

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2021**

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jeremy Schroeder at 6:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of the present council members was then taken: Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Dave Dewitt, Mr. Shad Kendall, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to excuse Mrs. Ashley Patel was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve November 15, 2021 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Resolution 2021-9, approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute EMS contracts received a final reading. Milton Township and Liberty Township contracts have been approved and ready for signatures, still awaiting status update for Weston Township, Milton Center and Custar. *A motion to approve Resolution 2021-9 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2021-13 to amend cemetery grave and burial fees, received a second reading.

Ordinance 2021-14 for 2022 temporary appropriations, received a second reading.

PEP Insurance Renewal premium has been updated to reflect changes, amount due is \$11,640. *A motion to approve PEP renewal was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Dewitt; Approved unanimously.*

Reports

Mayor: Thanked Parks & Rec, Harold and Rick for a successful tree lighting event.

Administrator/Maintenance: Reached out to Morlock about paving for Locust St in front of the maintenance building and Oak St walking path. Council requested a quote for paving Oak Street from 235 to Broadway. Hydraulic issue on the truck was a loose line. Mr. Dewitt asked about a quote for the sidewalk between Weston Market and Mckenzie's Flower Shop.

Zoning Inspector: Truck on Clark/Oak Street has been removed. Ken asked about the status of the new laundromat, he was told that Mrs. Patel would have more information. Ken was concerned that it is beginning to look like Mr. Junk's property on Elm St. Mr. Myerholtz shared that he is putting on a new roof and Mayor shared that we will forward contact information to Ken on the property owner.

Committee Reports

Streets: Discussed the crosswalk and possible sidewalk near Weston Market and signage progress for entrances. Discussed the plans for the reservoir include cutting the NE corner down and design aspects and installing a pier/dock on the SE side to cover the concrete. Discussed the availability of funds for culvert project and using the funds we have already received to have Poggemeyer begin designing. The timeline laid out would have the design finished fall 2022 so quotes can be obtained and the project starting spring/summer of 2023. This project should only take a few months to complete. Oak to Broadway will be the official detour. Discussed the possibility of using Mr. Boggs and Kendall PHC to repair/replace catch basins now that Mr. Kendall will no longer have the conflict of interest as a council member. Discussed appropriations increase of \$20K for street repair, Mr. Kendall provided a historical perspective that in his 16 years these appropriations have never been increased. Mr. Myerholtz made the suggestion to move the increased appropriation from the general fund. Request Mr. Boggs to acquire an estimate for the sidewalk leading from the proposed crosswalk at Weston Market to the parking lot at McKenzie's Flower Shop. Ground Solutions is to come up with a more detailed plan for the pier to compare feasibility and cost of differing materials.

Cemetery: Cement poured for foundations, board approved to increase the sexton's pay effective 1st of the year to \$18,720. Pay increase will be sent to Finance committee. It was noted that Harold/maintenance helps in the cemetery but that work is not coming out of the cemetery fund. It was requested that Harold keep track of his hours worked in the cemetery to get an idea of how much maintenance helps out in the cemetery.

Upcoming Meetings: Rec Board 12/8 at 6:30PM, Finance 12/13 at 6PM

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing for November 16, 2021 - December 6, 2021 totalling \$32,977.62, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Dewitt; Approved - 4, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mr. Myerholtz.

Miscellaneous Business

Joe Pemberton and Matt Ziegler with Suburban Natural Gas were in attendance to give the annual SNG update. Mr. Pemberton shared that the replacement of a pipeline between Liberty High and Wingston road is almost finished. Reinforced the call before you dig safety message. The community development grant amount is estimated to be around \$1,478. Mr. Pemberton was also informed of the plan to re-do the culvert at 235/Taylor and Mr. Ziegler shared that Poggemeyer is pretty good about reaching out regarding projects.

Citizens & Visitors

Chloe Barbour, Logan Periat, Matt Ziegler, Craig Warner, Joe Pemberton

Shirley Moore was in attendance to get an update on the drain, she was told that the contractor has concerns with the actual road, and in most circumstances we could just put in a catch basin. Shirley was also concerned about the Walnut tree dropping walnuts on the sidewalk.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk