

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2020**

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jeremy Schroeder at 7:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of the present council members were then taken: Mr. Dave Dewitt, Mr. Bill Barnhart, Mr. Shad Kendall, Ms. Diane Hillier, Mr. Rick Easterwood. *A motion to excuse Mr. Dean Babcock was made by Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mr. Barnhart; Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.* The agenda was presented with no additions. *A motion to approve the February 3, 2020 council meeting minutes as read was made by Mr. Barnhart, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.*

There was no old business to report.

Reports

Mayor: An old EMS ordinance was found and shared with Paul Skaff and it was shared that a new attorney general opinion was found that sides with the Village for EMS operation authority.

Finance: 2020 appropriations and sewer project was discussed, the sewer project would be \$20,000/year for 5 years and year 6 would start annual maintenance. The mulch pile was discussed which would cost about \$6,000 to mulch and can be used for the parks. Street paving projects for 2020 were discussed, which include Oak Street and either a section of Taylor or the section of Locust Street, the budget also sets aside money for OPWC project.

Mayor added on to the mulching which would be done by Tawa Mulch, the mobilization fees would be waived because they will already be in the area for a project at the landfill. A portion of the project could come out of the tree maintenance line item and this would only be a one time project to get rid of the brush pile, there will be no more adding to the pile and all brush will be chipped during brush pickup and any mulch needed can be purchased for about \$26/ton at the landfill. Jeremy Weaver shared that brush and leaves can now be brought to Schooner Farms, they got permission from ODOT to have an entrance off of Route 6. *A motion to approve the Tawa Mulch project for \$5,985 was made by Mr. Barnhart, seconded by Mr. Dewitt; Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.*

Cemetery: The plaque is in and just needs engraved with hopes to get it installed by Memorial Day, purchased a new suction hose, a new semi-trash pump is needed and costs about \$319 which includes new hoses, and Tom will be removing the fake flowers. The cemetery levy was missed for the spring ballot and will need to be put on for the general in November 2020, they will need clarification from auditor to get funds for 2021 from 2020.

Parks & Rec: Mr. Babcock was not in attendance to give the Parks & Rec report, Mr. Easterwood shared that they had discussed mulching around the trees at Alumni park and that the reservoir repair project was sent in for a State Capital Budget Request through Haraz Ghanbari.

Administrator/Maintenance: Maintenance report dated February 4th to February 18th was provided to council for review. Mr. Weaver added that Palmer's will be in sometime later this week to look at working on a storm sewer project and excavating the vacant collapsing building next to Redneck Willy's on Main Street.

Zoning Inspector: A letter was sent to the Silver Street property with junk in the trailer and it is now gone, blue car on Locust and Broadway is still there. Ms. Hillier shared that it seems like the house on Russ Street is slowly getting cleaned up as she noticed the windows and doors are finally closed. Mr. Taylor shared that the Silver Street nuisance property owner talked to him and is concerned about being fined daily, this seems to have shown the owner the Village is serious about having the property torn down. Mr. Taylor also shared that temporary and permanent accessory buildings are not specifically defined in the Zoning code, a question was brought up by a property owner wanting to put up a shed that is not permanent. The Zoning code does say that temporary structures need a permit if it is there longer than 60 days.

Upcoming meetings:

Safety - February 27th at 5:30pm

Streets - March 4th at 5:30pm w/ Poggemeyer

Business/E.D./Strategic Plan - March 23rd at 5PM, w/ Businesses at 6PM

Finance meetings have been scheduled for regular meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5pm. There was also a reminder that starting in March council meetings will begin at 6pm.

New Business

Council reviewed the 2020 budget; grand total of \$908,241.25. *A motion to suspend the rules for the Annual Appropriation Ordinance 2020-2 emergency reading was made by Mr. Barnhart, seconded Ms. Hillier; Roll Call Vote, Yes: Mr. Dewitt, Mr. Barnhart, Mr. Kendall, Ms. Hillier, Mr. Easterwood. A motion for passage of Ordinance 2020-2 was made by Mr. Barnhart, seconded by Ms. Hillier; Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.*

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed bills to be paid and warrants to be issued dated from 2/4/2020 to 2/17/2020 at a total of \$17,772.97. A motion to approve EMS payroll was made by Ms. Hillier, seconded by Mr. Dewitt; Approved - 4, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 1, Mr. Kendall. A motion to approve the remaining was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Kendall; Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Miscellaneous Business

The Wood County Economic Development Commission is holding the 27th Annual Dinner on Thursday, March 19th. It was shared this might be a good event for the Economic Development committee to attend and network. Council was directed to let the clerk know if they would like to go.

Citizens and Visitors

Visitors Present include: Ruth Gahler

Ruth Gahler, a Village resident was in attendance to get approval for a solicitor permit, she is with Edward Jones Investment Firm and isn't actually going to be soliciting, but will be going door to door to introduce herself and the firm. *Council reviewed the permit application and Mr. Barnhart made a motion to approve the solicitor permit for Ruth Gahler, seconded by Ms. Hillier; Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.*

A letter on behalf of the Church of Christ 125th celebration on May 31st was reviewed for information on the parking for the event and request for parking. Council did not see an issue with using Main Street for parking as well as the Village Hall, another recommendation was using the stone public lot behind the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk