

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held September 5

2023

**The Village of Weston  
Council Meeting Minutes**

September 5, 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: Ms. Jessica Susor, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to excuse Mr. Dave DeWitt was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve August 22, 2023 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Susor; Approved unanimously.*

**Old Business**

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 received a final reading. *A motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-15 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Resolution submitting votes to fill a vacant board seat on the NWWSD received a second reading. Ordinance for keeping of fences and accessory structures received a second reading. Ordinance for management of cat population received a second reading.

**Reports**

Attendance: Stephanie Monts (Fiscal Officer)

**Mayor:** Adult softball league has started and the concession stand is open during games. Softball league is planning to donate money back to the Village. Mayor shared he and 1 council member was invited to the roundtable podcast at Otsego to discuss the Weston Community on September 18 at 1PM.

**Fiscal Officer:** Print newsletter is being drafted, should have it ready to be mailed before the end of the month.

**Administrator/Maintenance:** Gary Betz was in attendance to inquire about Silver Street. Gary shared that durapatching will start tomorrow and crack sealing is dependent on getting the equipment back.

**Committee Reports**

**Administrative Process:** Bad check policy will have a \$25 fee for bounced checks. Reviewed OPWC application and determined some changes before final submission. Reviewed property assessments. There was a \$500 increase for the street lights, Stephanie is following up with Toledo Edison regarding the increase. It was assumed the LED lights would decrease the monthly bill, Stephanie also determined this was not due to the rate increase because the other accounts have not changed. Health insurance premium is increasing 5%. Reviewed proposal for the newsletter and 235 sign advertisement. Discussed sidewalk repair projects. Will attempt to meet with a possible grant writer at the next meeting.

**Safety:** Approved previous meeting summary. 245 runs as of August 24, 2023. Still waiting on class information for 5 possible volunteers. No major budget items to be submitted for 2024. Working on reporting system upgrade to aid in billing. Possible training for reporting system from Medicount. Rob will discuss billing issues with Stephanie.

Mr. Easterwood shared concern with the billing issues and that we could potentially be out \$50,000 due to Beacon Medical. Stephanie shared that this is inaccurate, all runs are paid from 2022 and prior, there was just a misunderstanding when that number was reported at Safety by the EMS Clerk. 2023 runs will need to be reviewed and balances billed out, which Medicount would be helping with. There was a holdup with getting runs submitted due to the reporting system but that was all worked out and runs beginning July 1 started being submitted for billing at the beginning of August. Mr. Myerholtz recommended training with Medicount, and Stephanie shared that training was already provided and everyone in attendance (Stephanie, Jessie, Kathy, Tim, and Jamie) had the opportunity to ask questions during that training. Mr. Myerholtz also suggested an audit be done on the runs billed by Beacon Medical by Medicount. Jessie is working on pulling all the information for 2023 runs that is believed to have balances to send to Medicount to work through what can be invoiced. Mr. Myerholtz suggested training could be provided virtually at the next Safety meeting. Stephanie shared she will speak to Medicount about a run audit.

**Public Works:** Agenda items were discussed and the sidewalk line item that was proposed needs clarification on what it would be used for and how or if we can go back on homeowners for reimbursement, this is needing a procedure and policy that is better suited for all. The Township is paving Silver Street from Euler to the Village limits. There is a portion of this project that shares only one side of the road, west side of the road from Village limits to the slight curve the Village owns, and the other side the Township owns. Recommendation is to only pave the opposing side, to complete their project. Line item for sidewalk repair was recommended, discussed a limit of \$5,000 to start, but how to use that would be hard without knowing from which this money would be generated from and which sidewalks qualify. Public Works believes there should be a line item for Village properties with sidewalks, which has no policy in place. Committee will research a policy for upkeep of sidewalks from sample communities and also something to bring back to council for proposal for village taxpayers responsibilities on upkeep.

Jacob Brown (Township Trustee) was in attendance to discuss the Silver Street project, the quote is \$34,611. The Village portion would be about 25%. Township has not yet discussed this project, the quote was just recently received. The timing of the project is dependent on Morlock. Jacob shared the township would consider paying in full and then billing the Village.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Cemetery 9/7 at 6PM, Administrative Process 9/12 at 6PM, Rec Board 9/13 at 6:30PM, Ball Program Special Committee 9/19 at 6PM, Community Development & Public Affairs 9/21 at 5PM, Public Works 9/26 at 6PM, Safety 9/28 at 5:30PM

**New Business**

Ordinance 2023-16 received an emergency reading; an ordinance realigning appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, to provide for final payment to Vernon Nagel Inc. for Taylor St Culvert Project. A retainer is held

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until project completion, the final invoice is higher than the bid due to change orders and quantity increases. A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2023-16 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Ms. Susor, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-16 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2023-17 received an emergency reading; an ordinance to provide for the cost and expense of the lighting of the streets, alleyways, and other public places in the Village of Weston, Ohio, and confirming inclusion therein of new and or improved lighting projects ~ \$25,500. The LED streetlights had an almost \$500 increase, causing the assessment needing to be increased. A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2023-17 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Ms. Susor, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-17 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2023-18 received an emergency reading; an ordinance authorizing the special short-term assessment on certain parcels of real estate in the Village of Weston for benefits received as a result of cutting noxious weeds/grasses; certification to the Wood County Auditor for placement of charges on the tax duplicate. A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2023-18 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Ms. Susor, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-18 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2023-19 received an emergency reading; an ordinance authorizing the special short-term assessment on certain parcels of real estate in the Village of Weston for benefits received as a result of abating nuisance conditions; certification to the Wood County Auditor for placement of charges on the tax duplicate. A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2023-19 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Susor; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Ms. Susor, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-19 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Susor; Approved unanimously.

#### Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$258,251.85, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.

#### Miscellaneous Business

With the passage of Ordinance 2023-15, an update of the zoning map was recommended. Feller Finch did the previous revisions and Stephanie had reached out for a price. Mr. Easterwood suggested a map that has overlays with the storm sewer lines. It was also pointed out that there are duplex apartments in an R-1 (by Old Schoolhouse Park) and requested some research on if there is a variance that allows it.

Weston Area Business Council will be holding a Holiday Market on October 14th and requested usage of the Maintenance Building. Depending on weather and size the need for road closure may be necessary, but will be addressed closer to the date. A motion to approve usage of the maintenance building for the market was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Susor; Approved unanimously.

Mr. Easterwood asked if there is discussion about how to move forward with potentially purchasing vacant properties. Mayor said that this topic is actively being discussed in the Community Development & Public Affairs committee. Mayor shared he has a message out to Haraz regarding acquiring a forfeited property the state owns.

#### Citizens & Visitors

Brittney Klockowski, Gary Betz, Howard Lashuay, Sgt. C. Reynolds (WCSO), Savannah Villarreal, Amy Veaver, Lillian Shamp, C. Hamman, Jacob Brown, Dave DeWitt (Virtual)

Sgt. Reynolds (WCSO) was in attendance. Mr. Easterwood shared that atv/minibikes are ripping through the parks and need to be stopped. It was also shared that the intersection of Oak and Silver Street has people blowing through the stop sign. Mayor requested the Sheriff do a community walk through.

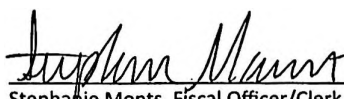
Howard Lashuay asked what the process is on getting 13316 Main Street cleaned up, there are garbage bags out back and it is attracting raccoons and possums. He requested someone contact the owner on the corner of Douglas and Pemberville Road. Clerk shared that letters have been sent but are always returned to sender, and the owner(s) are deceased.

Amy Veaver asked what the flags and orange spray paint on Silver Street is. The orange spray paint is what needs to be durapatched. Nobody was aware of why blue flags were out, but these would be NWWSD lines.

Brittney Klockowski shared that 3 cats were trapped on Main Street for TNR and will trap again. Brittney also pointed out that at Safety committee a request for a cooling center was discussed, would like to hear ideas from council and to continue to brainstorm. Council shared there is a concern for needing to monitor if there was a cooling center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM.

  
Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

  
Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk