# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held No

November 7

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# The Village of Weston Council Meeting Minutes

November 7, 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. A request to move the PEP renewal presentation before Old Business was made. 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 October 17, 2022 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

## Public Presentation/Hearing

Rob Fawcett with UIS Insurance was in attendance to present the PEP 2022-2023 renewal. The contribution amount increased from last year to \$13,213 due to expenditures being up, adding plow and powercot, and market increases. Mr. Fawcett also reviewed the Faithful Performance of Duty Coverage option, which would allow dropping the bonds and use the insurance coverage which provides better coverage, cheaper, and easily managed. Mr. Dewitt inquired about insurance coverage to assist with plowing. If a contractor uses their own vehicle they would have to provide their own insurance. If the plow-er is an employee (on payroll) they would be covered by the Village insurance, while driving the Village truck. UIS would recommend that if hiring a 1099 contractor they have a commercial policy. Mrs. Patel made a motion to renew the PEP insurance policy, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

Ordinance 2022-26, amending the rate schedule for Weston EMS services, received a 2nd reading.

#### Reports

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

Fiscal Officer: It has been brought up whether or not the Village is allowed to receive donations. Paul Skaff has provided an ordinance to adopt a policy for accepting donations. Two donations have been presented to the council totaling \$65 for the Halloween event. Mr. Easterwood made a motion to accept the donations presented, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously. Leaf pickup begins next week (November 14th). Will be attending the UAN Year End webinar on December 5th, office will be closed that day.

Administrator: Almost done with the catch basin on Oak Street. All the brush has been picked up and getting ready for leaf pickup. Mr. Myerholtz had inquired about the reasoning behind renting a mini excavator; Harold informed him it was to dig footers for headstones and the catch basin project. This was experimentation due to previous discussion in Public Works on possibly purchasing a mini excavator to do more work in house versus contracting. Ultimately it was proven to be too small.

Zoning Inspector: No permits have been issued since the previous report. Sent Paul updated pictures of Silver Street nuisance property and he is preparing court documents. Met with Mr. Menaldi, owner of the Silver Street nuisance property. Discussed parameters of his property as well as possible uses. Mr. Menaldi stated he received a variance from the Village several years ago, but the Village has no record of such, he would forward any document he had. Sent an email to the Mayor and members of the Economic Development committee concerning subdivision regulations and fences. Sent an email to Mr. Menaldi regarding plan submission and plan review process. Sent an email to Paul Skaff outlining a proposed response to Mr. Menaldi, which was read outloud to the council. Sent a follow-up email to Paul Skaff, received his response and forwarded a letter to Mr. Menaldi discussing the issues found from the previous correspondence. Ken read a letter sent from Clerk - Sarah Schroeder dated 10/8/2014, which Mr. Menaldi believes this is his variance. Ken informed the council that they do not have authority to approve changes that violate the Zoning code, this is the job of the Planning Commission, and that council should not have even addressed Mr. Menaldi's request at that October 2014 meeting, he should have been directed to the Planning Commission. Called Rich Goris, maintenance man at Lawndale Mobile Home Park, regarding the debris issue. He had contacted the property owner with the Villages issues, and reported their response was "we're working on it". Following issues include: 20350 Oak Street - pickup truck with 3 flat tires (5th time), 13316 Main St - boat/trailer no plates (5th time), 20295 Oak St - 2 inoperable vehicles in backyard, 20350 Oak St - no plates on camper in boulevard, 13240 Silver - camper in rear yard with no plates, 13496 Center St - junk and weeds in rear yard, 20532 Elm - junk; Stephanie did receive a response from property owner. Sent an email to the Wood County Health Department regarding 20815 Main St. No action from council regarding repeat nuisance offenders.

# Committee Reports

Economic & Community Development: Ken provided suggestions on the subdivision code, and the committee would like to look into adding tree recommendations. Discussed the Habitat Development, the organization could possibly get a grant per house to help with utilities, which has been one of the greatest concerns with the development. Mayor added that the landowner backed out of the Habitat development idea. Mayor will be following up with the Hahn building owner regarding a lease agreement. Currently working on a letter for owners of vacant properties. Reviewed Paul's questions for the feral cat ordinance, will revise. Will be asking the council for standard zoning revision recommendations for the 2023 plan. Subdivision code will need to be put together for Planning Commission review.

Finance: Reviewed and discussed the draft EMS lease agreement. Mr. Myerholtz will be attending the next township meeting to discuss the EMS lease agreement with all trustees. Went over final budget numbers for 2023. Mr. Warner approved getting a safe deposit box at the bank and authorizing the three signers (Fiscal Officer, Mayor, President of Council) access, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

Safety: Plan to look into getting backup cameras with the PEP grant in 2023. Have started compiling a wishlist for the next ambulance: medium duty with power step. Kathy has five people wanting to take the

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EMS class and waiting to find a second instructor. Tim shared that there are three excess cots and would like to keep one, put the second one on GovDeals and donate the third to Penta. Kathy is working on more information for Central Joint to run with Weston EMS. 303 runs to date. Due to the process of GovDeals Mr. Myerholtz made a motion to donate both cots to Penta, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.

Personnel & Policies: Discussed plowing priorities and possibly establishing a policy. Discussed increasing penalties/fees to be more punitive. Increasing the fine of \$130/residential and \$250/commercial for second or more offenses (within a 12 month period) by \$50 each for the second and another \$50 for the third and/or other consecutive offenses within the same mowing season. Discussed the issue of Weston's regulations not prohibiting motorized bikes in park areas. Section 173.02-operation of low speed, under-speed, or utility vehicle, or mini-truck addresses these vehicles being operated on streets and breaks down to ORC 4511.215, which requires inspection and licensing among other criteria. This regulation does not nor do any other address parks, but may fit in 174.33-behavior. Nothing was found regarding ATVs or slow moving vehicles either. Would like to discuss adding legislation to prohibit the use of motor bikes. Council discussed exceptions, max speed, EV, and where to prohibit.

Public Works: Oak Street catch basin is expected to be done by Monday (11/7). Waiting for the county to come out and schedule and confirm with Harold on a plan to clean ditch on Evergreen. With the cost of street paving being so high the committee is looking at paving Locust Street between Broadway and ditch. Harold contacted Premier Sealing and they came in and estimated sealing most major roads, which may save money and buy some time to build the road budget back up for more completed paving. Recommended another company estimate for the same type of service to compare, Taylor from 235 to Beech St and Main from Taylor to city limits. Harold still plans to crack seal the side streets for 2023. Talked with the committee on a street map that can be color coded on what has been done and what needs done. Mr. Myerholtz shared his opinion on street paving and why Locust Street even needs paved, as he did not like the committee recommendations. Mr. Myerholtz requested that the Finance committee review the budget to see if Main Street paving can be done.

**Cemetery:** Foundations have been poured and the William's monument was repaired. Reviewed 2023 budget. Cemetery board was given a scanner by donation and Jodie will scan records into a searchable .pdf and bring them to the Village, records will also be put on microfiche.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Finance 11/8 at 6PM, Rec Board 11/9 at 6:30PM, Economic & Community Development 11/16 at 5PM

The Safety Committee and Personnel & Policies Committee meeting for November has been canceled due to falling on Thanksgiving.

# **New Business**

Ordinance 2022-28, 2023 Appropriation Ordinance, received a first reading. Ordinance 2022-29, establishing a donation policy, received a first reading.

# **Approval of Expenditures**

Council reviewed payment listing totalling \$25,457.33, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.

## Miscellaneous Business

Vernon Nagel, Inc submitted the lowest bid for the Taylor Street Culvert Replacement project. Mr. Myerholtz made a motion to award the Taylor Street Culvert Replacement project to Vernon Nagel, Inc., seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.

Mr. Myerholtz shared that the school was seeking information on the status of the solar field, nobody had any information. Mayor said he will follow up with the contact.

## Citizens & Visitors

No citizens or visitors in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM.

Jeremy Sohrøeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts. Fiscal Officer/Clerk