

The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeremy Schroeder at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of the council members was then taken: Mr. Greg Stevens, Mr. Bill Barnhart, Mrs. Sarah Easterwood, Mr. Shad Kendall. A motion to excuse Ms. Diane Hillier and Mrs. Penny Taylor was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0.

Minutes from the previous meeting on March 19, 2018 were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0.

Citizens and Visitors

Visitors present were: Rob Myerholtz, Rick Easterwood, Mark Trumbull, Keith Leady, Allyson Selders, Justin Selders, Rick Eakin (Aflac), Dean Laubacher (Aflac), Ken Taylor (Zoning Inspector), and Roger LaPointe (Sentinel-Tribune).

Dean Laubacher with Aflac was in attendance to discuss supplemental benefits. Mr. Laubacher compared major medical versus Aflac's supplemental benefits. Aflac pays cash benefits directly to you to help cover expenses and protect assets during an unforeseen illness or accident that can devastate a family's emotional and financial well being. Mr. Laubacher shared that this would be no cost to the Village through a payroll deduction and optional employee participation. With the group rate packages estimate about \$1-\$2 per pay. Policies are also portable, meaning if you decide to no longer work for the Village you can take the policy with you. Mr. Greg Stevens asked about the volunteers (Fire and EMS) that are paid per run/quarterly. Mr. Laubacher said the plan is to set up two accounts one for the volunteers which would not be a payroll deduction but paid for by self and one for the full time employees which would be payroll deduction, both are set up to provide the group rate. Mr. Greg Stevens made a motion for Aflac to provide supplemental benefits through payroll deduction for employees in the Village of Weston, seconded by Mrs. Sarah Easterwood. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0.

Fire Chief, Justin Selders was in attendance to share the tragic event that happened on March 21st with a vehicle found upside down in the ditch creek on Sandridge Road. Chief Selders shared that in his 19 years he has never seen anything like it. The wait they had to endure for the Bowling Green Water Rescue and Toledo Dive team to arrive could be avoided if the Weston Fire Department had the equipment for water situations like that accident. Chief Selders shared that he would not want to be in another water situation and have to tell a family member that they have to wait for the properly trained personnel to arrive before a rescue can be done. The fire department is requesting two water rescue equipment kits which includes two suits and rope per kit. The total for the two kits is approximately \$7,000. Mark Trumbull had shared that the township would be paying for one kit while the village would be responsible for the other kit. Chief Selders shared that the whole department and EMS would be trained plus Milton Township. Mr. Greg Stevens made a motion to purchase the necessary water rescue equipment, seconded by Mrs. Sarah Easterwood. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0.

Rob Myerholtz wanted to see if any dates have been decided for the Strategic Plan meeting. Clerk shared that the only date that seemed to be of issue is Thursdays. Mr. Myerholtz also wanted to see how the progress was going on junk vehicles and chickens. Mr. Ken Taylor (Zoning Inspector) shared that two people have submitted permits for chickens and about six letters were sent out last week for junk vehicles.

Keith Leady was in attendance to get guidance on finding grants or other funding to update the buildings downtown.

Village Business

The CSX contract was provided. Council would like to have more time to review the contract, this will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Committee Business

Mrs. Sarah Easterwood reported for the March 20th Parks & Rec meeting. Arbor Day event has been set for May 13th from 1-3PM. Parks District and Boy Scouts will be contacted to possibly set up a table during the event. There will be education packet handouts about Arbor Day. Port-a-pots have been placed at two parks and one at the equipment shed at the ball diamonds. Water and electric have been turned on at the concession stand. Painting of dugouts will start around the end of April. A purchase order has been made for an estimated \$100 in painting supplies. Fundraiser packets will be ready to hand out at coaches meeting on March 24th at 10am. Baseball schedules should be ready at the end of April/beginning of May.

There are two tball teams, 1 8U team, 1 10U team and a 12U team with 4 coaches and a team mom. Next meeting is April 23rd.

Upcoming Meetings:

Cemetery April 5th at 6PM
Public Hearing April 16th at 6:30PM
Parks & Rec April 23rd at 6PM
Safety April 23rd at 7PM

Maintenance Report

Mr. Eric Taylor gave a report on town maintenance. Mr. Taylor said the water heater at the concession stand needs replaced. The large ball diamond has been dragged a bit and will be back out again to work it up some more. The street signs and posts are in. Mr. Taylor has also been working on road patching.

Financial/Administrative

Comp Management was reviewed and a motion to renew was made by Mrs. Sarah Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Shad Kendall. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0.

Council reviewed bills to be paid, and warrants to be issued. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Greg Stevens, seconded by Mr. Bill Barnhart. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0.

Mr. Shad Kendall brought up the reservoir pier and talked to Mr. Eric Taylor about getting a barricade put up so people cannot get onto the pier. Another item that was requested was to have the old reservoir intake filled with stone. Mr. Greg Stevens asked to have the reservoir determined to no longer be a recreation area and suggested we notify the deputies to patrol the reservoir area more. Another suggestion was to remove the fishing signs and put up a no trespassing signs, since Mr. Eric Taylor pointed out that there are still fishing signs in place. Further discussion on the safety at the reservoir will be put on the agenda for the next council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk