

**The Village of Weston**  
*Public Hearing Minutes*  
*Council Meeting Minutes*  
April 16, 2018

Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Jeremy Schroeder at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Public hearing was called for the purpose of discussing proposed changes to the Weston Zoning Ordinance (19-97) in relation to Fences, Sheds, Storage Containers/PODs and Temporary Structures. No input from the public was shared.

Council 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, and Ms. Diane Hillier.

Minutes from the previous meeting on April 2, 2018 were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Mr. Barnhart and seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0. Mayor Schroeder wanted to confirm a point in the minutes where it was assumed that the township would be paying for part of the water recovery equipment. Mr. Mark Trumbull confirmed the assumption based on previous discussion with the township.

Citizens and Visitors

Visitors present were: Mark Trumbull, Rick Easterwood, Dean Babcock, Rob Myerholtz, Shirley Moore, Marcus Easterwood, Ken Taylor (Zoning Inspector), and Cory Kuhlman (Solicitor). There was no input from citizens at this time.

Village Business

The CSX contract was reviewed with questions on the language. Mr. Cory Kuhlman shared that the contract is a just a general contract from CSX and drafted for indemnity purposes. Mr. Greg Stevens made a motion to accept the CSX contract with a payment of \$2,500 due at the beginning of mowing season, seconded by Ms. Diane Hillier. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Input from council and mayor was given on the reservoir. Mr. Greg Stevens shared he liked the idea from Mr. Eric Taylor that we should take the current signage down allowing fishing and access and mark the whole reservoir out of bounds. Mayor Jeremy Schroeder shared that he went to look at the reservoir and agrees it is rough shape due to the erosion. Mayor shared that the insurance company did a risk assessment in October and pointed out the signage. Mayor also mentioned safety when people go in groups, and Mr. Stevens shared that even if a group of people went fishing one person could still get hurt in a group setting. Mayor requests a public hearing to get input from the community on the usage of the reservoir. Mr. Eric Taylor shared the estimated costs of repairing the reservoir which ranged from \$10,000-\$100,000 depending on the type of fix. Mr. Taylor has even asked for quotes on filling the reservoir in and companies replied that a project like that is beyond the Village funds. Ms. Diane Hillier had asked if we are obligated to offer fishing and also asked for input from council on what they want to do. Mrs. Sarah Easterwood recommended that the east side be closed until it can be repaired. Mr. Greg Stevens believes it should be shut down due to public safety. Mr. Cory Kuhlman suggested we get a liability expert's opinion. Another suggestion was posting a sign that states the dangers. Mrs. Easterwood has talked to ODnR and Inspired by Nature to see what needed done. Stone was suggested to fill in the erosion, which was then shared is not an option because this will make more a slip hazard. Council has requested to have the insurance risk assessment come back for another visit and also have it put in writing if we are covered before further decision is made on the closing of the reservoir.

Mr. Mark Trumbull was in attendance to share the quote for the water recovery gear that was voted on at the previous council meeting. The cost for two kits is \$7,853.90 with shipping not to exceed \$100. Mr. Trumbull shared the Township Trustees are waiting until the Fire Board meeting on April 23rd to discuss the equipment purchase. Mr. Trumbull had asked if council would still back last meetings approval for the equipment. Mayor shared that this purchase is a two tiered acceptance and shall be discussed at the Fire Board meeting. Mr. Rick Easterwood had shared there could be a grant somewhere that may help cover the purchase of the recovery gear. Mr. Easterwood had shared a quote for two pair of boots for \$600. The township had already made their half of the purchase. They had to go with Great Lakes Specialty Equipment which is a different company from the previous purchases for boots.

Council opened the floor to two visitors in attendance to fill the open council seat. Mr. Rob Myerholtz has lived in the Village for 33 years and served on council previously for 8 years during the water treatment upgrades. Mr. Myerholtz has worked with TMACOG and currently works with Thermastore out of Wisconsin. His kids served on the fire department, and Mr. Myerholtz was involved with Weston Days and would like to join council to get the Village moving forward. Mr. Dean Babcock has lived in the Village since 1979 and has management experience in

restaurants, photo lab, and IT. Mr. Babcock has had public service training and has been serving on the Rec Board for about 4 years. He currently does volunteer work with park conservation and plans on working to naturalize the area where the Elementary school used to be. Mr. Babcock would like to join council to help provide and serve the community. Mr. Greg Stevens believes council should take more time to advertise the open council seat and schedule a special meeting. Mr. Shad Kendall is ready to move forward with a decision. Mr. Bill Barnhart asked Mr. Myerholtz and Mr. Babcock if any obligations interfere with serving on council. Mr. Babcock shared that with his volunteering he is able to move his schedule around to fit. Mr. Greg Stevens made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the open council seat at 7:47PM, seconded by Mr. Bill Barnhart. A roll call vote yes to enter executive session of the council members was then taken: Mr. Greg Stevens, Mr. Bill Barnhart, Mrs. Sarah Easterwood, Mr. Shad Kendall, and Ms. Diane Hillier. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0. Mr. Greg Stevens made a motion to exit executive session at 8:11pm, seconded by Mr. Shad Kendall. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0. No action was taken. Mr. Shad Kendall opened the floor to nominations for the open council seat, seconded by Mrs. Sarah Easterwood. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0. Mr. Bill Barnhart nominated Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Greg Stevens nominated Mr. Babcock. Mr. Shad Kendall made a motion to close nominations, seconded Mrs. Sarah Easterwood. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0. A roll call vote for filling the open council seat was made. Mr. Stevens - Mr. Babcock, Mr. Barnhart- Mr. Myerholtz, Mrs. Easterwood - Mr. Myerholtz, Mr. Kendall - Mr. Myerholtz, Ms. Hillier - Mr. Myerholtz. Mayor swore in Mr. Rob Myerholtz as a councilmember.

#### Committee Business

Mrs. Sarah Easterwood reported for the April 5th Cemetery meeting. In attendance included Shelen Stevens, Cindy Sheffer, Tom Patton, Gary Betz, and council member Sarah Easterwood. Meeting started at 6PM. Absent was Ann Tolles and Jodie Domer. Tom reported on maintenance. The drainage tile between the two ponds was discussed. Tom feels he can get this repaired for about \$500-\$800 but that price does not include the two tile ends and two screens. The work would be completed by Tom, Eric, and the help of Liberty Township. The cemetery maintenance building has some roof leaks that is causing some damage to the inside of the building. Tom looked into the problem and it appears to be leaking around the plastic skylights. He feels it can be repaired with some roof sealant and replace the skylights with tin. He also reported that the lighting inside the building needs to be brighter and asked to purchase some newer lights within a reasonable price. Tom also reported on the mower. The mower has less than 400 hours on it, and has made the suggestion to the committee to not trade in yet and keep this mower for another year. The board asked Gary Betz to keep his hours low for now until about two weeks before Memorial Day. Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

#### Upcoming Meetings:

- Parks & Rec April 23rd at 6PM
- Safety April 23rd at 7PM
- Personnel May 2nd at 5:30PM
- Finance May 2nd at 6PM

Committee assignments were given to Mr. Rob Myerholtz. He will be taking all the places that former council member, Mrs. Penny Taylor, had filled.

#### Maintenance Report

Mr. Eric Taylor gave a report on town maintenance. Twenty (20) signs have been replaced and 22 more stop signs are on order. Mr. Taylor recommended named road signs and speed limit signs be on the budget for next year. Mr. Taylor has worked on street repairs with the Durapatcher. Parking lot dressing of potholes has been worked on with stone out of the Oak Street repair. Mr. Taylor has been working on baseball field prep on the large diamond and is almost done. The small diamond needs stone to be worked on in order to get that field ready for play. As weather has allowed, Mr. Taylor has been painting curb corners and handicap ramps. More street lights have burnt out and been repaired. Mr. Taylor also shared that banners for the street lights are in rough shape and that we should look into budgeting new ones next year. We currently have Spring/Summer, Fall and Winter banners.

#### Financial/Administrative

Council reviewed the Ohio Municipal League renewal and has decided not to renew.

Ordinance 2018-6, an ordinance amending village zoning ordinance #19-97 in relation to the definition of accessory buildings and adding section 5.03: accessory buildings had a first reading.

Ordinance 2018-7, an ordinance amending section 5.01 on Fencing in the Village of Weston Zoning Ordinance #19-97 had a first reading.

Council reviewed bills to be paid, and warrants to be issued. A motion to approve all bills to be paid and warrants to be issued except EMS and Cemetery payroll was made by Mr. Shad Kendall, seconded by Mr. Bill Barnhart. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0. A motion to approve EMS payroll was made by Mr. Greg Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Sarah Easterwood. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mr. Kendall. A motion to approve Cemetery payroll was made by Mr. Shad Kendall, seconded by Mrs. Sarah Easterwood. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mr. Stevens.

Mr. Rick Easterwood had asked council if it is still ok for the Village to house the Firemen's Festival June 22nd and 23rd. They are unsure of the location at this moment. Council agreed.

Mr. Rob Myerholtz resigned from Zoning Board and Mrs. Shirley Moore was sworn into the Zoning Board by Mayor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

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Stephanie Monts, Clerk