

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

January 2

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The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2024

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeremy Schroeder at 6:02PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeremy Schroeder was sworn in as Mayor, Brittney Klockowski was sworn in as a Council Member, Dean Babcock was sworn in as a Council Member - all with terms ending December 31, 2027. The agenda was presented and a roll call was taken: Ms. Jessica Susor, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Ms. Brittney Klockowski, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. A motion to approve December 18, 2023 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Appointments/Other

Mr. Myerholtz made a motion to open nominations for President of Council, seconded by Ms. Susor; Approved unanimously. Mr. Myerholtz nominated Ms. Susor, Mr. Babcock nominated Mr. Warner. Mr. Myerholtz moved to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Susor: Self, Mr. Babcock: Craig, Mr. Warner: Abstained, Ms. Klockowski: Craig, Mr. Myerholtz: Jessica, Mr. Easterwood: Jessica. Ms. Susor accepted the role of Council President, Mr. Myerholtz pointed out that Ms. Susor is the first woman council president on Weston Village Council.

There was brief discussion on council rule #1 in regards to "no member of the legislative authority shall hold any other public office....". Clerk will reach out to Paul Skaff for clarification due to differing information from the Attorney General and Board of Elections. Council held off on approving council rules to allow everyone a chance to review.

Council Committee assignments will be presented at the next council meeting, Ms. Susor agreed to attend as the ball liaison one more time, and Mr. Babcock liaison for Rec Board.

Reports

Attendance: Stephanie Monts (Fiscal Officer), Harold Boggs (Village Administrator)

Mayor: "Over the years, we've had a number of concerned citizens that have joined us at our regular meetings. All types of people, personalities, agendas, and passions. And despite the circumstances of each, they have all been a memorable experience that has set the agenda of this Village, perhaps more than each of them even realize. It really does 'take a village' to make a village. There's one such person and interaction that sticks with me. I like to recall one specific person who made it his mission to ask council, each time he was given the opportunity, 'What's Weston's IDENTITY? And as it's my duty, I tried my best to answer this question, knowing full well it's out of scope of what I am able to provide him in a council meeting. The question was rhetorical of course, and I even started to answer it as such, as the question was posed over and over. The question was meant to challenge this group sitting here to think about how all of our policies, procedures, and programs fit together. I bet Frank never thought he'd be in my mind this many years later, but it is a great thought experiment. We sit up here as public servants. And while each of us has their own ideas of what's the role of Council, I challenge each of us here to think big, and really strive to drive some progress within our town. And this cannot be done without compromise, time, and effort. And participation. It's going to take more than just village council, and more than just the Mayor, and even more than just the individuals that currently make themselves present in the affairs of governing our town. As each of you know, I took the opportunity from BGSU for them to survey and analyze anything that we wanted to focus on 'community participation'. It's a tough question because everybody has that line on what the Village government should provide to residents, neighbors, friends, and visitors. But I wanted to further understand - how do we STRIVE to build an IDENTITY? Surely we can sit up here and pave the roads and pay the bills, but we can also do many things on top of those essentials. We can't open a grocery store, or build a new house, and we can't outlaw stray cats and the government surely cannot start a boy scouts troop, but we can do many things to address each of these perceived needs. And the rest will follow, because these 'needs' are actually more like successes. We can support policies and projects that make niche business opportunities, if we try. We can support policies and projects that encourage growth, new construction, and even revitalization. We can support policies and projects that build our community members, motivating and encouraging them to work together to start clubs and organizations that they can be proud to associate with their hometown. Identity is achieved, not proclaimed. If we support these things, we can achieve success without the village council opening a single grocery store, without the village council building a single house, and without the village council starting a boy scouts troop. We will have set up our residents to achieve these things beside us. And so, I think of Frank's insistent question now, because I've seen some of these parts falling into place, setting us up to achieve these goals that our residents have put on us. I see Weston's identity coming together. Over the past 10 years, I've seen us build up the services, protocols, workforce, boards, and infrastructure. I could go on and on about our collaborative successes. I often do, whenever given the opportunity. There's still going to be that discussion of our role, where the line is, but hard work and thought is prevailing. But I've seen evidence of great things to come, supported by our policies, relationships, and work. And they are on track to eclipse the past decade. I surely look forward to 2024 and what our hard work will bring to our community." - Mayor, Jeremy Schroeder

Fiscal Officer: Working on year end procedures.

Administrator/Maintenance: Vehicles are prepared for snow removal. Stoned the alley behind the car wash.

Mr. Easterwood asked if the reservoir was going to be re-seeded. Harold indicated that it needs to be raked and re-seeded, it was recommended that it be hydroseeded.

Mr. Easterwood had asked for an update about the parking situation in the public lot, regarding requiring registration. Clerk shared that an email went out a few months ago with information in regards to establishing a registration process, this needs to be reviewed and discussed.

Code Enforcement/Zoning: Not in attendance. Ken Taylor has recommended that the property at 13316 Main Street be declared a nuisance as the tarped sheds in the rear yard are torn apart and junk is around the rear

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yard, no responses to the multiple notices. *Mr. Easterwood made a motion to declare 13316 Main Street a nuisance, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.*

Committee Reports

Ball Program Special Committee: Voted Ken Meyers as chairperson, Dennis Sauter for player development, Jeanette Zamarripa for community contact, and LuAnn Hunt for treasurer. Started a poll on Facebook to gauge interest for the program participants and volunteers, which was also shared to other Facebook pages. Open board seat was posted. Discussed plans for coaches, sign-ups, fundraising, league meeting contacts, and process for equipment. Delegated roles and assignments to be handled prior to the next meeting. Discussed the budget and voted for opening a blanket purchase order for equipment. Next meeting is January 9th at 7PM.

Mr. Myerholtz asked what the meaning behind the poll and percentage is. The poll was meant to be used as an interaction post due to the page being inactive. It was pointed out that only 26 people voted. Mr. Myerholtz pointed out this is concerning in regards to participation. It was shared that the page has been inactive and in order to get the page moving again some interaction posts are necessary.

Community Development & Public Affairs: With Ken Taylor's input, the committee is working to finalize language in some ordinances before sending them to American Legal Publishing. Special consideration was given to boulevard issues as it was found that dragging mud onto the roadway had been omitted from the updated code. Also revisited the related issue of boulevard parking and possible required use of paving or stone to alleviate future mud problems. Harold presented more information on the proposed walking path and general development of Alumni Park. He has arranged for more native trees to be planted in the spring. Received an updated quote from JPX to excavate and stone an 8' wide path (cleverly shaped as the State of Ohio) around and through Alumni Park. Mayor suggested implementing the project in three phases: 1. Create and stone the path, 2. Trees and Keeler Prairie project, 3. Asphalt topping for path. Phase 1 would use the leftover ARPA money and Phase 3 would be to pursue grants to cover the installation of the asphalt. Committee was in agreement to recommend to council approval of the JPX contract.

Mr. Easterwood and Mr. Myerholtz requested to see another quote, Harold shared that there was a quote from Morlock which came in higher than JPX; the quote was passed around. Mr. Myerholtz also pointed out the path would only be 3/8th of a mile and what would be more "bang for our buck", and suggested the basketball/pickleball court project. It was pointed out that a lot of people utilize Alumni Park for walking and walking dogs, using the proposed path. Ms. Susor made a point that a walking path is a good "seed" for the Alumni Park area, it would be a feature that people can come back for and to be a starting point for other plans at the park, like the nature prairie that is in discussion. The BGSU survey pointed out the importance of beautification by survey takers. Ms. Susor also shared a nice sign with brochures of the area. Harold shared that he would also be putting in drainage tile. Mr. Myerholtz shared he was approached by someone asking why businesses are paying for advertisement, and suggested that ARPA money could be used for businesses.

Mr. Babcock made a motion to approve the JPX Quote with Phase 1 of the Walking Path at Alumni Park, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings: Cemetery has been canceled for January and rescheduled February meeting to Feb. 8th, Administrative Process will be Postponed until Committee Assignments, WSIB 1/9 at 7PM, Rec Board 1/10 at 6:30PM, Council Meeting is Tuesday Jan. 16th due to MLK Day

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed a summary of the bills totalling \$31,384.51, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Citizens & Visitors

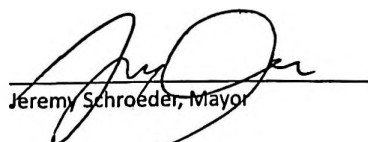
Sabrina Schroeder, Jennifer Cook, Dave DeWitt (virtual), Jigar Patel (virtual), Nate Johnson (virtual)

Dave DeWitt added to discussion of recommending hydroseed for the reservoir.

Jigar Patel expressed he wanted his 235 advertising sign back, and will only invest if a sign is larger than current.

Nate Johnson inquired about bow hunting in Village limits. The Village has no regulations that prohibit it. Mr. Easterwood shared information on rural hunt, which up to a certain acreage you can. This would need to be run by legal counsel for proper answers. Mr. Johnson also asked if golf cart requirements have changed, they need to be plated and inspected by the Sheriff's office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27PM.


Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor


Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk