

**The Village of Weston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2021**

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: Mrs. Ashley Patel, Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Dave Dewitt, Mr. Shad Kendall, Ms. Diane Hillier, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. Discussion for the Main Street demo was added to old business. *A motion to approve the March 1, 2021 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.*

**Old Business**

Still waiting on the Brown Lane petitions to be returned, 3 out of 7 have been returned. Readings for adopting Brown Lane as a public street cannot begin until all petitions are in.

An estimate for \$16,000 for the demolition of 13223 Main Street was reviewed, JPX will supply dumpsters and an excavator to demo and dispose of the brick and wood and roofing material to the local landfill and supply fill dirt for the lower crawl area and grade over with stone. An estimate for \$3,487 from K&K was reviewed; labor, materials, and equipment to set up scaffold per OSHA standards at line of building demolition, utilize scaffold and JLG lift to best repair brick, cut out damaged brick and replace as needed, reusing existing brick if possible, grind out mortar joints and replace as needed, cut out brick and tooth-in to create clean edge on existing building, wash with masonry detergent upon completion, tear down scaffold, clean up. Keith Leady was in attendance as one of the abutting property owners, he is not against the demolition but had concerns about patching the holes of the beam pockets as well as concern that patrons of the bar will be utilizing the open area. Mr. Easterwood recommended documenting any current damage prior to the demolition. The asbestos was checked, utilities have been disconnected, Redneck Willy's has been notified that the fence needs to be removed or the contractor will be removing it. *A motion to proceed with the 13223 Main Street demolition (JPX estimate \$16,000 and K&K estimate \$3,487) was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Kendall; Approved unanimously.*

**Reports**

***Fiscal Officer/Administrative:*** Clerk shared the buy 1, get one free chair deal with Quill. The total cost to replace all of council's chairs through the deal would cost \$639.96, *a motion to approve the purchase of chairs was made by Ms. Hillier, seconded by Mr. Dewitt; Approved unanimously.*

***Administrator/Maintenance:*** Not in attendance. Will be requesting Jeremy W. to get cost from Morelock for the walkway using grindings. Council reviewed the \$1,200 Oak/Main sidewalk repair and had a lengthy discussion regarding sidewalks. The sidewalk is in need of repair due to a property owner's tree roots. Mr. Kendall went over the history of the sidewalk program, which required residents to put in sidewalks, this program has been tabled. Mr. Easterwood shared that there needs to be guidelines in place for sidewalk repair/replacement. Mr. Kendall recommended setting so much aside per year like what is done for streets, he believes the village should handle the repairs since it was the village that asked the property owners to put the sidewalks in years ago. The sidewalk repair is going to be sent to the streets committee for more discussion.

***Zoning Inspector:*** There are currently no letters out. Someone reached out from Sycamore Street regarding an addition on a house which is currently in the planning phase, this may or may not need a variance. The trailers brought up previously with trash are now gone.

Mr. Dewitt shared that the back door of the old bank on Main Street that was hit by a car has fallen in and is a huge hazard. Mr. Taylor will reach out to the property owner.

**Committee Reports**

***Streets/Lands/Bldgs:*** Discussed the details of the splash pad/new building levy. Will want to invite the public for input at the 4/19/21 council meeting, discussed doing a mass mailing to registered voters, social media, sign, etc. Discussed mailing letters to adjoining property owners to notify them of the plan to move forward with destruction of 13223 Main Street as soon as 4/1/21 and allowing them to express concerns at the 3/15/21 council meeting. Street projects have POs and are ready to move forward when the contractors are able. Decided to get new numbers for Main Street repairs by splitting it into two projects, north and south of the railroad tracks. Discussed reusing the grinding from Brown, Ohio, and Clark Streets to add to the south side of Oak Street as an intended walkway.

***Cemetery:*** Tom talked to a guy named Kevin Stephenson and would like to pour the steps next week, Kevin told Tom he would need half of the money up front. Jodie will talk to Cheryl for a P.O. and then pay him when he is finished. The committee voted to approve the proposal for Kevin Stephenson if he accepts the purchase order. The Bobcat mower still isn't paid for, Tom took the purchase order to the store and is waiting on Cheryl to write the check Monday 3/15/21, then he will take the check to the store and pick up the mower. 1 Burial. Tom got help for a dig, that didn't work out. Tom asked about getting new trees planted.

The mower has been paid for and delivered.

***Finance:*** Cheryl will begin the unclaimed funds process. EMS incentive pay was discussed and still considering options and need to make sure that the rates are current, can check with Ruby from

Beacon Medical. There will be a public meeting on 4/19/21 for public input on the new building/bathrooms/splash pad. Discussed a levy, but still have not received a drawing or projected costs. The finance committee will have another meeting this month to discuss this topic only. Finance committee members will go over the employee handbook on their own time prior to the next council meeting. No discussion on the WC Transportation Improvement District. Went over K&K's estimates for the Main Street demo project and will present to council for vote. Mayor is working on getting a committee together for the History of Weston capital budget project. Cheryl is trying to get caught up with reconciliations as well as other things and she is going to get started on the unclaimed funds.

**Rec Board:** Will obtain a blanket P.O. to cover baseball supplies, including sand, chalk and nail drag. A separate P.O. will be required for the \$500 line marker. Discussed picnic table locations at fields and parks, as well as porta pots. Will be joining Genoa League this year. New signup notices are being sent out, as of meeting date only 20 have signed up. Ball league sponsors will be 5 different levels: \$300, \$200, \$100, \$50, \$25. Water at the concession stand needs to be turned on April 1, 2021, Angie is going to ask Jeremy W. to check the hot water heater and put a valve on it. Moving forward with in person meetings starting in April, moving time to 6:30PM. The chalker size is still up in the air, thinking smaller so everyone can handle it but may go bigger. 3G Printing approached about league shirts, voting on color at the next meeting, and also wanted to know what colors other towns are doing. Fundraising suggestions include Grounds for Thought coffee or candy bars. Dean plans to buy trees and nurse them for a year before planting (he is donating the time for the trees). Will be getting new pricing for chalker from Midwood, the estimate is from October. Will be getting new flower pots for the ball diamonds. Suggested each person pick a park and write notes on what needs fixed, painted, etc.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Business 3/24 at 6PM, Safety 3/25 at 5:30PM, Cemetery 4/1 at 6PM

Another Finance meeting has been scheduled for 3/29 at 6PM to discuss the new building/bathroom/splash pad only.

#### **New Business**

4H Goat Project request was submitted for Samuel and Sedona Head. *A motion to approve the 4H goat project request was made by Mrs. Patel, seconded by Ms. Hillier; Approved unanimously.*

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

Council reviewed bills paid and warrants to be issued dated 03/02/2021 to 03/15/2021 totalling \$40,378.45. A motion to approve EMS payroll was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved - 5, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mr. Kendall. A motion to approve the remaining bills to be paid and warrants to be issued was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

#### **Citizens and Visitors**

Rob Myerholtz (virtual), Paul & Shari Peery, Keith Leaday

Paul & Shari Peery were in attendance to express disappointment in communication with the cemetery clerk. December 15, 2020 they met with Jodie to purchase 2 plots, a check was dropped off to Jodie for \$1,000 on December 17, 2020 which was cashed by PNC bank December 28, 2020. March 4, 2021 they sent an email to Jodie asking about the deeds and received a response the next day that she mailed them out 3 weeks ago and they should arrive soon, and advised them that if they don't arrive within the next month to let her know and she would send a copy but it would not be an original. The Peery's spoke to the post office about missing mail, and they shared they have not had any issues. March 10, 2021 an email from Jodie came in asking for a phone number to discuss. As of March 14, 2021 they have not heard back from Jodie, which brought them to the council meeting to see what can be done about this. Copies of all the documents were given to the clerk to reach out to Jodie about the status of the deeds. Stephanie notarizes the deeds and shared she can check her records after the meeting to see if we have a copy.

Mr. Myerholtz recommended coming up with a comprehensive plan for the village to move forward. A suggestion was made to have property owners take care of 50% of sidewalk repairs. Also asked was the status of the Danelle Langley lawsuit, the case was settled with a payout through insurance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17PM.

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Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

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Stephanie Monts, Clerk