of potential EPA issues. Mr. Warner agreed that there needs to be a plan put in place. The floor was opened to make a motion to petition for the Walnut Street property, but there was no motion made.

Ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of the Village of Weston, in regards to rezone multiple parcels of 20425 Taylor Street from R-1 to R-2 had a first reading.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$21,979.66, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.

Citizens & Visitors

Brittney Klockowski, Shirley Moore, Bob Desmond (Kleinfelder), Dale Furbee, Sharon Biggins, Miguel Avila, Stephanie Avila

Sharon Biggins and Dale Furbee were in attendance to make council aware of a driveway sealing scammer that seems to be taking advantage of the elderly, and seemed very violent. Council informed them that we do have the Green River ordinance in place.

Mike & Stephanie Avila were in attendance to express frustration with the culvert project and their driveway damage due to the driveway being used as equipment staging for the project. Bob Desmond and council tried to explain the situation and reasoning, specifically the driveway, and also pointed out the driveway is in the right of way. The Avila's continued to interrupt comments made, not allowing others to speak about the situation, and then they abruptly left the council meeting.

Brittney Klockowski shared that the TNR fundraiser raised \$700, this does not include the amount from Porkys. Plan to trap the 21st and 22nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk