

The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2018

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, Mrs. Sarah Easterwood, Mr. Shad Kendall, Ms. Diane Hillier and Mr. Rob Myerholtz. A motion to excuse Mr. Bill Barnhart was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Kendall. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Minutes from the previous meeting on July 16, 2018 were reviewed and a motion to approve as written was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Citizens and Visitors

Visitors present were: Ken Taylor (Zoning Inspector), Deputy Reynolds (Wood County Sheriff's Office) Roger LaPointe (Sentinel-Tribune)

Committee Business

Mrs. Easterwood reported for the 7/23 Parks & Rec Meeting. Baseball report: Shade sails were purchased by Mike and Michelle McClure for use down at the small field during tournaments. The cost of the two sails are a total of \$49.98, the board voted to reimburse Mike and Michelle. A receipt is still needed to pay Porky's Pizza Trof in the amount of \$100 for the 20 pizzas received during ball season. VFW donated \$250 in 2016 and never had a banner hung, it was looked into and they did donate, and starting next ball season a banner needs made and will be hung for 2 Years. Thank You letter for Sponsors was reviewed and approved. Banners will be hung until September 1st. Discussion was had on Fall Ball and a parent from another town is putting on the program, board decided to allow usage of the fields, if needed. Utilities will be turned off at the concession stand. Equipment organization date was discussed but not set, keys will be turned in after. Modern Woodmen will be matching the \$1000 from the tournament fundraiser. Discussion was shared on purchasing equipment to drag fields for next ball season. No decisions were made, board was instructed to come up with some ideas on what we want for next meeting. 12U Orange Crush travel team requested usage of the ball fields next ball season, board agreed to allow usage. They are willing to pay \$25 per game, board members feel more discussion is needed on rental costs. Parks & Rec report: Halloween details were discussed for October 27th. Rec board has decided to do away with the parade this year and replace it with a Halloween Happy Hour which will be a dance party, games, and activities right before trick-or-treat. Costume contest sign-up will be 3:15-4pm at the Village Hall, 4:30 will begin judging, Halloween Happy Hour from 5-6PM. Trick or Treat will be from 6:30-8PM. Categories for the costume contest are Super Hero, Homemade, Traditional, Group, Princess, Cute for ages 2 and under. Park Shelter Rental Fees were discussed, but would like council input on if something like this needs an ordinance or if fees can just be established before moving forward. Dogs at the parks were in discussion. Board has agreed to purchase a poop station for Alumni park for \$59.99. Dogs on leashes were also discussed and the board would like to purchase signs that require pets to be on a leash. Stephanie read a section from the Parks Policy ordinance which states "No person in a park shall have any dog or other domestic animal in any non-permitted area without restraint on adequate leash of not more than ten feet in length". Rec board would like input from council on if they need to set non-permitted areas in the ordinance or if signs in certain areas will be sufficient. Stephanie reminded rec board that we are still responsible for keeping an eye on the recycling bins because per capita money is still coming in to the ball program. Dean was notified that trees near the backstop in the green space need moved so the ball program is able to utilize that area for practices, when the fields are off limits. Dean was also asked if there are any left over trees that can be planted near the spectator areas by the ball diamonds. Next meeting is August 27th.

Council discussed non-permitted versus permitted areas as referred to in the Parks & Rec policy. Council discussed if there was a permitted area it would be more like a dog park and Weston does not have a dedicated dog park. Mr. Myerholtz shared that there is a direct leash law in the Ohio Code. There was discussion on park shelter rental fees and baseball field rental fees and Parks & Rec will need to come up with some ideas on fees to bring back to council which would then have to have an ordinance set with a fee schedule.

Mr. Myerholtz reported for the 7/26 Safety and Fire Board meeting. Discussion was had on charges for no response transports and there seems to be a trending increase in the no transports. EMS has had 218 runs YTD as of 7/25 and 38 alone were in July. EMS is still looking into the power cot loading system and a grant was received that they may be able to put toward the estimated \$30,000 for the Power Cot. EMS has had no new recruits and have 6 EMTs that run consistently. Weston EMS will not be at the fair this year. MARCs radios are in and have been installed. Fire has had 104 runs, 74 for EMS. Touch-A-Truck event was discussed. The United Fire Apparatus Purchase Order needed to be switched over to Great Lakes. The fire engine will be at the Fair and Tractor Pulls. A sample policy and procedures manual was shared

and officers had some questions. Fire Department was told that adopting a policy is in their best interest. Safety Committee and Fire Board will be involved in the process and are including the fire department for full input. Mr. Myerholtz also shared that there seems to be a lot of miscommunication that needs to stop and as the process moves forward council will be updated on a regular basis.

Mr. Kendall reported for the 7/31 Finance meeting. Street lighting costs \$20,000, the street lighting assessment collects \$26,000. Finance recommended keeping it at \$26,000. Fire Department has 5 trainees to send to Fire School that will cost around \$2500, they want to make sure these are certifiable candidates. Frontier bill was reviewed with a quote from Spectrum, committee recommended switching to Spectrum. Verizon cell phones were discussed as Fire Department's phones have not had any activity on them, it was suggested making one of the EMS numbers the main line and removing the fire department phones. Safety/Fire Board was instructed to get with fire department to discuss usage. Center Street project was discussed and are still waiting on the final bill from Bergman. Tree stump removal quote was reviewed for \$3255 from Abe Rowe. Finance also discussed a returned check fee policy, it was recommended to go with a \$50 returned check fee.

Mr. Kendall had Mr. Eric Taylor share information on Oak Street Catch Basin Repair. There was a tile that was crushed causing drainage issues. Quotes would range from \$3500-\$4500 depending on blacktop prices.

Mr. Myerholtz made a motion to do stump removal with Abe Rowe for \$3255, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0. Mr. Myerholtz also made a motion to approve the \$2500 for fire training, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Mr. Stevens reported for the 7/30 Business meeting. An issue was brought up about Post Office customer service. Rates for the sign were discussed. Mr. Stevens recommended sticking with \$100 for 6 months because that is what the businesses have been told for years. Mr. Taylor was asked for input on replacing signs, it was recommended to not have to replace signs in the winter. Mr. Taylor shared there is a place to store the signs. Mr. Stevens shared that the scrolling marquee can store up to 100 messages and suggested a rate be set up for potential weekly advertising.

Council discussed rates for sign advertisement. Mr. Kendall made a motion to charge \$100 for 4 months starting in November, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0. Council has also agreed to start weekly advertising on the scrolling marquee at \$10 and adjust if needed.

Upcoming Meetings:

Cemetery 8/9 at 6PM

Zoning 8/9 at 7PM

Maintenance Report

Mr. Eric Taylor shared some details on implementing a monthly light brush pick-up on top of the Fall and Spring brush pick-up. Mr. Taylor requested a sign to be put up near the brush pile behind the fire hall that says no dumping. The area has become out of control due to people dumping brush. Council has agreed to placing a no dumping sign. Mr. Taylor mentioned the curb on the corner of Main and Mill Street is in need of repair. Mr. Taylor shared that bridges/culverts within Weston are Weston's responsibility and not the county or ODOT and will be getting a rough price of replacement if there were anything to happen to one of the culverts. Milton Township contacted Mr. Taylor about chipping and sealing Van Tassel and from the corp line to Taylor Street would cost the village \$3200. Mr. Taylor recommends we do nothing, it is not in bad repair and the durapatcher can patch any work that needs done.

Village Business

Discussion was had on a possible variance needed for a property on Evon Lane putting up a shed on a vacant lot, which the zoning ordinance does not allow accessory buildings on vacant lots. Mr. Ken Taylor shared there needs to be consistency. Two variances will be needed for this property one for the shed being on an empty lot and second due to the shed being too close to lot line. Setbacks are still taken into consideration on empty lots. A meeting will need scheduled for a variance hearing.

Frontier Internet and Phone bill increased and council reviewed at quote from Spectrum. A motion to switch to Spectrum was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Financial/Administrative

Ordinance 2018-15 to prohibit smoking, vaping or consumption of tobacco products at Village Parks received a Final reading. A motion to approve Ordinance 2018-15 was made by Mrs.

Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Ordinance 2018-18 for Street Lighting Assessment of \$26,000 received an emergency reading. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Ms. Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Roll Call Vote Yes: Mr. Stevens, Mrs. Easterwood, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Hillier, Mr. Myerholtz. A motion to approve Ordinance 2018-18 was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Kendall. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Annual Testing of Backflow Prevention Device at Post Office needs authorized and a motion to approve was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Council reviewed an application to join Mayors Association of Ohio and council found no need to join. No action was taken.

Council reviewed a Notice of Intent to File for an Increase in Rates from Suburban Natural Gas Company. Wood County is included in an increase of gas distribution rates.

Medical Marijuana is coming to Ohio in the Fall and council will have to decide whether or not to permit or accommodate employees using medical marijuana. Information was given on reading materials and a webinar. No decision was needed at this time.

A policy for returned check fees needs adopted. A motion to make the returned check fee \$50 was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Council was reminded to review the bill from Miller Equipment Service for backhoe repair. It was shared that the backhoe had a blown head gasket.

Fall Newsletter is ready for review. Council was given until Thursday (August 9th) to review before it goes out for print.

Council reviewed bills to be paid, and warrants to be issued. A motion to approve EMS payroll was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0, Abstain - 1, Mr. Kendall. A motion to approve Cemetery payroll was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 4, Opposed - 0, Abstain - 1, Mr. Stevens. A motion to approve all other bills to be paid and warrants to be issued was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Mayor

Mayor shared that he and Mr. Kendall met with Cory and Hunter to get a better understanding on the prosecuting fees. Local prosecutes Misdemeanors and County prosecutes Felonies. A list of codes was made out and fine money should start to come in. Laws that are broken inside the village are the village's responsibility. Mr. Stevens was concerned about probation violations, for those violations that did not happen in Weston but the person lives in Weston as well as fine money that should be coming to Weston for the selling of alcohol to underage. Mr. Stevens would like to have the details with prosecution and what fines are returned to the village specified in an email from Hunter and Cory.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk