

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

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**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes**

April 15, 2024

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeremy Schroeder at 6:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and presentation of the agenda. A roll call was taken: Ms. Brittney Klockowski, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Craig Warner, Mr. Rob Myerholtz, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to excuse Ms. Jessica Susor was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve April 1, 2024 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Resolution 2024-5, authorizing the Village of Weston to participate in the NatureWorks grant program received a final reading. *A motion for passage of Resolution 2024-5 was made by Ms. Klockowski, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Still awaiting further discussion from the cemetery board regarding the cemetery sexton proposal, they have not had a meeting yet.

An ordinance amending the Village municipal code as relates to weeds, grass, trees, brush, and shrubs was reviewed and received a second reading. Mr. Easterwood voiced apprehension regarding native grasses/plants, aiming to preempt any potential loopholes. The ordinance outlines a protocol for identification and upkeep, emphasizing the significance of delineating borders. Ken Taylor inquired about the plants' native status, whether to Ohio or the broader United States, getting clarification that the intent is not to burden Ken with plant identification. Mr. Myerholtz attempted to argue that grasses facilitate mosquito reproduction, but Mr. Babcock and Ms. Klockowski clarified that mosquitoes breed in stagnant water. It was suggested to instead define managed natural landscapes and add non invasive to the region.

Reports

Attendance: Stephanie Monts (Fiscal Officer), Harold Boggs (Village Administrator), Ken Taylor (Zoning/Code Enforcement)

Administrator/Maintenance: Two people have applied for the cemetery grass mowing, and will be setting up interviews. This position will also be posted in the newspaper soon. Brush pickup is finished.

Code Enforcement/Zoning: Over the span of several days, a series of communications and engagements regarding property matters unfolded within the community. Queries arose concerning a fence permit for a resident on Sumner Street and potential construction on a vacant lot along Russ Street. Letters were dispatched to various property owners, addressing issues like accessory structures and trash accumulation at locations such as 20755 Sycamore Street and 20310 Taylor Street. Subsequent responses from property owners indicated commitments to address concerns by specified deadlines, while discussions with the Health Department inspector aimed at resolving town-wide issues and ensuring ongoing communication. Notices of Violation were issued for unpermitted structures, and informational letters were dispatched to address property use. Furthermore, permits were authorized for accessory structures at 20755 Sycamore Street, while engagements with property owners at other addresses underscored the necessity for variances or corrective measures.

Main Street nuisance (13316 Main St) did not have a status update from the Health Department. The camper living situation on Sycamore Street was also brought up, there is an apparent issue with the county that does allow people to live in trailers so the residents were told they could live in the camper, working on addressing this still.

Committee Reports

Public Works: Reminder of the \$8,000 amount for the Village portion of the Township Silver Street Project, believed to be better to get an updated quote for the Village portion from the trailer park to the city limits with the portion owed to the Township. The Main Street Residential paving project needs to go out for bid from Cherry Street to the Village limits. Potential stormwater concerns have been noted in the Taylor Street alley and Sycamore Street areas. Harold will contact CamTech to address potential issues in those areas. Recommended getting with the county for ditch cleaning. Drainage issues identified on Washington Street and Brooke Lane have been attributed to inadequate drainage by the builder/developer; will be working on a plan. Bob Desmond will devise an action plan for OPWC grant targeting Main Street, Taylor Street, and seek SIB funding. Council must establish specs to align with the criteria for road projects, minimizing the need for engineering services and saving costs on projects exceeding state minimum requirements.

It was added that Ms. Klockowski and Harold went to the Wood County Engineer's Office to inquire about ditch cleaning, Weston is about 2 years out. It was also pointed out that there is random junk in the ditches such as railroad ties, also noted was that it is hard to access the ditch because of buildings that were grandfathered into zoning changes. It was suggested to see if the county would reimburse the Village if the Village sought ditch cleaning services.

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WSIB: Discussed the need for umpires and ideas on how to attract them. Opening Day is being planned for a possible date of 5/18. Equipment has come in and distributed to teams. Created a subcommittee for future investments and ideas, Ken Myers was appointed as head of the subcommittee. Discussed ways to expand on items offered at the concession stand. Next meeting is May 1st at 4:30PM.

Ron Dallas asked about the status of the 501c3 and why the special council ball committee doesn't just make it into a 501c3. He was informed that that specific committee is working on putting information together, there is no set deadline at the moment, and it was also pointed out it cannot be forced upon someone. There was debate regarding the necessity of the 501c3 and advocating for the current board to see through their season.

Cemetery Board: No meeting due to lack of quorum.

Administrative Process: There was not an official meeting regarding sexton position as a quorum for Cemetery Board was not present at their last meeting, they still want an opt out clause. There currently is not a cemetery sexton, Tom Patton has become a mower and will be paid an hourly rate to cover sexton duties until one is named. One mower application has been submitted. The opt out clause was discussed and a possible timeline to reevaluate it at a later date along with who manages the Administrator and Sexton positions. Proposed to look at grant opportunities and decide on a project and committee for the various grant opportunities. Suggested putting a policy together for grant applications and to advertise for a grant writer. Discussed planning for sidewalk repairs.

Upcoming Meetings: Community Development & Public Affairs 4/16 at 6PM, Rec Board 4/17 at 6:30PM, Safety 4/22 at 6PM, Ball Program Special Meeting 4/29 at 6PM, Public Works 4/30 at 6PM, WSIB 5/1 at 4:30PM, Cemetery 5/2 at 6PM, Committee of the Whole 5/7 at 6PM, Planning Commission Meeting for a Variance 5/15 at 6PM

New Business

A resolution approving the Wood County Hazard Mitigation Plan had a first reading. Mr. Warner pointed out that on page 1-3 of the draft plan has Jeremy Schroeder listed as Weston Assistant EMS Chief, this will need to be updated since he is the Mayor and not EMS.

A resolution to retain Kleinfelder, Inc., to assist with the Village's Main Street Improvement Project, to authorize the Mayor to sign a professional services agreement, and to commit money to pay for professional services, received a first reading. Paul Skaff has advised that council retain an engineer to handle this project.

Ordinance 2024-6 received an emergency reading; making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 to provide for the cost of Hometown Hero Banners. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Ordinance 2024-6 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Roll Call Vote: Ms. Klockowski - Yes, Mr. Babcock - Yes, Mr. Warner - Yes, Mr. Myerholtz - Yes, Mr. Easterwood - Yes. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2024-6 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.*

Resolution 2024-6 received an emergency reading; requesting the Wood County Auditor to certify to the Village of Weston the current tax valuation and the dollar amount of revenue that will be generated by renewal tax of one and nine tenths (1.9) mills levied for the purpose of maintaining and operating cemeteries, in excess of the 10 mill limitation. Two resolutions are needed for levies, 1. Resolution of Necessity and 2. Resolution to Proceed. Once the certificate is received it has to be accepted in a public meeting. *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2024-6 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Roll Call Vote: Ms. Klockowski - Yes, Mr. Babcock - Yes, Mr. Warner - Yes, Mr. Myerholtz - Yes, Mr. Easterwood - Yes. A motion for passage of Resolution 2024-6 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Myerholtz; Approved unanimously.*

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed a summary of the bills (\$20,072.56) and outstanding invoices (\$11,239.73). A motion to approve the summary of the bills and payment of outstanding invoices was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

Important Date Reminders: Earth Day 4/21 from 1-3PM, Community Garage Sales May 10-12, Heavy Trash Drop Off Day 5/18 from 8AM-noon

Citizens & Visitors

Philip Chrysler, Trish Allen, Laura Baldonado, Deb Allen, Samantha Wick, Ron Dallas, Randy Hann, Shirley Moore, Jigar Patel (virtual), Greg Stevens (virtual)

Randy Hann was in attendance expressing concerns about the upcoming Color Run event due to

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insufficient information available on the Weston website or Facebook page. He expressed uncertainty regarding whether the local event is officially sanctioned by The Color Run LLC, a for-profit organization known for donating profits to charity. His concerns encompass various aspects including the event's free participation, potential allergic reactions to color materials, coverage of costs, implementation of safety measures, and the necessity of participant liability consent forms. Samantha Wick shared a positive experience from the previous year's event, highlighting high attendance and absence of issues with the use of non-toxic colored powder. Samantha also mentioned the coverage of liabilities under the Village umbrella. Randy added this could be an opportunity for businesses and food trucks to make money. Additional concerns were raised by Mr. Myerholtz regarding the toxicity and origin of colored powder, which prompted a suggestion to provide an ingredient list and allergen warning. Despite the success of the previous year, Randy insisted on traffic control and the presence of EMS as a precautionary measure.

Trish Allen and Deb Allen attended the meeting to address an issue with the cemetery, particularly concerning Jodie Domer the cemetery clerk, in which Trish alleged Jodie has a pattern of neglecting her responsibilities. The problem revolves around the placement of the foundation, which appears to be incorrect. Trish explained that the family had engaged Maumee Valley Memorials for a headstone, assuming that communication had taken place between them and Weston Cemetery regarding the foundation's placement. However, despite sending the foundation order, there was no confirmation from Weston Cemetery, leading to the assumption that there were no doubts about the location. The foundation should have been centered on the family's side-by-side plots but is currently in the wrong position. When contacted about the error, Jodie indicated that Deb Allen would bear the cost of rectifying it. Trish emphasized that had there been communication with Maumee Valley Memorials beforehand, the issue could have been avoided. Trish asserted that Weston Cemetery should be responsible for covering the costs of relocating the foundation. She expressed disappointment in the lack of compassion shown during this difficult time. Mention was made of the cemetery board's need for more involvement in resolving the issue, with the possibility of escalating the matter to the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Commission. Harold assured that the foundation would be moved to the correct location or removed and re-poured promptly.

Philip Chrysler introduced himself as a candidate for Wood County Commissioner, who is running on a platform to better coordinate with local government to help better the county as a whole. He shared he will stay after the council meeting to allow people to raise any issues they wish to discuss.

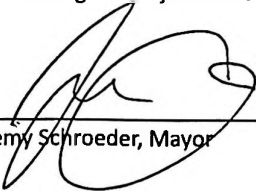
Laura Baldonado attended the meeting to request permission for the use of Alumni Park for a fireworks party around the 4th of July. She mentioned her previous organization of this event in Portage for the past five years but was recently informed that the Portage Events Committee would assume control. The proposed event, to be held a few hours prior to the fireworks display, would feature attractions such as a beer tent, bounce houses, and live music. Before making a decision, the council intends to seek legal counsel regarding the approval of the request.


Jigar Patel mentioned that he has sent emails to the Clerk and Mayor requiring a response.

Greg Stevens began with "there is an issue coming and we on Evon Lane plan on being fairly aggressive about this issue." He mentioned discussions with the Sheriff's Department and Mr. Myerholtz, highlighting that the neighborhood has changed significantly over the past five years. Despite enjoying watching children play, Greg expressed concern about a reckless driver endangering the community by consistently speeding at 50MPH. He stated intentions to record the driver, document times, and notify the Mayor with each incident. Greg acknowledged that the Sheriff cannot make an arrest based solely on reports but emphasized the urgency of addressing this safety issue. The speed radar will have Evon Lane added into the rotation.

Rick Easterwood announced that the Fire Department will conduct Life Flight training at Alumni Park on Thursday, resulting in significant activity in the area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM.


Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor


Stephanie Monts, Fiscal Officer/Clerk