

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

April 3

20 23

**The Village of Weston  
Council Meeting Minutes**

April 3, 2023

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: Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Dave DeWitt, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to approve March 20, 2023 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.*

**Appointments**

*Mr. Easterwood made a motion to accept Ashley Patel's resignation from council, seconded by Mr. DeWitt; Approved unanimously.* Mr. DeWitt had previously sent out an email with a deadline of April 14th for people interested in the open seat to express their interest, there was no disagreement or further input from council.

*Mr. DeWitt has tasked Mr. Babcock with chairing the Community Development & Public Affairs committee. A motion to approve this assignment was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. DeWitt; Approved unanimously.*

**Old Business**

Ordinance 2023-3 received a final reading; an ordinance approving the creation of the position of Village Code Enforcement Officer. *A motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-3 and adding the job description to the employee handbook was made by Mr. DeWitt, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2023-5 final reading has been pushed to the next council meeting.

Ordinance 2023-6 received a second reading; an ordinance amending employee wage schedule in relation to the code enforcement position.

Ordinance 2023-7 received a second reading; an ordinance making supplemental appropriations for code enforcement salary, OPERS, and Medicare.

Ordinance 2023-8 received a second reading; an ordinance amending municipal ordinance section 174.01 for junk/litter regulations.

**Reports**

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

**Mayor:** Met with Habitat for Humanity to look at a couple properties in town. Received a message about the senior part of the trailer court being out of power due to the recent storm, and what are council's options on handling that. A suggestion was made to call the 211 number for services, and that the county does have resources. The clerk added that the Village council is not in the business of telling churches and other businesses to open their doors during a potential storm emergency. It was requested to share storm resources in the next newsletter.

**Fiscal Officer:** A document regarding an opioid settlement was reviewed. There is money available to those communities that elect to participate. These opioid settlement notices have been sent to eligible villages. The documents need to be signed and returned promptly if the Village wants to participate. Money received is assumed to go into the general fund, but will correspond with the auditors office for further confirmation. *A motion to give the Fiscal Officer the authority to sign the opioid settlement documents on behalf of the Village was made by Mr. DeWitt, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.* F&M reached out to see if we were interested in switching to the F&M credit card. The municipal credit card through F&M has a \$99 annual fee for a rewards card. The current PNC card receives rewards points and does not charge an annual fee. It was agreed to not switch to F&M credit card at this time. Attended the local government officials conference last Tuesday and Wednesday. The state auditor's office is working on requiring fraud training and possible other compliance issues for all public employees and officials. During the fiscal officer roundtable the difficulties of public posting with the newspaper was shared, and the issue that the post office is no longer allowing postings on the bulletin boards. It was shared that this issue is something to take to the state legislature to get the law changed for publications. Clerk shared she is planning to work with other clerks to put something together to send to the state legislatures.

**Administrator:** Ken questioned the location of the trees planted below power lines on Beech Street. It was shared these are Redbud trees part of the NWWSD landscaping from the waterline project, these trees will not get taller than the power lines. There was concern shared for stop sign placement of the stop sign on the other side of the road, this was placed in that location due to semi trucks going to the business always hitting the sign. Harold will look into proper placement of stop signs. Harold reported that Morlock railroad paving and Premier Patching crack sealing have been confirmed to proceed with projects. The public bathroom is almost finished. Planning to begin durapatching next week.

**Zoning Inspector:** Emailed suggested updates to Ordinance 2023-5 and 2023-8. Talked with a resident at 13355 Silver Street regarding the need for a fence permit. Signed a permit for structure change to a garage at 20295 Oak Street. Signed a permit for a fence at 13355 Silver Street. There are 28 inoperable vehicles at 14 different addresses around town, many of them repeat reports. Items that potentially need to be addressed include: a van parked in the road facing the wrong direction on Silver Street, privacy fence on Center street that is in bad repair, limo taking up approximately 2 1/2 parking spaces on Main Street in addition to the no parking area toward the railroad racks, Main St property still has a van and boat without valid plates and the property does

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look like someone is living there, Elm Street has a keyboard and stereo in the boulevard for at least one week, Sandridge Road has a chair in the boulevard for at least one week, Clark Street has a trailer with old appliances sitting on asphalt in front of the house. Ken pointed out that council needs to consider putting something in place for maintaining fences.

Committee Reports

**Safety:** Sheriff Wasylshyn was in attendance to discuss the new contract rates citing the rising expenses in personnel and vehicle costs. The Sheriff stated our options are to reduce hours of coverage or to not contract for services. The Sheriff also presented information on extra hours they patrolled and we were not charged. He also shared that northern Wood County is attempting to consolidate safety and EMS. Shared that drug related EMS calls have been at a reduced rate. 87 EMS runs YTD. Kathy stated she has 5-6 people interested in taking the EMT class that she is attempting to get arranged. Kathy shared she is not interested in forming a district with Jackson Township. Kathy and Jessie are organizing Bingo for the Farmers Market, dates to be determined.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Rec Board 4/5 at 6:30PM, Cemetery 4/6 at 6PM, Administrative Process 4/10 at 6PM, Community Development & Public Affairs 4/20 at 5PM, Public Works 4/25 at 6PM, Safety 4/27 at 5:30PM

New Business

Ordinance 2023-9 received an emergency reading; an ordinance making supplemental appropriations for grant expenditures. A motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2023-9 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Warner; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mr. Easterwood, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. DeWitt, Mr. Warner, Mr. Babcock. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-9 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$22,497.55, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Myerholtz requested discussion on council rules. He shared that council rules are mixed between other entities. Shared that other entities have the president of council being responsible for appointing the members and heads of committees, and we are the only Village; compared to Bradner, Asheville, Mt. Gilead, that allows the mayor to remove a council member from a committee with or without council approval. It was requested to set up a committee as the whole to review and discuss council rules. Council also requested the interested individuals of the vacant council seat be sent our current council rules. Paul Skaff shared that one consistent thing through villages is the Mayor sets the committee. Penny Taylor requested to speak and asked Mr. Myerholtz what is motivating the need to review the rules, Mr. Myerholtz responded with the concern that the Mayor can remove council members with or without council approval. Penny also asked about the population of the Villages in the comparisons, in which Mr. Myerholtz responded that a Village is a Village. Mayor expressed that ever since he has been Mayor he has always attended committee meetings and put the appropriate people on those committees. No objections from council on a committee as a whole to discuss council rules. Mr. DeWitt shared that the council should be given time to research and discuss the rules after the new council member is in place.

Mr. Myerholtz also shared that he recently reached out to Paul Skaff regarding the report of subpoenas from RITA and what the next step is. Paul Skaff shared he has reached out to RITA's legal department and they will be responding with details soon.

Citizens & Visitors

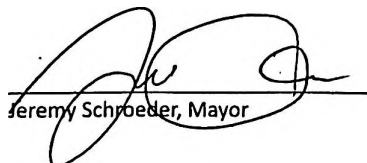
Paul Skaff (Village Legal Counsel), Clovie Pounders, Florence Hayes, Penny Taylor, Shirley Moore, Steve Miller

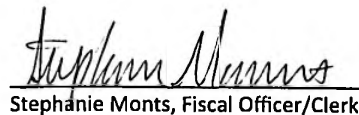
Ms. Hayes was in attendance to make aware that the street sign at Weston Road and Rt. 6 is gone. This will be forwarded to the Township as it is not in the Village limits.

Mr. Pounders was in attendance to introduce himself as one of the interested people in the council vacancy.

Mr. Miller was in attendance on behalf of the Weston Township Firefighters Association to seek approval to close streets for the fireman's festival on June 23rd and 24th. On June 23rd Locust Street in front of the maintenance building will need to be closed. On June 24th Locust Street in front of the maintenance building, and Main Street from Locust Street to Mill Street will need to be closed. Mr. Dewitt made a motion to approve the road closure request, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved - 3, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 2, Mr. Easterwood & Mr. Myerholtz.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02PM.

  
Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

  
Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk