

The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
December 17, 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. A motion to approve minutes as read was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Stevens. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Citizens and Visitors

Visitors present were: Roger LaPointe (Sentinel-Tribune), Cody Kimble, Desiree Kimble, Bill Michalski, Marcus Easterwood, Jigar Patel, Ashley Patel

Cody Kimble was in attendance to express personnel issues with the chief and officers and procedures for promotions. Mr. Kimble shared the Fire Contract between the Village and Township states the Township Trustees and 3 council members make up the fire board and appoint a Fire Chief and the Fire Chief chooses the officers. Mayor shared that the Chief can recommend officers but there is additional procedure that includes approval by Mayor and Village Council. Mr. Kimble asked why the promotion for Danelle Langley was denied and believes it is an act of discrimination on the Mayor due to a phrase the Mayor has made in the past, that she would never be in an officer position. Mayor shared there is lack of written protocol for officer promotions. Promotions should be handled with the command structure and the chief, and officers seem to be in agreement. Mr. Kimble had also asked if the Township is taking over the Fire Department. It was shared that the Village is currently working with the Township and will also be working with the new solicitor before anything formal. Mr. Kimble also inquired about paperwork related to harassment charges. There was an investigation done within the personnel committee and no action had been taken. A recommendation to make a way to address complaints/harassment formally through documentation was made. There is a complaint form that leadership will review and if an officer is involved they are not part of the review. More discussion continued on officer promotions. Mr. Myerholtz asked if there is a department run benchmark and this would be something to talk to the chief to add to protocol manual. A recommendation was to have all officers be first responders. Bill Michalski felt this was not fair because he is unable to read and pass the First Responder testing. Mr. Kimble and Mr. Michalski do not see the point in paying for schooling if certain officers won't go on a First Responder run. Mr. Michalski shared he would never be able to hold an officer position because of the guidelines but is interested in an officer position. Mayor shared that it would be best to share the interest with leadership. Mr. Kimble asked why the chief is not able to pick the officers and pointed out that everything that happens at a scene can come back to the chief, he could lose everything due to a mistake that an officer could have made. Mayor shared that it would be best to fill the open spots and move forward with having the proper protocols set in place. The new policy and procedures manual should be ready soon, it is currently being updated and reviewed.

Village Business

Council reviewed EMS Medical Director Contract which was recommended by Chief Kathy Heymen. The yearly cost for Medical Director services is listed in the agreement as \$1,975.00. Mr. Myerholtz made a motion to approve the EMS Medical Director agreement, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Council had brief discussion on EMS contract with Weston Township. A current copy of the EMS contract that expires December 31, 2018 was shared. Mr. Stevens wanted to make sure that the flat rate was not too little or too much based on the unpaid runs. Mayor shared that not all the numbers are in due to insurance, but shared that previous years seemed to be consistent and a change in rate is not necessary. A motion to renew the EMS contract with Weston Township was made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Committee Business

Cemetery 12/6: Tom Patton will be having knee surgery on December 13th and will be out for a few weeks. He will be available as needed to help direct Village Maintenance personnel on any burial prep. The roof to maintenance shed has been finished and paid. Jodie talked about the cost of the poured foundation for headstones and at this time the board is leaving the charged cost as it has been and will revisit the cost next year if the concrete cost increases. Next meeting is January 3rd.

Parks & Rec 12/12: 32 Ton of stone has been put at Old Schoolhouse Park and Ball Field parking areas. Door sweep was put on concession stand. Bench supplies have been purchased and will begin repairs soon. Eric will be doing an equipment walkthrough with the company that supplied the old school equipment at Alumni Park to see about repairs and replacement parts to some of the damaged equipment. Baseball commissioner has been advertised and one application has

come in. Quotes from SPP, Aardvark and Ortinau Art for uniforms and spiritwear were discussed and board voted to go with Ortinau Art. Ball fee increases were discussed. The cost of Southwood Fees and uniforms range between \$33-\$49/player. Board voted to increase sign-up fees to \$35 for T-Ball and \$40 for 8U and up. Weston is still the cheapest town to play ball in. Sign-up dates were discussed. Stephanie will be reaching out to the other Otsego district towns to do a sign-up together at the school. Tentative sign-up dates were set for February 17th from 2-4PM and March 9th from 9-11am. The board is still looking into a drag unit and lawn mower for the fields and no decision has been made yet. Eric shared he can talk to Wood County Implement on pricing of lawn mowers, board shared they would like to keep lawn mower purchase less than \$2500. Board reviewed Fundraising options and decided to go with Java Joes selling coffee, tea, cookies and fudge. Health Department food license was discussed. Concession stand needs some work to be compliant. License to sell hot dogs and popcorn is \$441.93 and to sell a slice of pizza (no hot dogs) is \$252.42. A cost analysis was shared and was recommended to do one again for 2019 instead of jumping into a food license already. Another recommendation was to get the temporary permit for 5 consecutive days (if Weston hosts tournaments again), like what was done during tournaments this past year. Next meeting is January 9th.

Upcoming Meetings:

Cemetery 1/3 at 6PM
Public Hearing 1/7 at 6PM
Council Meeting 1/7 at 7PM
Parks & Rec 1/9 at 6PM

There will be no Safety and Fire Board meeting on December 27, 2018.

Maintenance Report

Mayor shared Mr. Eric Taylor's maintenance report. Vehicles have been maintained in house. Park parking lots were stoned and graded. Flags were replaced at village hall and maintenance building. Worked with NWWSD on the cleanup of the village after waterline project. NWWSD is working on abandoning a 4" waterline that was found during current project from township building to trailerpark as well as repairing a small sinkhole on Center Street after finding the 4" waterline leaking. Park bench repairs have started and will be worked on through the winter, weather permitting. Playground equipment repair list is being put together. Helping Parks & Rec look for a used commercial lawn mower. Mr. Stevens shared concern about no traffic control by NWWSD and would like to know how long the work will take.

Financial/Administrative

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 Final reading. Mr. Stevens made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-25, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Ordinance 2018-26 to approve Village Solicitor, Paul Skaff received a Final reading. Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-26, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Ordinance 2018-27 to approve Village Prosecutor, Hunter Brown received a Final reading. Mr. Stevens made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-27, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Council reviewed the Prosecutor Agreement and a motion to approve the prosecutor agreement with Hunter Brown was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Resolution 2018-10 to authorize the Fiscal Officer to realign the Permanent Appropriations in the General Fund and Street Fund received an emergency reading. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Roll call vote yes: Mr. Stevens, Mr. Barnhart, Mrs. Easterwood, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Hillier, Mr. Myerholtz. A motion to approve Resolution 2018-10 was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Ordinance 2019-1 adopting a credit card policy received a First reading.

A motion to approve \$825.00 for 2019 Ohio Basic Code payment was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0. A motion to renew the Wood County Economic Development Commission Membership (\$500.00) was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded Ms. Hillier. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0. A motion to approve payment for Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program Renewal (\$133.00) was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mr. Stevens. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Council was notified that 452 non-filer letters were mailed out by RITA. Mayor shared that himself, Mr. Myerholtz and Mr. Kendall met with Paul Skaff to inform him of the Fire Contract and

Zoning changes. Mr. Stevens also shared that the Fire Contract with Township expires on December 31st. Council had a brief discussion and a motion to renew current contract with Township to January 31, 2019 was made by Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Ms. Hillier. Approved - 5, Opposed - 1, Mr. Stevens.

Council reviewed bills to be paid and warrants to be issued. A motion to approve Cemetery payroll was made by Mrs. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz. 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 Mr. Myerholtz. Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk