

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
February 16, 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. Shad Kendall, Ms. Diane Hillier, and Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to excuse Mr. Dave Dewitt was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously. A motion to approve the February 1, 2021 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Hillier; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Jay Sell with Aspen Energy was in attendance to answer any questions regarding the electric aggregation program. An agreement for a fixed rate with Dynegy Energy Services was presented, traditional energy with a May 2021 meter read beginning date at \$0.04870/kWh for 36 months, eligible participants can also choose to opt into renewable energy at \$0.05060/kWh for the same term. Resolution 2021-01 received an emergency reading; a resolution authorizing the Mayor of Village of Weston ("Weston") to enter into a master agreement to provide electric generation supply and related services by and between Village of Weston and Dynegy Energy Services (East), LLC d/b/a Dynegy Energy Services, LLC (DESE). *A motion to suspend the rules for emergency reading of Resolution 2021-01 was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Hillier, Mr Easterwood. A Roll Call Vote, Yes, was made for passage of Resolution 2021-01: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Hillier, Mr. Easterwood.*

An ordinance to dedicate Brown Lane was presented to council for review. First reading cannot begin until all petitions have been received from the property owners.

Reports

Mayor: No new information to report.

Fiscal Officer/Administrative: Newsletter is drafted and ready for mailing. Mr. Easterwood had an addition of the Fire Department Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt.

Administrator/Maintenance: Mayor reported that NWWSD will be doing a project on Ohio Street and will coordinate for paving. The asbestos check for Main Street demo building is this week.

Ms. Hillier asked about the status of the reservoir project, Mayor shared that right now we have a bid.

Zoning Inspector: Ken Taylor did not have new information to report. Has been unable to make contact with the neighbor that Rob Myerholtz brought attention to with the cars. Mr. Taylor shared there are about 6 cars and there is nothing in the code limiting the number of cars on a property and noted that the cars are licensed.

Mr. Easterwood brought up the Dewalt house on Walnut. Mr. Taylor shared that he will check into the issue of the additions that are in question.

Mayor also noted that due to the heavy snowfall Jeremy and Gary will not be going around to make sure sidewalks are cleared.

Committee Reports

Streets: Requested to have quotes for Brown Lane, Ohio Street and Clark Street reverified to make sure there is no increase from when originally requested quotes. Find out from Paul Skaff if we need an ordinance to adopt Brown Lane. Plan to draft a letter to Dollar General offering them an opportunity to contribute to the proposed sidewalk to their store. Discussed reservoir project, stone program, sidewalk program, and walkway to Dollar General.

A motion to approve Brown Lane (\$24,900), Ohio Street (\$11,800) and Clark Street (\$12,900) paving projects was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Ms. Hillier; Approved unanimously.

Cemetery: Cindy talked to Tom and has found someone to do the steps, once weather breaks the contractor will begin work. Jodie would like to see all original and approved invoices, she stated that she has seen random copies of invoices here and there for about a year. Jodie also needs to get a hold of Rutter & Dudley because they never sealed the drive from back in September. 0 Burials. Tom plans to purchase a lawnmower, the board was unclear if Tom actually just got a quote for the lawnmower but Cindy thought she had seen an invoice.

Mr. Kendall had asked if the cemetery lawn mower could go to the rec board, but the intention is to trade in the lawnmower for a new one and the funding for this comes out of the cemetery fund

and not general fund.

Finance: Main Street demo discussion - Redneck's is the only building that is connected, K&K can take down the facade and fix Redneck's. Going to have Jeremy W. get ahold of K&K for an estimate and time frame. Walnut Street nuisance property discussion - possibly have Justin Selder's advice on burning it down. Discussed sending correspondence to business owners that need to do upkeep/repairs to their buildings and discussed a possible incentive program for local businesses to improve the facades of their buildings. Discussed an EMS incentive program for being on call. Shad will have the drawing for the Splash Pad/new building project for next council meeting. Discussed allowing Stephanie to proceed with an update to the Employee Handbook via the PEP handbook building resource.

Rec Board: A visitor, Nicole Reitz attended and was sworn in as a new member of Rec Board. Rec board is looking for volunteers to help with the disc golf design. There is a tree sale at Soil & Water District and Mr. Babcock shared that he plans to purchase trees and nurse them for a year and then donate to replace what was lost in previous years. Baseball program is looking to establish a scholarship program to help kids that don't have money to play, will need to find sponsors for this. The fee structure will be changed to \$35 tball, 8U & 10U \$45, and 12U and up \$65. Will need to purchase a field liner machine.

Mayor shared that he has 4 people interested in helping design the disc golf course.

Upcoming Meetings: Business 2/17 at 6PM, Safety 2/25 at 5:30PM

New Business

No new business to report.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed bills paid and warrants to be issued dated 1/19/2021 to 2/16/2021 totalling \$45,743.81. A motion to approve EMS payroll was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; 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 Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

Citizens and Visitors

Rob Myerholtz (virtual), Jay Sell - Aspen Energy (virtual)

Rob Myerholtz praised Jeremy W. and Gary Betz for the snow removal, the streets are nice and clean. Mr. Myerholtz inquired about the building/splash pad discussion and if there is really a consideration for a levy and if there are plans to get tax payer input. Mayor informed Mr. Myerholtz that a plan is being put together and then will assemble a community member committee. Mr. Myerholtz shares the focus should also include infrastructure and other offerings; such as streets, bridge replacement, Main Street, sidewalk repair, etc., should be in place not just parks and new buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk