

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
March 21, 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 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 March 7, 2022 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.*

Public Presentation(s)/Hearings

Mark Sheffer was in attendance on behalf of Northwestern Water & Sewer District to discuss WaterShed. The original idea was to put a watershed alongside the Village Hall but found that the Maintenance building will be a much better location. The maintenance building already has 200amp service and will be utilizing the space of the women's bathroom to frame out the watershed face. NWWSD would submeter so water and electricity would not be charged to the Village. NWWSD will draft a proposal/agreement for council.

Mayor informed Mr. Sheffer that the Public Works committee is working on a guideline for road repair.

Old Business

Morlock proposals for paving Locust Street from Main Street to Taylor Street for \$21,991 and Oak Street from Broadway to 235 for \$24,300, was reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Warner; Approved unanimously.

Reports

Mayor: Will be meeting with Habitat for Humanity on Thursday, they are building a house on Union and Washington and they are looking for additional properties.

Fiscal Officer: Auditor of State has approved the Village of an AUP (agreed upon procedures) in lieu of a regular audit. Procedures should be fairly quick and should have our records back by the end of the month.

Administrator/Maintenance: There is a water drainage issue east of Eileen and was told a couple years ago a camera was put down but could not move forward after a blockage was discovered. Requested to have CamTech jet from 235 east and Taylor Street.

Zoning Inspector: Sycamore Street plans for the addition that had a variance and approval are being submitted to the county. Went over a fence height discrepancy in the zoning code. Brooke Lane extension discussed in committee cannot sell as a buildable lot.

Committee Reports

Finance: Reviewed necessary updates to the credit card policy, which include adding cemetery sexton, EMS officers and clerk, and cemetery and rec board appointed officers with the consent of fiscal officer and mayor or council president. Weston Township EMS contract will be discussed with Township by Mayor, will need information from EMS clerk for increase in unpaid runs; was informed that township voted for acceptance and payment. Wood County Auditor will not attend meetings to provide training, and will need to find other sources for training. Reach Alert was presented by the Mayor, which is an alert system similar to what Otsego school uses (text, call, email). It can be used to send out information such as street closures, brush pickup reminders, etc. Cost is \$1/household for the first year and \$1.50/household the following year (locked rate for 3 years), estimating 500 households. Fiscal Officer will be attending LGO Conference April 13 & 14, office will be closed those two days. Received \$344.38 ARPA reallocation payment. RITA non-filing information needs more clarification regarding liabilities established and collected amounts, will follow up with RITA for delinquent non filers and determine cost for collecting back taxes.

A motion to approve the credit card policy updates was made by Mr. Myerholtz, which include adding cemetery sexton, EMS officers and clerk, and cemetery and rec board appointed officers with the consent of fiscal officer and mayor or council president, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

It was requested to have Reach Alert provide a demo at the next council meeting. Kellee Downard asked if RITA could set up a time to help with taxes, as they have done in the past.

Rec Board: Need stone for parking and sand for ballfields. Ashley Patel has agreed to become town president for the ball program. Weston will have 3 tball teams, 1 8U girls softball, 1 10U boys baseball, and 1 12U boys baseball teams this year. Requested to have utilities at the

concession stand turned on. Voted to replace light bulbs at the ball fields, \$11.20/bulb plus \$8.99 shipping and \$150/hour to install by Rowes. Voted yes to obtain a UTV if the cost can be split between baseball, parks, lands/buildings and streets. Voted yes to provide snacks and drinks at the fire department Easter Egg hunt.

A motion to approve the purchase of baseball light bulbs from lightbulbs.com totaling \$1,084.19 plus \$150/hour installation was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved - 5, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mrs. Patel. No action was taken on a UTV, the Mayor shared that this is a wish list item. Council shared concern with who would be responsible for upkeep and the sharing of the equipment between maintenance and ball.

Economic & Community Development: Shelly Myerholtz was in attendance to provide an update on the progress of the farmers market, numerous vendors are interested and some interest from food trucks. The plan for the farmers market is to shut down Mill Street with overflow on Main Street near Village Hall. Howard Lashuay has commitments from numerous people to bring their cars for a car show during the farmers market (once a month). Discussed feral cats and the Mayor has secured a quote from Midway Animal Hospital for \$60 to spay cats that are trapped and brought in by citizens in the Village. Plan to use Suburban Natural Gas grant to fund the program, and suggested this would only be available for female cats. Reviewed the list of properties that are vacant or empty, and plan to draft letters to owners. Discussed road right of way extension on Brooke Lane. Would like to move forward with hiring a grant writer. Would like to invite the gas and water company to the next meeting.

Council had a lengthy discussion on feral cats. Kellee and Ben Downard were in attendance to share their experience and work they have put into trapping and neutering cats as well as trying to find homes for the friendlier cats. They shared that the feral cat problem will be a never ending problem. The Downard's recommended the Village purchase traps to loan out. Mr. Easterwood suggested getting a price for euthanizing as well.

Upcoming Meetings: Safety 3/24 at 5:30PM, Personnel & Policies 3/24 at 6PM

New Business

Resolution 2022-6 authorizing the Mayor to execute a capital improvement community parks, recreation and conservation project pass through grant agreement, received an emergency reading. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2022-6 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Warner, Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Resolution 2022-6 was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.*

The Fiscal Officer informed the council that legislation will be provided at the next council meeting to establish a new fund and appropriations for this Reservoir project.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed payment listing for March 8, 2022 - March 21, 2022 totalling \$24,050.47, with a motion to approve made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

The Wood County Economic Development Commission dinner is Thursday, April 21st. Need an official count to pay for the dinner, at \$40 per person. Mayor, Mr. Dewitt, Mrs. Patel and Mr. Babcock agreed to attend the dinner.

Citizens & Visitors

Shirley Moore, Kellee & Ben Downard, Mark Sheffer

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk