

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

August 15, 2022

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jeremy Schroeder at 6:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and presentation of the agenda with a request to move new business after old business. A roll call was taken: Mrs. Ashley Patel, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Dave Dewitt, and Mr. Rob Myerholtz. *A motion to excuse Mr. Rick Easterwood was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve August 1, 2022 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Ordinance 2022-15 affirming a village-wide ban on the use of fireworks within the Village received a final reading. A roll call vote for passage of this ordinance was taken: Mrs. Patel: No, Mr. Babcock: No, Mr. Warner: No, Mr. Dewitt: No, Mr. Myerholtz: No. This ordinance did not pass.

Ordinance 2022-19 amending municipal ordinance sections 174.30 and 174.36, banning smoking/vaping/tobacco within 50 feet from any park, building, public sidewalks, bus stops and similar, received a second reading.

New Business

Ordinance 2022-16, amending pay schedule received an emergency reading. *Mrs. Patel made a motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2022-16, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote Mrs. Patel: Yes, Mr. Babcock: Yes, Mr. Warner, Mr. Dewitt: Yes, Mr. Myerholtz: No.* Due to needing 3/4ths vote for emergency passage this emergency reading failed. This marks the first reading of Ordinance 2022-16. Mayor asked for discussion. Mr. Myerholtz shared that he knows people that have been asking for records for 22 years. Paul Skaff, Village Legal Counsel, had asked if he had made an official public records request. Mr. Myerholtz replied that he knows two people that have asked for records and they have not been received in a timely manner. Paul Skaff shared there is a process to submit records requests, and Mayor added that if a request was not addressed that it should have gone through Stephanie to ensure it is addressed properly and in a timely manner. Mr. Dewitt informed Mr. Myerholtz that the records have nothing to do with the ordinance on the table. Mr. Myerholtz said that the records are to be at the Village Hall and that the Cemetery Clerk should have office hours, and Mr. Dewitt added that there is nothing in the law that requires this. Mayor asked Mr. Myerholtz if he is still voting no on the emergency, and reminded him this is a pay ordinance. Mr. Myerholtz did not change his vote. Mr. Warner added that he understands the situation but this is not the way to address it, and that it is not fair to the newly hired cemetery employee. Mayor asked Mr. Myerholtz again if he is still voting no with the comments received. Mayor also noted that we are planning to digitize records as part of the 2023 budget and added that some progress has been made on the records, Mr. Myerholtz did not change his vote and believes in his opinion that progress has not been made with the records.

Ordinance 2022-17, establishing the unclaimed monies fund received an emergency reading. *Mr. Babcock made a motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2022-17, seconded by Mr. Warner; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Myerholtz. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2022-17 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2022-18, to provide for the cost and expense of the lighting of the streets, alleyways, and other public places in the Village of Weston received an emergency reading. The amount has been decreased to \$22,000. *Mrs. Patel made a motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2022-18, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Myerholtz. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2022-18 was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Reports

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

Mayor: Shared how proud he is of the community for the response to the fire. Poggemeyer dropped off proposed plans for the culvert, expecting to bid out this fall.

Fiscal Officer: Reminder of limited hours this week for some training, will not be in the office August 16, August 18, and August 23. Direct Deposit Authorization forms have gone out and due back by August 26. Mosquito trapping is being terminated due to the very low number of mosquitos at our 3 locations, so far none have tested positive for West Nile Virus. We will be included in next year's trapping and BGSU did say that the 3 locations we provided are very good sites for trapping/testing.

Administrator: Council inquired about the mowing of the ditch, we have been informed that ODOT is not responsible for anything within the Village limits. Suggested looking into purchasing ditch mowing equipment out of the State Highway Fund.

Zoning Inspector: Sent Stephanie windmill/solar panel regulations. Received a call from First Energy with information on windmills and solar panels and received contact information. Called the Health Department regarding 20524 Russ St with racoons going in through the roof, a notice of violation was sent on July 25 with a follow-up check of premises by August 19. Signed permits for 13460 Main St (fence), 13261 Main St (garage), and 13150 Milton St (fence). Violation letters went out for 4 inoperable vehicles, 6 grass/weeds, 1 couch in boulevard, and 1 trash throughout property. Responded to a request for information regarding downed tree limbs on private property. No current ordinance addresses downed tree limbs as needing to be removed, only limbs overhanging sidewalks and closer to 6 feet. Could be addressed by establishing, or adding to existing ordinance and referring to it as yard waste, including definition. Mayor requested a follow up from the health department regarding the Center St property and adding Walnut St to their radar.

Committee Reports

Cemetery + Special Meeting: Reviewed ordinance of pay schedule and scheduled interviews for the part-time seasonal position. Reviewed and approved job descriptions for sexton and part-time seasonal positions. Voted to recommend Ken Taylor for the part-time seasonal cemetery maintenance position.

Finance: Reviewed upgrading copier after lease. *A motion to proceed with the copier upgrade was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.* Reviewed sample numbers provided by the Fiscal Officer for the 2023 maintenance budget. Special assessments were reviewed and recommend decreasing the street lighting assessment. Finance meetings for September and October have been rescheduled to September 28 at 6:30PM and October 26 at 6:30PM and back to normal meeting schedule in November. Directing EMS to pick what level unit they want and start getting estimates and rates to see how it will fit into their fund.

Rec Board: Reviewed grant ideas such as mulching the parks. A question was asked about what would be allowed in regards to mulch spreading on the grant, Stephanie shared that the WCPD grants committee would be able to answer that question. Typically maintenance related items are not allowable grant submissions. Still deciding on Trick or Treat, Christmas Party and ball sign-up dates to get in the newsletter. Parks board plans to review the parks and decide wants and needs for next year's budget. Rummage sale to benefit the ball program will be 9/17. Approved the purchase of cornhole and connect 4 for events. Joey Thiel resigned.

Upcoming Meetings: Economic & Community Development for 8/17 has been canceled. Safety 8/25 at 5:30PM, Personnel & Policies 8/25 at 6PM, Cemetery 9/1 at 6PM
Next council meeting is Tuesday, September 6th at 6PM due to Labor Day.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$46,544.43, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

Citizens & Visitors

Shirley Moore, Paul Skaff (Village Legal Counsel)

Shirley Moore was in attendance to share a complaint about the post office, regarding them needing ID for her renters to get a PO box. Mrs. Patel recommended having them go online to set up. Shirley also asked about a recommended location if she puts up a mailbox, she was told this has to be approved through the postmaster. Shirley also asked when the drainage by her property would be fixed, she was told it is in discussion and will be a major project due the the road situation which will need regraded and repaved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk