

**The Village of Weston**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 20, 2020**

Virtual Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jeremy Schroeder at 6:00PM. 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 may join the meeting later. *A motion to approve the March 16, 2020 council meeting minutes as written was made by Ms. Hillier, seconded by Mr. Kendall; Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.*

**Old Business**

Mayor updated the council on the 24/7 recycling containers. The county made a large sign that closes the bins when they are full in hopes this will keep people from dumping outside of the bins or packing them too full the lids won't close. When the bins are full and residents put recyclables outside, the winds like that from the recent storm, causes debris to fly all over the park and into people's properties. Cameras have been put up but they are not powerful enough to see the license plates but you can see the car type and body size and get an idea on how people use the recycling service. The cameras show 24 visitors on Thursday, 4 Friday, 40 Saturday, a closed sign was put up Sunday and 17 people stopped, 21 Monday. Stephanie shared that there is a grant through the EPA that surveillance cameras can be applied for, we will be looking into this grant when it opens up so we can get better quality cameras. Mayor also recommended that an 8' privacy fence be put up behind the dumpsters and Ken shared that the location of this would not violate anything under Zoning for fencing.

**Reports**

**Mayor:** May 1st the office will be back open but recommends the public still inquire through phone or email versus coming into the village hall, and normal zoning and code enforcement will resume. It is unknown when the DMVs will open back up so inoperable vehicle enforcement will be put on hold until the DMV is open.

Paul Skaff shared that the two properties with judgements (20440 Walnut and 13223 Main) have until April 25th to clean up, and if not the court order allows the village to remedy the nuisance. 20440 Walnut has a foundation hole which is causing a critter issue and grass cutting, the grass cutting will continue to be cut and assessed on taxes. The Silver Street house has been torn down but the debris, which is snow fenced and cautioned taped, has not been removed due to the landfill being closed to the public.

Mayor has reached out to the health department about COVID-19 cases in Weston, and reports show no hospitalizations from Weston but did stress that it is still early and they are still gathering numbers and current numbers are not accurate due to those in self-isolation. Mayor shared Jeremy's 6 month review, no objections from council. This completes the probationary period and a \$2/hour raise effective current pay period. Heavy trash day and brush pickup will continue as currently scheduled. Gary Betz reached out to the Mayor to get the reservoir open and what it will take, which was explained the east side has erosion. Gary shared that his son is an excavator and is willing to put his time, work, and equipment if the Village will cover the cost of stone. The erosion will be taken care of with #1s and #2s stone but not lowering the bank, so it is not a complete fix; cost of stone is estimated to be around \$1,500. There is liability coverage for any damages. Mr. Barnhart recommended to have a hold harmless form signed, which Paul Skaff said isn't necessary but will provide one if needed. \$5,000 has been set aside for the Reservoir, Mr. Kendall shared that this is a minimal investment to allocate for stone. *A motion to allocate \$2,000 for stone to the reservoir project to be completed by Gary's son and sign a hold harmless form was made by Mr. Barnhart, seconded by Mr. Dewitt; Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.*

**Fiscal Officer/Administrative:** Newsletter is expected to go out the week of May 4th and garage sales are pushed to the end of June.

**Administrator/Maintenance:** The mulch project is complete and all the brush from the pile has been mulched up. Mowing season has started, salt has been ordered for next

year, working on fixing street name signs, started brush pick-up early, and Palmers fixed the Silver Street storm sewer. Jeremy has been working on a storm sewer maintenance plan with Palmers, and they say with our current storm sewer budget we could clean a majority of the town this year. Street projects for Oak and Taylor that were approved have POs made out.

***Zoning Inspector:*** Habitat for Humanity has started excavation. A resident on Main Street inquired about dog grooming from home due to the pandemic. There would only be about 3-4 dogs daily but 1 at a time. Paul Skaff shared there is nothing prohibiting and would just act at their own risk. Mayor shared we wouldn't want to make this permanent because a lot of people right now are working from home.

### **Committee Reports**

Due to cancelled committee meetings there are no committee reports, next council meeting we will discuss rescheduling committee meetings. Mr. Kendall asked about the next council meeting and the 6' apart spacing possibly being at the maintenance building; Paul Skaff recommended we continue to do video conferencing meetings.

### **New Business**

Ordinance 2020-3 creating the village board of tax review received a first reading.

Resolution 2020-2 received a first 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.

### **Approval of Expenditures**

Council reviewed bills to be paid and warrants to be issued for 3/17/20 to 4/20/20 at a total of \$36,729.35. A motion to approve EMS payroll was made by Ms. Hillier, seconded by Mr. Barnhart; Approved - 4, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mr. Kendall. A motion to approve the remaining bills to be paid and warrants to be issued was made by Ms. Hillier, seconded by Mr. Kendall; Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

### **Citizens and Visitors**

No visitors were present.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49PM.

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Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

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Stephanie Monts, Clerk