

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 1014B

Held

October 16

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**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

October 16, 2023

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeremy Schroeder at 6:01PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and presentation of the agenda. A roll call was taken: Ms. Jessica Susor, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Dave DeWitt, and Mr. Rob Myerholtz. A motion to excuse Mr. Rick Easterwood was made by Mr. DeWitt, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve October 2, 2023 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. DeWitt; Approved unanimously.

Public Presentations & Hearings

Kevin O'Shea and Steve Carroll were in attendance to answer any questions about the Otsego income tax levy. Questions were asked regarding why the increase is needed, it was answered that there are state mandates that have to be followed which comes at an expense, including addressing domestic/sexual violence education, opioid education, literacy needs, dyslexia screening, behavior issues especially in K-5 and the need for additional aides, safety upgrades, and grounds improvements. It has been over 20 years since the last approved operational levy, if passed by voters this continuing levy will be a 0.5% income tax. The levy is expected to generate approximately \$1.9M annually. Mr. Myerholtz recommended attending school board meetings.

Jay Sell with Aspen Energy was in attendance to present a recommendation for the new aggregate contract. The current aggregate for the Village expires March 2024. Toledo Edison is currently at \$.098/kWh, the recommendation is Dynegy, which was the lowest bid, for 19 months at \$.06995/kWh. Legislation and the most up to date rate will be voted on at the next council meeting.

Old Business

Mayor spoke with Paul Skaff regarding the culvert project/driveway situation. The recommendation is to accept the offer from Nagel and pay the difference and move on. One option is to take care of the paving and deduct \$4,165 from the retainer for Nagel. Bob Desmond shared that the contractor was OK with that. However, the contractor is unable to fit it in the schedule this year. Council requested quotes from additional paving companies. Another option recommended was offering the property owner \$4,165 for "liquidated damages" to take care of the driveway issue themselves. Council agreed that this was the best option. It was pointed out that if the homeowner declines the offer there is a chance the repair will not be done this year unless a contractor is able to schedule before the asphalt plants close in 2 or so weeks. Mr. Warner made a motion to offer Mike & Stephanie Avila \$4,165 for liquidated damages or accept the lowest bid to pave 50' in the case of liquidated damages payout being declined, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.

Reports

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

Mayor: Shared the fall fest was a success with about 200 people in attendance, with a lot of new people and people that stayed the whole duration. Walked the town with the Sheriff on the 12th.

Fiscal Officer: Ohio House Bill 33, the state's biennium budget bill, made several changes to Ohio municipal income tax which needs to be adopted by municipalities as amendments to their existing income tax ordinances. Paul provided a draft amendment which is currently being reviewed by RITA's legal department.

Administrator/Maintenance: Worked with JPX on the damaged storm drain on Taylor Street which was due to waterline/sewer work by NWWSD. Two other households were identified that need to be dug up to make sure the storm drain pipe is not damaged. NWWSD will be handling the costs associated with this repair. Preparing for brush pickup. Mr. Myerholtz brought up concern for "sucker trees" in the alley, Harold indicated he can survey the alleys and clean it up.

Code Enforcement/Zoning: Due to the public presentations and old business Ken had to leave prior to giving a verbal report. Hard copy report was provided to council in their meeting folder.

Committee Reports

Rec Board: Samantha discussed requesting access to the Amazon account, Stephanie is looking into options. The board reviewed ways to structure the operations of the group in order to facilitate better interactions between members as well as volunteers, including: using sub-committees for each program/event so that everyone's input would be addressed and to better clarify roles and responsibilities while fostering both committee members and volunteers, have the entire group create a calendar to define and visualize an agenda for the year, improve communications within the membership by utilizing more shareable spreadsheets and other documentation. The board also discussed use of communication apps like Discord or Sign-Up Genius. The board discussed details for the upcoming Fall Fest, at the time of the meeting there were 12 signed up for Chili Cookoff, 10 for Scarecrow Royalty, 22 for Pumpkin Tumble, 8 for Art Walk, and 3 for Power Wheels Derby.

Cemetery: 1 burial. Entrance gates have been painted black with gold letters and brackets fixed. Still working on rules and regulations. Mausoleum safety project is expected to begin Friday morning (10/5). Sexton is resigning December 31, 2023 and the board is going to begin the process of seeking a new sexton. 5-6 foundation orders are in and will be poured through the end of October. Arbor Barber came out to assess and give the estimated cost for the rotten cotton wood, a low hanging branch, split Maple, and the half downed tree in A-extension. Plan to get additional quotes from other contractors and make a decision at a future meeting. Discussed the budget and appropriations.

Administrative Process: Fiscal Officer is continuing research on moving the Administrator to salary from an hourly position. Fiscal Officer gave updates on the bidding threshold increase and RITA tax ordinance updates. Storm sewer repairs done by JPX were discovered to be damaged by NWWSD and all repairs will be paid by them. ARPA balance remains at \$22,053, and brainstormed ideas on expenditures of this fund. Proposed to proceed with the Main Street project up to the bid threshold in 2024, with the rest being done in 2025, this should allow money for additional

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roads. Leave balances need to be approved for the fiscal officer, as these were not set up when moved to salary and should be tracked. Due to the position being salary these benefits are only tracked and not paid out when used.

Fiscal Officer gave balance information: 56 Hours of vacation has been used leaving a balance of 24 Hours, No Personal Time has been used yet leaving a balance of 16 Hours, and at the Administrative Process meeting the board and Fiscal Officer negotiated a balance of 115 for Sick Leave. *Mr. Myerholtz made a motion to approve a start balance of 115 Hours for Sick Leave, 16 Hours for Personal Time, and 24 Hours for Vacation Time for Stephanie Monts (Fiscal Officer), seconded by Mr. DeWitt; Approved unanimously.*

Ball Program Special Committee: Addressed community concerns, questions, and suggestions. Reviewed general structure and timeline of events going forward, past pitfalls and current and future opportunities. Discussed the different board positions and got volunteers for three of the five positions. Ashley Patel has volunteered for one of the board positions and agreed to step into a board leadership role. Jerry Mohler and Ken Myers also volunteered to be board members. Jason and Kristol Schaffner offered to volunteer where necessary for events, field maintenance, and/or concessions. Special committee will meet again on the 25th to further discuss details about structure, rules, and stakeholder concerns. The second week of November the board will meet with all stakeholders, parents, and choices to hopefully line up the final two board members to solidify the board.

Upcoming Meetings: Community Development & Public Affairs 10/19 at 5PM, Public Works 10/24 at 6PM, Ball Program Special Committee 10/25 at 6PM, Safety 10/26 at 5:30PM, Cemetery 11/2 at 6PM

New Business

Ordinance 2023-22 received an emergency reading; ordinance making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. This is to provide for current expenses and other expenditures in the ARPA fund (2152) since the permanent appropriations only accounted for the culvert project. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2023-22 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Ms. Susor, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. DeWitt, Mr. Myerholtz. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-22 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Ms. Susor; Approved unanimously.*

The 2024 Appropriation Ordinance received a first reading. Fiscal Officer pointed out that the ARPA fund (2152) is not in the annual appropriation ordinance and plans to just do a supplemental appropriation after the year end revenue has been certified. The recommendation is to take care of the remaining expenditures this year that are planned out of the ARPA fund, and then the year end balance would be its most accurate.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$22,178.91, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.

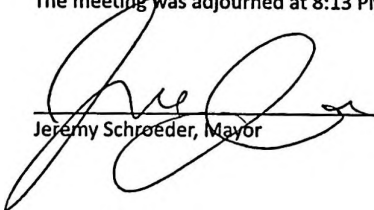
Citizens & Visitors


Shirley Moore, Steve Carroll, Kevin O'Shea, Jon Rife, Rich Serrato, Brittney Klockowski, Jay Sell (Aspen Energy), Erin Stickel, Bob Desmond (Kleinfelder), Stg. C. Reynolds (WCSO); Attended virtually: Ashley Patel, Jigar Patel, Greg Stevens, Derek S.

Mr. Patel shared with the deputy in attendance that there seems to be a lot of activity behind the bar since it has been closed. There is a lot of activity and empty alcohol bottles behind the library. Mr. Patel also asked if Aspen Energy would provide incentives to the town in exchange for business.

Mr. Serrato was in attendance to share a cat problem. The current ordinance which is for cat population control was shared, but Mr. Serrato shared this doesn't stop the cats from pooping all over his property. He shared he is spending his own money to take care of someone else's animals, which should have a limit on the number. It was asked if the community cats can be relocated. It was pointed out that the Village does not have resources to take care of community cats, and that controlling the population is important and takes a community/collaboration effort to do so. Brittney Klockowski shared she can help talk to the neighbor who has the community cats.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.


Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor


Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk