

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
April 19, 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, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to excuse Ms. Diane Hillier was made by Mr. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve the April 5, 2021 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Ordinance 2021-3, to accept Brown Lane as a dedicated street, received a second reading. Resolution 2021-2, approving acceptance of UAN computer, received a second reading.

Reports

Mayor: There will be an impromptu brainstorm meeting for the disc golf course on Wednesday (4/21) at 6:30PM at Alumni Park (weather permitting, meet at Village hall if weather is bad). There are about 4 confirmed for the history project board, and would like a couple more BGSU members including a BGSU history student. Planning to have a meeting for the history project board in early May.

Administrator/Maintenance: Palmers will start demolition work tomorrow and cutting and knocking down will begin Wednesday. Mowing/weed whacking has begun. 200 perch were put in the reservoir by the Henry Wood Sportsman Alliance.

Mrs. Patel had asked about the Weston welcome signs. One was destroyed by the wind and one fell off, and will need to find someone to fix them.

Zoning Inspector: There are about 15 addresses that have borderline tall grass, notices will go out on Friday. Letters went out for trash and chickens. Rob Myerholtz asked who got letters for variances, Clerk shared all properties within 200' and it was put in the newspaper and posted in public locations, council members involved were put in their mailboxes.

Shirley Moore is concerned about the speed of cars on Clark Street as well as some don't stop at the stop sign, and is worried kids riding bikes on Taylor Street could get hit by a car. Mayor shared we can inform the Sheriff and Jeremy W. said there are a couple slow kids at play signs.

Committee Reports

Streets: Discussed the scope of the reservoir project but Gary from Ground Solutions was not in attendance, so not much new input was presented. Discussed creating a sidewalk budget item to handle future problems. K&K has stated that while they will do the concrete under the bleachers we will need to pay for concrete. It was also brought up that the planning commission would be responsible for any ordinance for new home construction requiring sidewalks. Capital budget projects were discussed. Brown Lane paving will have to wait until after dedication. Ohio Street will be getting new gas lines crossing the road four times, so we will hold off on Ohio Street paving until Suburban is done. Possibility of grant for sidewalk to Dollar General was discussed. Jeremy W. will get a quote for the concrete under bleachers.

Jeremy W. spoke with Suburban Natural Gas and they are not doing any work on Ohio Street, their lines are also far enough off the road that wouldn't interfere with paving a new road. NWWSD is doing line work. Mr. Easterwood requested sidewalk verbiage to review for the Planning Commission agenda.

The K&K quote for bleacher pads is \$1,090 and K&K will donate labor. *A motion to approve the K&K bleacher pads to come out of Lands & Bldgs was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mr. Kendall; Approved unanimously.*

Finance: No notes were submitted. *A motion was made to approve the stone delivery program revenue to go into the general fund by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.* Due to requiring prepayment for the stone delivery, what happens in the case of overage and council agreed that it is just the cost of doing business. Discussed EMS incentive and there is about \$6,000 typically available, suggested a possible \$10 increase in honorarium. It has been 10 years since the last increase. Also discussed hypotheticals such as a board, discussed between entities and checking if rates are current and possibly increase rates. Clerk reminded council that contract rates for Village of Custar, Village of Milton Center and Milton Township were already discussed and those entities were already notified at renewal of the increases for 2022.

Rec Board: Discussed placement of new picnic tables including pavilion behind bus garage and baseball diamond, picnic tables need to be secured. More tables will be coming with the parks grant. Rec board would like to redistribute some of the grills to Alumni Park and Old Schoolhouse Park. There is a problem with the switch at the ball diamond as well as the breaker box problem in the garage, which will need to be looked at. Exploring the repairing, upgrading and replacing components in the ball field lighting system. Trout in the reservoir is to be kept, they will not survive warm water temperatures. Discussed stocking the reservoir with tilapia and a possible fishing derby in the future. League fees through Genoa League are \$525, there are 2 tball (possibly 3), 8U, 10U, 12U and 15U (maybe 2) teams. Umpire fees will be the same for each Village to insure participation. So far \$1,000 has come in for sponsorships. Still exploring concession stand options, leaning toward obtaining a permanent license from the health department as sales have been very good and the concession stand has been a strong source of income making the license fee worthwhile. The two buckeye trees presented by Congressman Latta last year actually did not die and will be planting them near the Alumni Memorial. In the final states of selecting and ordering team hats and shirts as well as setting up a spirit wear fundraiser. Committee approved \$430 in stone for diamonds out of Parks and soil for shrubs and trees from Wood County Soil and Water. Angie Coleman also

included that Mrs. Patel may have found a wholesale place for ordering items for the concession stand. There were no objections from council to use the Weston Market's distributor and we would be directly billed.

Rec board requested a blanket P.O. for \$2,500 to cover uniforms. Still in the process of selecting and would like to be able to make a decision right away. Extra uniforms purchased would be sold in the concession stand. *A motion was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Patel for a \$2,500 blanket P.O. for uniforms; Approved unanimously.* Mr. Myerholtz asked what happened to Southwood? It was shared that all the Otsego teams pulled out and moved to Genoa League, the communication from Southwood was non-committal and very cryptic during COVID. During that time Genoa reached out saying they were having a season and Southwood did not get back until we committed to Genoa.

Mr. Myerholtz was in attendance to get uniform clarification. He shared disappointment that he was not given numbers and heard from the Mayor that two other companies were quoting. Mr. Myerholtz did not realize the caps were embroidered and that inventory was secured for the sizes but did not hear back so there is now an alternative. Angie shared that the shirts would need names and numbers on the back as well as sponsors on the sleeves. Mr. Myerholtz is requesting all the specs for uniforms to have a fair chance to provide a quote, Angie shared quoting can be done off of 100qty and would like 3G to do the spiritwear. Mr. Myerholtz shared it is hard to find apparel companies with inventory and Ortinau and All Wear are probably having the same difficulties. 3G Printing provides sponsorship to Otsego Schools and wants to provide quality products. Mr. Kendall would like to see local businesses supported because businesses out of town do not benefit the Village.

A motion to approve Genoa League fees (\$525) was made by Mr. Babcock, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously. A Uline quote for \$3,151.22 was presented for the picnic table parks grant which is for \$3,001, and the remainder of the total (\$150.22) would have to come from Parks Machinery, Equipment and Furniture. *A motion to approve Uline quote for \$3,151.22 was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Kendall; Approved unanimously.*

Upcoming Meetings: Business has been moved to 5/24 at 6PM (invite businesses), Safety 4/22 at 5:30PM may be cancelled due to availability of the 3 council members on committee, Variance/Planning Commission 4/29 at 6PM

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed bills paid and warrants to be issued dated 4/6/2021 to 4/19/2021 totalling \$29,691.86. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.

Citizens and Visitors

Keith Leady, Rob Myerholtz, Shirley Moore, Michelle McClure, Angie Coleman, Jigar Patel (Virtual)

Rob Myerholtz asked about the sidewalk proposal, which is that council is working to put something in place to require a sidewalk with new construction as well as dedicating some kind of budget to repair sidewalks around town. The proposal needs more discussion in committees. Mr. Myerholtz said a master plan needs to be put in place, how will they be addressed, and suggested to charge the property owner 50% and the Village pays 50%. Mr. Myerholtz also asked why there is a zoning ordinance with all the variances, the zoning ordinance allows for variances to be heard.

Shirley Moore was in attendance and asked how many trees are going on Taylor Street and why it wasn't started at 235. The last round of trees were various trees that were planted in different areas of town. Trees will be added to streets agenda.

Jigar Patel was in attendance virtually and had asked who cleans up after accidents, which typically the wrecking company does. He shared that there was an accident in front of the trailer court and there is still glass on the road, Jeremy W. said he can go out and clean the rest up. Mr. Patel also asked if there is a plan to slow people down, the neighbors across from the Market put up a children at play sign, he believes the speed radar does not work. Mayor shared that the statistics that are pulled off of the radar show that people are complying with speed, it was suggested to use the spare brackets to put a spot for the radar further in on Center Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk