

The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
November 19, 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 present council members were then taken: Mr. Greg Stevens, Mr. Bill Barnhart, Mrs. Sarah Easterwood, Mr. Shad Kendall, Ms. Diane Hillier and Mr. Rob Myerholtz. Minutes from the previous meeting on November 5, 2018 were reviewed and one change was requested for "Mr Kendall shared that at that time it was recommended to be brought to Planning Commission due to the current verbiage in the zoning ordinance" to "Mr Kendall shared that discussion had gone to Planning Commission at the September 20th meeting by the Mayor." A motion to approve with changes was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Citizens and Visitors

Visitors present were: Ken Taylor (Zoning Inspector), Roger Finkenbiner, Rose Searcy, Ashley Patel, Jigar Patel, Jay Russell, Jen Russell, Stephanie West, Pastor H.L.Hill

Rose Searcy was in attendance regarding the property disputes with Dollar General. Mayor shared that there was not any property disputes and discussion for zoning changes is on the agenda. Jigar Patel was in attendance regarding an ordinance on the Agenda. Pastor Hill was in attendance to request permission to use a facility for all the Pastors to get together. Mayor recommended use of the Village Hall as a neutral location and to get with Clerk for available dates.

Village Business

Council reviewed items from potential Solicitors for the Village. Finance Committee reported on their 11/12 meeting which included a visit from potential solicitor Mark Tolles. Mr. Tolles would charge \$75/hour for solicitor services and \$50/hour for prosecutor services but would have to resign from the school board. The response rate to emails would be about 36 hours and does work a 3rd shift job. Finance Committee recommends Paul Skaff who would be put on as an employee for \$7,000/year. Mr. Stevens had two questions: 1. Has Cory submitted anything? Mayor had shared he did not but recommends Paul Skaff. 2. Was there any discussion on Fine money? There was no discussion or answer on fine money. The only other item reported for Finance Committee included the recommendation to extend Fire Contract 30 Days.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to recommend Paul Skaff as Solicitor to the Village and Hunter Brown as Prosecutor to the Village, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Ordinance 2018-26, approving Village Solicitor (Paul Skaff) for \$7,000/year received a First Reading. Resolution 2018-10, approving Village Prosecutor (Hunter Brown) for \$50/hour received a First Reading.

Committee Business

Parks & Rec 11/14: In attendance was Stephanie Monts, Michelle McClure, Mike McClure, Angie Coleman, Dean Babcock, Craig Warner, Eric Taylor, Sarah Easterwood, and Diane Hillier. Maintenance personnel (Eric) was present and has been requested to attend Rec Board meetings by Mayor Jeremy Schroeder. Three benches at Alumni Park that are in need of repair were discussed. Eric shared it will cost approximately \$200 per bench to fix them. Eric will have the boards cut to fit the frames so they are not too long and break, which is what is assumed to be the cause of why the benches are broken. The Multi-Pondo (stand up teeter totter) at Merrill Park is broken and is an older model and parts cannot be replaced. It has been removed by maintenance. Halloween Happy Hour was a success and due to the rain the board was able to move it to the Weston Township fire building. They will be in contact with Weston Township and Fire Department to use the location again next year. Next year's date has been set for October 26, 2019 so that the Rec board can book DJ Mike, who has offered to DJ next year's Halloween event. Christmas tree lighting is Dec. 1st. The board discussed with Eric the stringing of lights on the trees and safety due to the tree height. So a manlift was requested by Eric to string the lights, which costs \$250/day at BeeGee Rentals. Discussion was had on rental to take down the lights and the board would like to see if the lights last by leaving them up all year. More lights need purchased, expected to be about 4 more strands for the trees and about 3 for the gazebo. Once the trees are lit they will stay lit until Jan. 4, 2019. Crafts for Tree Lighting were finalized, the board will need to purchase some candy canes for Santa to hand out. The Otsego Swing Choir will be doing caroling. Discussion was had on getting cookies donated, and if not they will be purchasing cookies from GFS to bake (for Cookie Decorating during event), Sarah Easterwood offered to help bake if needed. Stephanie shared what was left in Parks & Rec budget- Machinery, Equipment and Furniture still had \$768.48 that can be put into a purchase order as well as the \$658.66 left in Operating Supplies to be used for the manlift and lights, and whatever is left over in the budget should be used toward fixing the benches at Alumni Park. Budget for 2019 was shared. They will receive \$6,000 for Parks & Rec and the \$2500 which is typically in Parks & Rec budget will be put in the Ball Fund for a Ball Commissioner in 2019.

There was a lengthy discussion on how the board was going to advertise, select, and pay the ball commissioner for 2019. They decided to further discuss it at the next meeting. Baseball equipment that is needed to purchase for the 2019 year include base set with double first base for both fields \$379.99 per set, Baseball helmets (4 to 5 per team), Umpire gear, Drag and Mower, which Stephanie instructed board to come to next meeting with their recommendation for Drag and Mower.

Upcoming Meetings:

11/21 Safety at 5:30PM and Fire Board at 6PM
Public Hearing January 7, 2019 at 6PM

Maintenance Report

Mr. Eric Taylor reported for town maintenance items. Leaf pick-up has begun. Mr. Taylor has been working with the water district. The District plans on finishing up connections next week which will include boil advisories. The District along with Mr. Taylor and the Clerk will work together to get notices out to individuals affected by the boil advisory, the District will be hanging door tags. Paving will happen next week. The end date for project is planned to be a couple days into December. Reseeding and trees will happen in the Spring. If anyone is in need of expansion tanks they are to call the District.

Financial/Administrative

Zoning meeting on 11/13 and Ordinance for changes to Zoning Ordinance were discussed together. Mayor pointed out the Zoning Map and I-2 District. Planning Commission recommends changing the Zoning ordinance to allow commercial in industrial districts but to call out that if commercial is in industrial it follows commercial guidelines. Planning Commission also wanted to address the downtown commercial district which at the moment does not allow Residential. 3 out of 5 (due to attendance) voted in favor of recommendations. Mayor read proposed ordinance changes adding a subsection 8 under Commercial District permitted uses "any uses/dwellings permitted in R-1"; adding subsection 16 under I-1 permitted uses "any use permitted in Commercial District not including R2 and R1, however if used for commercial purposes while located in an I-1 district, it must follow all requirements set forth in subsection D - commercial district"; adding subsection 18 under I-2 permitted uses "any use permitted in Commercial District not including R2 and R1, however if used for commercial purposes while located in an I-2 district, it must follow all requirements set forth in subsection D - commercial district"; and adding an amended purpose for I-2 "the purpose of this district is to provide for the development of industries which require large parcels for segregation from residential which are not suitable for I-1 districts due to noise, odor, smoke, or storage requirements inherent in the operation." Rose Searcy wanted to know why the Village does not allow modular homes in residential and requested a change in Zoning to allow modular homes. It was shared that there are state regulations that municipalities have to follow. Mr. Stevens shared an example of the golf cart ordinance which had to be changed due to state law regulations. Mayor shared that there was no answer at this time as to why modular homes are not allowed but would do some research on it. Public hearing notice was discussed as the ordinance states public notice shall be published at least 30 days before the date of the required hearing. Mr. Kendall shared a concern of the possibility of the changes affecting the tax duplicate, which in the ordinance states that if proposed amendment intends to rezone or redistrict 10 or less parcels of land a written notice should be mailed to property owners. A public hearing has been set for January 7, 2019 at 6PM with the first reading of Ordinance.

Ordinance 2018-24 to transfer funds to OPWC (Center Street) received an emergency reading. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz. A roll call vote, yes: Mr. Stevens, Mr. Barnhart, Mrs. Easterwood, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Hillier, Mr. Myerholtz. A motion to approve Ordinance 2018-24 was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Annual Appropriation Ordinance 2018-25 to establish permanent appropriations for the current expenses and expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 received a First reading.

Council reviewed two invoices from Stryker for the power cot, amounts needing approved are \$3,943.95 and \$19,826.10. A motion to approve for payment was made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

BWC payment for \$5,686.00 was reviewed and a motion to approve for payment was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

TMACOG and OML memberships were reviewed. Mr. Kendall shared TMACOG may offer funding for bridges. Mr. Stevens shared he would like to be a representative for their meeting they have at the beginning of the year. A motion to renew TMACOG membership for \$367.00

was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mr. Stevens. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0. Council did not wish to renew Ohio Municipal League membership.

Council reviewed bills to be paid and warrants to be issued. A motion to approve EMS payroll was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mr. Kendall. A motion to approve Cemetery payroll was made by Mr. Barnhart, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 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 Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Mayor shared that EMS Clerk would like clarification on billing of unpaid runs. A motion was made by Mr. Barnhart that runs should be billed but if unpaid it will not go back to the entity until their contract is reworded at renewal, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

A motion to enter executive session for legal matters at 7:58PM was made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Stevens. A roll call vote yes: Mr. Myerholtz, Ms. Hillier, Mr. Kendall, Mrs. Easterwood, Mr. Barnhart, Mr. Stevens. Council exited executive session at 8:16PM with no action needing to be taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk