

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2020**

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jeremy Schroeder at 6:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of the present council members was then taken: Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Dave Dewitt, Mr. Shad Kendall, Ms. Diane Hillier and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to excuse Mr. Bill Barnhart was made by Ms. Hillier, seconded by Mr. Kendall; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve the August 3, 2020 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Ordinance 2020-6, Authorizing the special short term assessment for cutting noxious weeds/grasses and Ordinance 2020-5, Street Lighting Assessment for \$26,000 received a Final Reading. *A motion for passage of Ordinance 2020-6 was made by Ms. Hillier, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2020-5 was made by Ms. Hillier, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

OPWC Main Street project, from Taylor to Cherry Street estimate is about \$600,000. The storm sewer cost went up due to concrete and construction cost increase. Council had discussion on how much grant money to request, loan money (if being requested), and out of pocket. The 0% loan doesn't have to be 50%, but 50% gets a better chance in the grant's point system. Mr. Kendall shared the streets budget is \$50,000/year and with the 0% loan we could pay \$50,000/year and skip a year of payment so we do not have 4 years of no paving. The 0% loan would be based on the average life of the road and storm sewer, about 25 years. Bob Desmond shared that the numbers in the estimate are worse case and not exact. *Mr. Kendall made a motion to request 50% grant money, \$100,000 out of pocket, and remainder in 0% loan, seconded by Mr. Dewitt; Approved unanimously.*

Reports

Mayor: Reported that a few residents have called about businesses in town not wearing masks, Mayor reported masks are recommended and that the call should go to the Health Department, there are mask exceptions such as health reasoning. Habitat for Humanity home was dedicated this evening all that needs finished is landscaping. Jeremy is working on quotes and let council know to be prepared to fix Brown Lane.

Fiscal Officer/Administrative: The newsletter was reviewed with no recommended changes. Clerk hours will be changing to 9:30am-3pm Monday-Thursday.

Administrator/Maintenance: Mowed grass, emptied trash cans at the parks and Main Street, cleaned up litter around the Village, watered trees and flower pots, cleaned up broken glass and litter at recycle dumpsters, changed batteries in cameras at recycle dumpsters, and sprayed weeds along curb streets and throughout the Village. Painted railroad crossing markings on both sides of Taylor Street, Main Street, Walnut Street and Oak Street. Put mulch down at Old Schoolhouse park around all the trees, benches, poles, playground equipment and shelter house. Took down the rader sign for stat download and battery change, moved to Center Street. Still waiting on quotes from Rowe's Tree Service, and working on quotes from another tree service. The a/c in the post office was not working properly, Downey's recharged the system and cleaned the condenser, still not working properly; met with Main and Sons to get a quote to replace the furnace and a/c and one just for a/c. Main Street Station ordered two new tires for the 1 ton truck. Received quotes from Palmer Bros (\$7,000) and K&K Construction (\$6,864) to tear out old sidewalk and put in new sidewalk from Crozier Body Shop to corner at Taylor Street and a small sidewalk at bus stop on Oak Street.

The sidewalk fund currently has \$4,500. Bob Desmond shared that the Main Street sidewalk could be put on OPWC for ADA since they would already be there paving curbs. Mr. Easterwood shared that the sidewalk should wait in case it gets torn up with the Main Street project. Mr. Easterwood also suggested a sidewalk be put on Oak Street to Dollar General. Mr. Desmond shared that sidewalks could go on CDBG grant for pedestrian safety, it would be a 50/50 match. Council agreed to add the Main Street east portion of sidewalk (From Crozier Body Shop to Taylor Street) to the OPWC grant.

Zoning Inspector: Letters have been sent out to rental on High Street for the tent shed structures, and a variance hearing will be held the last Thursday of the month for a shed.

Committee Reports

Cemetery: Jodie read previous meeting minutes. No burials, need to get caught up with the cremation burials. Tom suggested to stone the steps in D extension, the board will consider it. Tom asked to spray cattails in the pond, the board said no. More grass seed will need to be planted due to drought. Tom asked to tear out the hedge and replace it with something else (such as Bird Nest Spruce), board approved removal of hedge, will look into replacement. Jodie spoke to Rutter & Dudley about the poor paving job at the cemetery. Jodie also talked to McKenzie's about the flower pot issue, and they will be left until Memorial Day from now on. Next meeting is 9/3/20.

Finance: Revenues are trending as forecasted and the Village is not experiencing the expected 15% reduction to COVID, gas tax is estimated to return approximately \$75,000 by year end. Discussed outstanding warrants and processes involving unclaimed funds and the State of Ohio, the Village will attempt to follow up with individuals with outstanding warrants. Discussed OPWC application and

appropriations for \$115,000, appropriations will come from a mix of streets and general with no major paving projects for 2 years. \$6,000 is appropriated for cleaning the storm water system, \$4,500 remains in the sidewalk fund; the Mayor would like to utilize these funds to repair sidewalks on Main Street starting at Taylor Street by Car Wash to Crozier Body Shop. Discussed PEP renewal. Paul Skaff provided ordinance from EMS service with Township.

A motion to go with PEP Renewal Option #2: Auto Renewal was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Ms Hillier; Approved unanimously.

Parks & Rec: Fire Hall is not available for Halloween due to COVID cleaning, maintenance building will be used if an event happens, discussed Trick or Treat options. Baseball season is over. Discussed baseball organizational problems with other towns in the local league, need more consistency between Village teams, discussed baseball 501c3. Discussed toddler swing that was requested by a local resident. Voted to reimburse Angie and Michelle for out of pocket umpire fees, the deal with Haskins fell through. Grant ideas for the WCPD grant are: Picnic Pavilion with sunshade for Dugouts, Floating Dock at Reservoir, Ballfield Lighting (Repair or Replace), Bathroom at ball diamond.

A motion was made by Mr. Easterwood, to amend All Wear total to \$1,138.50 due to last minute additions to baseball roster, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Hillier to reimburse umpire fees to Angie Coleman \$265 and Michelle McClure \$55, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Hillier to reimburse Michelle McClure \$37.52 for balls, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings:

Safety 8/27 at 5:30PM, Planning Commission (Variance Hearing) 8/27 at 6PM, Council Meeting (due to Labor Day) Tuesday, 8/8 at 6PM

New Business

Resolution (2020-7) authorizing the Village to participate in the Wood County Park District parks grant program received an emergency reading. *A motion was made by Mr. Easterwood to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2020-7, seconded by Ms. Hillier; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mr. Babcock, Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Hillier, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Resolution 2020-7 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Resolution (2020-8) authorizing the mayor to execute an Emergency Medical Services contract addendum received an emergency reading. *A motion was made by Mr. Kendall to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2020-8, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mr. Babcock, Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Hillier, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Resolution 2020-8 was made by Ms. Hillier, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved - 4, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mr. Easterwood.*

Ordinance (2020-7) establishing EMS bylaws received a First Reading.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed bills to be paid and warrants to be issued dated 8/4/2020 to 8/17/2020 at a total of \$45,542.82, with a motion to approve made by Ms. Hillier, seconded by Mr. Dewitt; Approved unanimously.

Citizens and Visitors

Rob Myerholtz (Virtual), Bob Desmond (Poggemeyer), Angie Coleman

Rob Myerholtz had an audio issue and was unable to give a response.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk