

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
May 04, 2020**

Virtual Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jeremy Schroeder at 6:07PM. A roll call of the present council members was then taken: Mr. Dean Babcock, Mr. Dave Dewitt, Mr. Bill Barnhart, Mr. Shad Kendall, Ms. Diane Hillier, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. The agenda was presented with the addition of a Reservoir update to Old Business and allowing visitor Chuck Latta to introduce himself at the beginning versus visitor & citizens section. *A motion to approve the April 20, 2020 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Barnhart, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.*

Old Business

Chuck Latta, Mayor of McComb was in attendance to introduce himself as running for a vacant board seat position for the Northwestern Water & Sewer District.

Ordinance 2020-3 and Resolution 2020-2 received a second reading.

Pictures of the reservoir repair were emailed to council shortly before the meeting. 85% of the east bank was lined with stone. Mr. Kendall shared that as long as everything is safe the reservoir could be opened back up at the next council meeting. Fence will still need to be put up around the pier, warning signs back up around the reservoir, and dirt filled into low spots to be marked safe and be able to open back up to the public.

Reports

Mayor: Mayor shared that he will be contacting Jacob at the Township to touch base about the Fire Department/EMS contract situation. Mayor had asked Mr. Kendall if we have heard anything back from Poggemeyer about projects, no new information has come in.

A 4H request was sent in by Dan Ward (on Taylor Street). They currently have 4 chickens through the chicken permit and are part of the 4H Ridge Runners Club and would like to raise 6 hens from chickens as a 4H project. There would be a slight chance that 1 could be a rooster, and wanted specific instructions on the excess chickens after 6 and rooster. Council recommended that at the end of 4H they would only be allowed to keep 2 chickens (to keep them no more than 6 chickens), and also a letter from the 4H leader signing for the 4H project. The 4H advisor may be able to recommend ideas on excess chickens and rooster. No male chickens are allowed and some discussion was had about roosters such as contingent on neighbor complaints but the discussion on rooster and the 4H project was tabled until the next council meeting.

Fiscal Officer/Administrative: Mr. Easterwood was asked if there was any information from the Township about paying for the portion of I Am Responding, he shared that he was under the understanding that the two Fiscal Officers were working something out.

The newsletter was reviewed, only additional items to be added is the business spotlight section once questions to answers come in from Dr. Wallace, Teeth by Heath will be the business spotlight in this edition.

Administrator/Maintenance: Mowing, brush pickup has started this week, working on road signs, mulching and weeds in parks.

Zoning Inspector: Mowing letters have gone out to tall grass violations which also include a COVID19 cover attachment letting residents know we understand you may not be able to comply with violations within the time frame and to keep contact with the Village if that is the case. 20542 Elm Street has junk cars and junk accumulating again, the property owner (who is the mom of the resident) usually calls asking what they can do to remedy the situation. Ken is recommending that the resident buy property outside of town to take the scrap too, it can no longer accumulate in village limits. The attorney representing the Hammye-Oak Street property touched base asking how the property looks and was notified that there is a Village Heavy trash that the property owner could take advantage of. Mayor shared that the property does look better. Ken shared that the "yard art" is not a problem until weeds start to grow around it, the weeds and grass will need to be maintained. The debris pile property between Silver Street and the railroad tracks is still an issue, Paul requested photos to be sent and could declare property a nuisance at the next meeting. 13155 Maple Street still has a mattress and box springs sitting in the right of way. Two items on the agenda for nuisances are 13402 Main Street, which has garbage piling up on the property, Paul

recommends declaring this one as a nuisance as well; and 13364 Main Street has had a van with flat tires for 6+ months that still has not complied to notice.

Mr. Easterwood shared that it looks like someone is occupying a camper near the railroad property on Milton Street. Cars have been overnight parking at the park on Broadway and Mr. Babcock shared that the property owner's garage is being repaired, which is why the cars are parked across the street.

Ms. Hillier had asked about burning trash and what can be done. Mr. Easterwood shared that you would call the Sheriff's department with the complaint of burning, who will send the fire department out and the individual will be cited for burning.

Committee Reports

Due to cancelled committee meetings there are no committee reports. There was no word if there will be a cemetery meeting on May 7th but Ms. Hillier is in communication with Jodie. The regular scheduled Finance meeting on May 11th will be Virtual on Zoom at 5PM. The regular scheduled Parks & Rec meeting on May 13th will be Virtual on Zoom at 6PM.

New Business

Leslie Head reached out to get approval for the 4H goat project, still waiting on request to come in. Clerk had sent out requests from previous years for review. A motion to approve the Head family 4H goat project pending hard copy of request was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Barnhart; Approved - 6, Opposed - 0

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed bills to be paid and warrants to be issued for 4/21/20 to 5/4/20 at a total of \$17,169.90. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved - 6, Opposed - 0.

Citizens and Visitors

Rob Myerholtz was in attendance to get a status update of the EMS contract situation, house on Elm St ("metal collector"), and recycling. The recycling location has cameras, but not the greatest quality and statistics show around 150 drop offs and last week the bins filled up Thursday night after they were emptied Wednesday morning. Correspondence from the county shared that no new bins are available to add on. A closed sign was given to put up when the bins are full and the lids have been tied down and looking into putting a fence behind the dumpsters. Ms. Hillier had asked about better cameras and there is a grant to apply to when it opens up to cover surveillance cameras because better cameras cost \$1000+ and this recycling project only generates about \$1500/year in revenue.

Rob had also asked Paul Skaff about the Township/EMS situation and if the town has to be chartered? Paul disagrees with their legal counsel and she doesn't represent the village. Rob believes the prosecutor's office is getting too involved locally, and that this EMS has been running with the Village for 50+ years. It was asked if the township can make a decision without their legal counsel's advice, to which the answer was yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk