

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

June 20, 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 approval to add an executive session after Citizens & Visitors to discuss personnel and pay. A roll call was taken: Mrs. Ashley Patel, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Dave Dewitt, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to approve June 6, 2022 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Appointments

Sarah Schroeder and Diane Hillier were sworn into the Tax Commission Board.

Old Business

Ordinance 2022-11 received a final reading, establishing policy governing the security and deposit of receipts. *A motion for passage of Ordinance 2022-11 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.*

Ordinance 2022-12 received a final reading, making supplemental appropriations for the principal portion of the F550 truck payment in 2011 (Streets) and 2021 (State Hwy). *A motion for passage of Ordinance 2022-12 was made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.*

Reports

Mayor: Spoke with the Wood County Humane Society SNIP committee and shared logistics and figuring out how they could make the program work with their system, just waiting to hear back. Spay/neutering is \$45/cat. Planning a community ball day for the final 10U game on Saturday at noon, will be grilling Pork-A-Leans and have a live announcer and would like a couple extra volunteers.

Fiscal Officer: Revenue budget has been drafted and awaiting council approval to send to the county auditor. Council needed more time to review. Office hours have been updated to 9am-3:30pm Monday-Friday.

Administrator/Maintenance: Council asked about the reservoir project status and was told Harold is in contact with the contractor which they indicated they would be in this week to finish.

Shirley Moore had shared a complaint of neighbor's trees/brush growing out and hanging branches. Will have Ken check it out after he gets back from vacation, a courtesy letter could be sent.

Committee Reports

Finance: Reviewed bids from Farmers & Merchants Bank and Union Bank compared to what PNC is currently offering including the ACH Direct Deposit additions. Stephanie is working on finishing up the 2023 revenue budget. Appropriation budgets are due no later than October 1st to the Fiscal Officer/Finance Committee, committee heads are to notify all departments. Reviewed a request from the maintenance department about a utility trailer the township is selling, it was recommended to purchase a new trailer that is at least 16'+ and tandem axle. Mr. Myerholtz added he recently spoke with Harold and Gary who indicated that they do not need a trailer of this size. The John Deere is 5 years old and recommended looking into a Municipal Lease program with a Kubota brand since John Deere has no resale value. Requested that Harold work on getting quotes for a utility trailer and information on the Municipal Lease program for lawnmower.

Safety: Ambulance repair - the committee along with testimony from Jerry at Main Street Station, discussed several possible repair or replace options for the ambulance which had been at Main Street Station for approximately 3 weeks at the time of the meeting. Main Street Station had gone as far as they could making it necessary to find another repair facility to determine what the damage to the engine was, and if it could be repaired or needed to be replaced. It appears that an oil pump catastrophically failed, taking out a cover plate at the rear of the engine next to the transmission. Kathy was able to determine during the meeting that the Village has a towing insurance rider that we would be reimbursed for that cost. Fast forward to late last week, the ambulance has been towed to Brondes Ford in Maumee to evaluate the situation. In addition, the other ambulance suffered tire failures with the rear dual tires blowing up on two different days and being replaced. The front tires were being scheduled for replacement at the earliest possible time. Had a brief discussion about staffing and Kathy indicated that she has several local residents interested in taking EMS class. Also discussed the possibility of using the dayroom at the Fire Station to house on call staff. 156 runs to date.

Mr. Myerholtz had a concern leaving the ambulance repair decision up to the EMS, especially if the repair runs over \$25,000-\$30,000 in repair because he had found a used 2013 with 21,000 miles for \$30,000. Mayor added that the committee would be involved in the emergency decision. Spoke with Tim and Brondes has not had a chance to check out the ambulance yet.

Upcoming Meetings: Personnel & Policies 6/23 at 6PM, Public Works 7/6 at 6PM, Cemetery 7/7 at 6PM, Finance 7/12 at 6PM, Rec Board 7/13 at 6:30PM and next council meeting is on Tuesday, July 5th at 6PM due to Independence Day.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing for June 7, 2022 - June 20, 2022 totalling \$29,205.28, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

Application for Vendor/Solicitor License from Inspire Clean Energy was reviewed and a motion to decline the application was made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Warner. It was noted that the Village is under a voted aggregate already and allowing an energy supplier to go door to door may confuse the residents and cause issues with what they are already signed up with. Signage is posted at all the Village entrances and solicitors still choose to go door to door without a permit and there were multiple resident complaints.

Citizens & Visitors

Ron Dallas (Virtual), Randy Hann, Pam Hann, Sarah Schroeder, Alyssa Malanowski, Shirley Moore, Diane Hillier

Randy & Pam Hann were in attendance with interest in how meetings operate and what happens with the government process. Mr. Hann also asked how soon minutes are posted, it was shared that minutes are posted online after they are approved. Anyone is able to request minutes even in draft form as long as they are already drafted. Shared concern about the Water Street Habitat build. Mayor shared that we were approached by Habitat for Humanity regarding vacant lots. There is an easement on Water Street as well as Evon Lane/Ash Street. Habitat wants to purchase the Water Street outlots and is looking to build houses. The Village has some interest in new houses and families. A road would need built and utilities need to be laid. There is an Economic and Community Development meeting on July 20th which will have utility companies in attendance to ask questions. This area is zoned R2 which could actually allow a multi-family dwelling, such as an apartment complex. As a comment from the last meeting regarding the agricultural use, this is just land use that the auditor has assigned for tax purposes; this has nothing to do with the Village's zoning code. Nothing is set in stone, and no land purchases have been made yet. Mr. Hann shared concern for vacant/rotting homes that already have established utilities, Mayor shared that Habitat has been given a list of all the vacant properties in town. Mayor also shared the demolition legal process and what the Economic & Community Development committee is reviewing. Mr. Hann also shared concern about drivers not stopping at the High St/Milton St intersection. Mayor encouraged calls to the Sheriff's office and there has been discussion about making this a 3-way stop but need guidance from the county and legal on removing/adding stop signs. Mr. Myerholtz also reminded the Economic & Community Development committee members about the concern of taxpayers footing the bill for utilities and roads as the developer usually foots the bill.

Alyssa Malanowski was in attendance to observe and shared her experience as council president at Girl's State.

Ron Dallas asked if it would be in the best interest to record meetings. This will be taken into consideration, but recording meetings is not required and is an added subscription cost. Mr. Dallas asked for more clarification on how nuisance properties are handled. Mayor shared that when homeowners refuse to take responsibility our process is to send letters, wait for a response, and beyond that we can escalate to a nuisance property to be sent to legal counsel that goes through the court system. The Mayor added that the only outcome after that is the ability to take action under the Village/taxpayers cost and assess the cost to their taxes, which Mr. Dallas added/agreed would probably not pay anyway. Mr. Dallas also asked if there is code for maintaining the storefronts on Main Street. Mrs. Patel shared that the Economic & Community Development committee is also working on getting letters out to those owners to encourage rent signs and building upkeep. There may be possible grant money from the solar farm. Mr. Myerholtz said there are grants out there for property owners (privately owned) but those owners have to do the work to apply. Mayor shared his idea of a possible change to allow apartments on the first floor (downtown Main Street area) if the front section is available commercially, but the parking situation would need to be discussed as this is a current issue. Mr. Dallas asked if the owner of the storage unit demo would be willing to donate that space as parking to help the problem, Mayor added that an idea was shared to grass the area for public space and the Village will mow. Legal concern was brought up regarding the private property mowing.

Executive Session

A motion to enter the executive session at 7:19PM was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel to discuss personnel and pay. Roll Call Vote to enter Executive Session, Yes: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. Regular session was resumed at 8:20PM with a motion made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously. Discussed pay schedule ordinance and suggested changes for review at next council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk