

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held

March 6

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**The Village of Weston  
Council Meeting Minutes**

March 6, 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 excuse Mrs. Ashley Patel was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve February 21, 2023 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. DeWitt; Approved unanimously.*

**Old Business**

No old business at this time.

**Reports**

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

**Mayor:** Met with Paul Skaff to discuss zoning, inoperable vehicles, subdivision code, and the cat ordinance. Have a meeting set up with Habitat for Humanity on March 23rd at 8AM to discuss vacant lots in town.

**Fiscal Officer:** A draft of the newsletter was provided to the council, the style is different with the idea of a future "opt-in" mailing. Clerk reviewed fees for printing and mailing the newsletter. There were no additions to the newsletter and mailing is expected to go out sometime the week of March 13th. Mayor requested more discussion on the newsletter and "opt-in" idea in the Administrative Process committee. Applied for the Bass Pro Shops grant and Step Outside grant. Received an email from ODNR that the Step Outside grant is being processed, and Bass Pro Shop emailed an update that the application is being reviewed. Wood County EMA is in the beginning phase of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2023, and they are requesting a designee from each jurisdiction to be in attendance at their March 23rd meeting. Mr. Myerholtz added that he will plan to attend that meeting. Have been in contact with American Legal Publishing regarding our Municipal Code and the Ohio Basic Code. The Ohio Basic Code quantity requirement recently changed, which is a minimum of 1. Also working on getting pricing to get our Municipal Code online.

Mr. DeWitt pointed out the Wood County Economic Development Dinner on April 13th. Clerk will send an email out again for anyone interested in attending.

**Administrator:** Working on finishing up the public bathroom. Getting an estimate to fix the red truck rear main seal on the engine at Wood County garage. Have a call out to Premier for an estimate on crack sealing Taylor Street. Mr. Myerholtz questioned the location of two walnut trees that were taken down, which was on Main Street. Harold plans to plant some maple trees in that area. Mr. Warner introduced the Christiansens, who were in attendance to get an update on the Silver Street drainage problem. The plan is to dig up the corner where CamTech stopped to either put in a catch basin or dig up the blockage. The Christiansens expressed appreciation for how quickly the flooding issue was addressed.

**Zoning Inspector:** Ken requested Harold double check if the Maple trees can be planted by black walnuts, as they are acidic. No permits issued since the previous report. Emailed Stephanie regarding debris in the boulevard at 13255 Maple Street and discussed how to send out the notification due to it being owned by a credit union with no mailing address. A notice was also posted on the front door. Multiple properties have branches placed in the boulevard. Ken asked council how long we would allow branches in the boulevard when brush pickup is scheduled, no answer from council. Mr. Easterwood reported an inoperable vehicle on Sycamore Street. Mr. DeWitt took an aerial photo of the Oak Street wooded property. Council had discussion on how to address this in relation to how the photo was obtained, and concern for drones. Mayor clarified with the council that photos can be taken of violations if the owner/tenant invites onto property to see into a neighboring property.

**Committee Reports**

**Rec Board:** The board needs to appoint officers, but not all members were present so the action is delayed until the next meeting. Mayor was present to review their budget, Weston Day, and Disc Golf event. The Administrator was present to comment on the status of the oil switch for the baseball lights. Harold added that Deshler Electric installed the switch, just waiting on Toledo Edison to put the fuses back in. Harold also presented plans for an estimated ¼ mile stoned walking path around the perimeter of Alumni Park. There was discussion centered around the park vandalism presentation given to council by the Otsego students. The board will be considering purchasing paint and supplies to remove vandalism, less susceptible picnic tables, and trail cameras to monitor offenders. A spring cleanup day was presented for early June in collaboration with the Weston Day event. Clerk requested information from the board when utilities should be turned on and port-a-pots. The Sams Club Membership is up for renewal, but the board is considering Costco.

**Safety:** 60 runs YTD. Kathy is working with NWO Consortium for EMS classes in Weston. Medical/Drug license has been received. Kathy and Tim reported on current market drug shortages. Jessie reported contract money has been received from Milton Township and Liberty Township. Continued discussions on the future of EMS and reviewed the rural EMS Ohio survey and data. Kathy reported no issues with vehicles. Sheriff Wasylyshn will attend the March 23rd meeting.

**Public Works:** Storm sewer project proposals include: Silver St at the end of private property and corner of Cresset parking lot, Sandridge Road around Eileen, and Taylor Street west of the tracks in the alley. Plan to make or update a project overlay map of past crack sealing of roads and watershed issues and resolve corrections. Requesting quotes for Walnut Street and Locust Street crack sealing. Bill Nichter was in attendance expressing concern about the intersection of High Street, Milton Street, and Cherry Street. The issue is the ability to see past the parked cars on the northwest corner of the intersection, unable to see the traffic going east from Cherry Street. After discussion an emergency ordinance will be presented to place a stop sign, making the intersection a 3 way stop, on Cherry Street at Milton Street. Next meeting has been moved to March 15th at 5:30PM.

**Cemetery:** Tom has made a packet with things that need to be done in the cemetery which also includes the ins and

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outs of the position for the next sexton. The board would like to modify the rules of the cemetery. Tom said the sign stakes are weak and need to be replaced. Harold would like to start cleaning around the ponds, he was advised to leave the willow tree alone. Talked about a project to clean and straighten headstones. Board voted Cindy as president. Mayor added that Cindy Sheffer resigned in an email sent on March 3rd. Tom started cleaning up grave blankets. 0 Burials. 5 sexton applications were reviewed and the board went into executive session. Board came out of executive session and will set up interviews with all 5 applicants. Discussed more about community cleanup.

Mr. Easterwood asked if Mark Sheffer is applying since Cindy resigned. Mayor asked for no assumptions. Mr. Easterwood also asked for clarification about Harold's interest in the position and how logistics would work. Mayor requested we wait to discuss more until the cemetery board finishes interviews.

Upcoming Meetings: Rec Board 3/8 at 6:30PM, Administrative Process 3/14 at 6PM, Public Works 3/15 at 5:30PM, Community Development & Public Affairs 3/16 at 5PM

**New Business**

Ordinance 2023-3 received a first reading; an ordinance approving the creation of the position of Village Code Enforcement Officer. Council asked about the compensation, which will be reviewed in Administrative Process. Mayor shared he will be recommending a salary of \$375. Council asked to look into how many hours Ken puts into his position. It was also discussed that the intent of the position is not to deputize or give policing power, it is merely just making official the duties that Ken does currently. Mayor is working on a protocol for enforcement expectations.

Ordinance 2023-4 received an emergency reading; an ordinance establishing stop intersections in the Village of Weston. A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2023-4 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Warner; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. DeWitt, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-4 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2023-5 received a first reading; an ordinance amending municipal ordinance section 174.02. Mr. Myerholtz informed everyone that he spoke with the sheriff and the sheriff indicated the deputies will not help with our 3 step process and that the sheriff and Paul Skaff were under the same understanding. Mayor corrected that we aren't asking them to patrol for code enforcement, the plan is to put together a document trail that we would expect them to cite when necessary. Mayor also shared a better understanding of how jail fees are covered, for example, if a deputy were to write up a ticket and cite under our code the concern is if that results in jail time then the village would be responsible for the jail fees.

**Approval of Expenditures**

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$26,207.65, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.

**Miscellaneous Business**

No miscellaneous business presented.

Mr. Myerholtz asked if the cemetery records had been turned in. Clerk said she has not received anything, but also shared that it is going to take some time to digitize the records, and that it is not an easy and quick process. Clerk also shared she expects the files to be turned over together instead of as they are digitized. Mr. Myerholtz requested to meet for Records Retention soon.

**Citizens & Visitors**

Shirley Moore, Lee & Sue Christiansen

Shirley Moore was in attendance to share that her garage flooded and damaged about \$800 worth of stuff. Harold added that the driveway is probably tilted the wrong way. Public Works committee is actively discussing Clark Street storm drainage. Putting in a trench drain was recommended to Shirley. It was also added that we have gotten a lot of rain lately and when the water is higher than the storm outlets there isn't much to do.

Sue & Lee Christiansen were in attendance regarding the flooding, which was discussed earlier. They also asked a hypothetical question about inoperable vehicles.

Harold informed council there is a permanent trail camera at the recycling, and the WCSO will assist us with warning or citing dumping violators.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44PM.

  
Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

  
Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk