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Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 1014B

Held

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The Village of Weston Council Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2024

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeremy Schroeder at 6:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and presentation of the agenda. Mr. Warner requested to add Road Projects to Misc. Business section, no objections. A roll call was taken: Ms. Brittney Klockowski, Mr. Craig Warner, Ms. Jessica Susor, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. A motion to excuse Mr. Dean Babcock was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Ms. Klockowski; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve May 6, 2024 council meeting minutes as written was made by Ms. Klockowski, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve May 7, 2024 committee of the whole meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Klockowski; Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Ordinance combining official duties of the Village Administrator and Cemetery Sexton, establishing salary for the Village Administrator received a first reading. The cemetery board of trustees implemented a \$100 operating budget per month with unused total to roll over. Once the ordinance passes a lump sum payment for sexton duties performed starting on 5/6/24 will need to be paid out to the Administrator.

A resolution (2024-7) approving the Wood County Hazard Mitigation Plan received a final reading. A motion for passage of Resolution 2024-7 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Klockowski; Approved unanimously.

A resolution to retain Feller and Finch, to assist with the Village's Main Street Improvement Project, to authorize the Mayor to sign a professional services agreement, and to commit money to pay for professional services, received an emergency reading in order to meet the proposed timeline. The project could be bid out by the end of June giving the contractor time to complete the estimated 2 week project in the fall. The engineering cost is \$10,500. A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2024-8 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Ms. Klockowski; Roll Call Vote: Ms. Klockowski - Yes, Mr. Warner - Yes, Ms. Susor - Yes, Mr. Myerholtz - Yes, Mr. Easterwood - Yes. A motion for passage of Resolution 2024-8 was made by Ms. Klockowski, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.

Mayor touched base with Laura Baldanado regarding the fireworks agreement. Laura has been contacting landowners for setting off the fireworks, but the Village still needs to see a certificate of liability. Mr. Easterwood mentioned there is no concrete plan, though the Mayor noted that Laura expects 20 vendors and 3-4 food trucks, but there is uncertainty about where the fireworks will be displayed, with a goal of the east side of 235. Laura faces significant challenges, particularly with liability and land issues, and she must present a plan to proceed. Mr. Easterwood also highlighted that they cannot have a beer tent due to liquor license issues and insufficient power at Alumni Park. Mr. Warner expressed doubts about the feasibility of her plan, and Ms. Klockowski emphasized the need for a deadline with a plan, or the event cannot happen. Ms. Susor pointed out that the Village's reputation is at stake. Ken Taylor suggested moving the event to Labor Day instead of the 4th of July to allow more time. Despite these challenges, Laura can proceed with the event under state allowances without approval. No contract is needed for the food trucks. Mayor will inform Laura that the council requires a solid plan by the next meeting.

Reports

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

Mayor: The Mayor commented on the past weekend, noting it was an amazing time in Weston. He expressed gratitude to those who worked in the cemetery, mentioning a photo posted on the Weston, OH Facebook page showing soldiers being memorialized during Civil War Days. This cemetery day was led by the Modern Woodmen, who also painted the memorial among other activities. The weekend included a successful trash drop-off event and a fantastic opening day for baseball, with a large turnout of supporters. Additionally, eight adult softball teams, possibly a ninth, will be playing on Sundays.

Fiscal Officer: NatureWorks program has not yet been funded by the State so the deadline has been postponed, will check back periodically for updates. Have had more interest in Hometown Hero banners, with 5 new ones within the last week. Will be submitting banners in batches close to upcoming major holidays, the next deadline is June 1st to get in time for July 4th. Spoke with BGSU about mosquito trapping, they still plan to trap in Weston beginning June 1st. Locations are cemetery, Merrill Park by the ditch, and the ditch by the baseball field. We will be notified if any mosquitoes tested positive for West Nile Virus.

Administrator/Maintenance: The Allen foundation project is complete, and coordination with Maumee Valley to place the stone should allow for placement on Thursday. The new cemetery mower has started, operating from 8-2 Monday through Thursday and 8-1 on Friday. An issue was discovered with stormwater on Van Tassel; the west side of the road by the grain elevator has a broken section likely caused by NWWSD during waterline installation. This needs to be excavated to identify the problem, potentially requiring a new catch basin due to blockages in both directions. Additionally, a sinkhole was found on

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Washington; after camera inspection, it appears unrelated to storm sewer lines. Will need NWWSD to investigate further. Mr. Easterwood inquired about Harold's coordination with the utility companies, noting the new gas line from the culvert, which may have bored through drainage lines. Shad Kendall had previously reported clay tiles on top behind houses on Locust. Mr. Myerholtz asked for clarification regarding Silver Street drains and tiles, questioning if they were clear to the ditch by Cresset, as previously thought. While fixing a tile by a driveway, drainage was proper, but won't drain if water level is above the line. Mr. Myerholtz also shared that Shad Kendall had previously suggested removing a wall at the end of Evergreen Lane where combination sewers used to be. Mayor requested that for Sycamore Street, the need to explore cost reduction options, which was a recommendation from the Finance Committee. Mr. Myerholtz asked Harold about his equipment capabilities for the project; however, Harold lacks the equipment to complete it fully, Mr. Myerholtz also added that JPX cannot warrant the work if it involves intermediate steps from Harold.

Code Enforcement/Zoning: Since the previous report, one permit has been issued. Information was emailed to Paul Skaff requesting clarifications regarding campers. Conversations with the property owners on Milton Street about their variance application revealed it will not be moving forward. A call was received about the possibility of installing a stone driveway to Union Street. A limousine on jacks in the public lot was used, so a new violation will begin. A property owner on Sycamore Street reported people living in an RV; they were informed that the residents had to vacate by the past weekend and the RV must be removed by this upcoming Saturday, with no one living in it during that time. The other RV on Sycamore Street has been removed. An email was sent to the property owner at 20735 Sycamore outlining the deadlines for removing residents and the RV. A property owner at 13361 Main Street reported a hole in the stone near his driveway, which was forwarded to Harold. A complaint about tall grass at 20815 Main Street was noted; this property is on the list and awaiting the required days before mowing. The property at 20740 Sycamore Street still has not been cleaned up in the rear yard; despite an attempt, there is still tall grass, weeds, and junk. It appears the property owner is shifting responsibility to the renter. Ken plans to take updated photos tomorrow. *Mr. Easterwood made a motion to declare 20740 Sycamore Street a nuisance, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.*

Mr. Myerholtz mentioned that his wife received photos of homes with accumulated garbage bags that had been left out for an extended period. He emphasized the need for action. Mayor noted that there is a system in place to address such issues, and if Ken has overlooked these properties, their addresses should be provided to him to begin the process. It was also highlighted that the current code does not mandate weekly trash collection. Ms. Klockowski expressed concerns about the fence around the detention pond at Lawndale, and Mr. Easterwood noted that trailer parks fall under the jurisdiction of the Health Department.

Committee Reports

Rec Board: Color Run is May 11th, reviewed potential rain date of May 19th and road closure needs. Next W.I.L.D program is May 25th from 10-11:30am and approved a budget of \$600 for the remaining programs. The Glow All Out event is June 1st at Sonlight, with a budget of \$300. Approved up to \$300 for a wacky inflatable man as a location marker for Parks & Rec programs. Discussed 4th of July and agreed not to be associated with it.

Administrative Process: Discussed credit card processing fees and proposal to implement a standard fee. Reviewed road budget and projects and confirmed to be in budget to proceed with Main Street and Silver Street road projects. The Department of Labor is implementing a new salary threshold July 1 and another in January, suggestion is to increase pay for the Fiscal Officer/Clerk for July, and review and do more research for January's increase by tracking any potential overtime. Cemetery Board has approved to move forward with Administrator taking on sexton duties pending approval of ordinance, once approved there would be a back pay to May 6th for sexton duties performed. Reviewed the updated fireworks agreement. Reviewed the draft social media policy. Discussed background check policy. Reviewed JPX quote for stormwater projects and would like Public Works to discuss opportunities to lower the overall cost. Requesting a personnel committee to review grant writer applications and set up interviews.

Mayor requested three volunteers for a special personnel committee to interview two potential candidates for the grant writer position. Hesitation was exhibited, Mr. Warner and Ms. Klockowski volunteered to be on the committee. Due to no other volunteers Mr. Warner requested keeping it in the Administrative Process committee and interviewing the local candidate and the Colorado candidate at the next Administrative Process meeting.

Upcoming Meetings: Community Development & Public Affairs 5/21 at 6PM, Safety is canceled due to Memorial Day, Public Works 5/28 at 6PM, Cemetery 6/6 at 6PM, WSIB 6/7 at 4:45PM, Administrative Process 6/10 at 6PM, Rec Board 6/12 at 6:30PM, Safety 6/24 at 6PM

New Business

A resolution determining to proceed with the submission to the electors of the question of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation pursuant to ORC sections 5705.19, 5705.191, 5705.25, and 5705.26 received a first reading. Randy Hann asked the Mayor to explain this in simple terms. The Mayor clarified

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that the current levy, which generates about \$25,000, is up for renewal. This resolution is the necessary step to get it on the ballot. The Mayor also mentioned that the current levy is a qualified levy, meaning its renewal is essential to maintain its status, which allows taxpayers to apply for a homestead reduction on their taxes. Randy suggested that more effort be made to educate people about the levy, particularly regarding the homestead exemption.

The Department of Labor has issued new rules related to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and overtime exemptions, effective July 1, 2024. Currently, employees earning over \$35,568 annually and performing executive, administrative, or professional duties are exempt from overtime pay. The new rule raises the exemption threshold to \$43,888 annually starting July 1, 2024, and to \$58,656 annually on January 1, 2025. Employees earning below these new thresholds will be entitled to overtime pay for hours worked over 40 per week. This does not affect Harold, but does affect Stephanie so the committee had recommended coming to compliance with the July threshold. *Mr. Easterwood made a motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2024-8 modifying employee wage schedule, seconded by Mr. Warner; Roll Call Vote: Ms. Klockowski - Yes, Mr. Warner - Yes, Ms. Susor - Yes, Mr. Myerholtz - Yes, Mr. Easterwood - Yes. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2024-8 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Klockowski; Approved unanimously.*

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed a summary of the bills (\$34,422.86) and outstanding invoices (\$10,989.97). A motion to approve the summary of the bills and payment of outstanding invoices was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

A colleague of Ms. Klockowski is seeking grant writing experience for his master's project and is looking for opportunities with a later due date. The Mayor suggested that committees review their projects to identify any suitable grants he could work on. Ms. Klockowski mentioned that if his program is successful, he would be willing to write grants for the Village at no cost.

Mr. Myerholtz reported that the Safety Committee is asking about the status of the security cameras and the door. The Clerk noted that the door was expected to take 14-16 weeks from the time it was ordered. The Mayor mentioned that no progress has been made on the cameras yet.

Mr. Warner reported that he contacted Jigar Patel for clarification on his previous meeting comment about suspending all road projects until an engineer can identify infrastructure problems. He read the text message exchange, which highlighted that if infrastructure issues are causing flooding, constructing roads over them won't solve the problem. Jigar urged the council in the message to invest in identifying the root cause. Mr. Warner stated he will relay these comments to Public Works.

Citizens & Visitors

Howard Lashuay, Alyssa Malanowski, Red Suman, Garland Brown, Randy Hann, Ron Dallas (virtual), Jigar Patel (virtual)

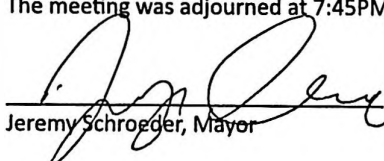
Red Suman introduced himself as the owner of Horns & Halos Saloon, formerly Redneck Willy's bar. He addressed some wild rumors about a motorcycle club, clarifying that the club will remain in Bowling Green and the building will operate as a bar. Red shared his plans to engage with the community and eventually serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The building is currently under renovation, aiming for a November opening. Additionally, ideas of a mural were mentioned for the exterior wall, and Red expressed the desire to incorporate Weston when planning a design.

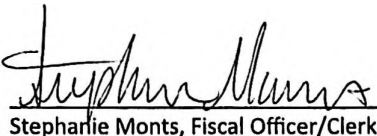
Alyssa Malanowski inquired whether all meetings are open to the public. It was confirmed that all meetings are indeed open to the public and held at the Village Hall, except for the Safety Committee meetings, which take place at the Emergency Services building.

Garland Brown was in attendance to have a pothole on Washington Street has been an issue for two weeks addressed, raising questions about how much time is needed to see it, fix it, and complete the job. The pothole, previously Durapatched, has deteriorated further. Initially filled with water which delayed the repair, Harold shared that the plan is to obtain some cold patch and address it this week. Harold apologized for the delay and mentioned that repaving Washington Street is "up on the list." Additionally, he noted the need for a compactor to properly apply the cold patch.

Jigar Patel shared he missed most of the meeting and did not have any specific questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.


Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor


Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk