

**The Village of Weston
Council Meeting Minutes
May 17, 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 approve the May 3, 2021 council meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Mr. Rob Myerholtz was in attendance to confirm his interest in the open council seat. There were no other interests in the open seat on council. *Mr. Kendall made a motion to open the floor for nominations and nominated Mr. Myerholtz, seconded by Mr. Easterwood. A motion was made to close nominations by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously. A roll call vote was taken for nominations: Mrs. Patel: Myerholtz, Mr. Babcock: Myerholtz, Mr. Dewitt: Myerholtz, Mr. Kendall: Myerholtz, Mr. Easterwood: Myerholtz. Mayor swore Mr. Rob Myerholtz into the open council seat given up by Ms. Diane Hillier, term ending 12/31/2021.*

Reports

Fiscal Officer/Administrative: Stephanie will not be at either June council meetings.

Administrator/Maintenance: Not in attendance and council was provided with a maintenance report: Mowing grass and weed whacked throughout village and two nuisance properties at Walnut St and Russ St, sprayed weeds throughout Village, emptied trash bins at parks and Main St, installed new backhoe battery, trimmed tree in front of Crozier's Body Shop, brush pick-up is complete and hauled 7 loads of brush clippings to 12916 Weston Rd, delivered 2 ton of stone to a resident at 20355 Locust St, put out the 5 new picnic tables and locked them, Rowe's Tree service came with a bucket truck to get a light bulb from ball diamond to see what type of lightbulbs, Phase Electric repaired a bare wire that was causing the breaker to blow for ball diamond lights and took the switch apart and cleaned all contacts, unloaded 52 50lb bags of lime into the ball storage shed, installed a new threshold/ramp at post office, will be replacing plywood ramp at back door of post office and hanging two new lights inside the hallway, completed heavy trash day on Saturday.

Mr. Easterwood noted there is a cable line about 5' off the ground near the 13270 Silver Street property and that maybe Jeremy W. can notify a cable company about the wire.

Zoning Inspector: Not in attendance. Council reviewed a letter from Ken regarding a fence at 13270 Silver Street. After discussion of the fence it was agreed that as long as the base (posts) are not being taken down the owner does not need to get a fence permit, the Zoning code requires a permit for change of configuration, and this owner is only replacing the paneling with the same size and material. There was no disagreement from council to notify Ken that there is no permit needed.

Committee Reports

Finance: Committee brief on new ARPA documentation, Cheryl talked to OPERS about employee back pay, one of the items overviewed in the allowable section and it was determined that it could be paid as a lump sum bonus. Discussed possible storm water sewer projects that could possibly be covered by ARPA. Committee recommended a \$10 increase in EMS honorarium. Talked about picnic table overage and recommendation was to take from repair of lands and buildings. *Mr. Babcock made a motion to approve picnic table overage for rec board grant out of general fund maintenance of lands and buildings, seconded by Mr. Easterwood; Approved unanimously.*

Streets: Discussions were had concerning future planting of trees, including placing some near the disc golf course as a barrier. Details of a possible ordinance requiring sidewalks for new construction were discussed, guidelines as to sidewalk repairs/replacement were also discussed. POs have been made for Brown Lane, Ohio Street, and Clark Street, no new news about splitting the Main Street project at the tracks. No word from Ground Solutions for the reservoir project.

Sidewalks will need to go to the Finance committee to put in the budget, a possible line item to address fixes. Mayor shared a poster of the sidewalk infrastructure in the village, blue lines are intact sidewalks, yellow is incomplete sidewalks. Mr. Myerholtz recommended getting square footage of sidewalks to get a cost estimate, Mayor shared that the sidewalks would be an ongoing budget to do repairs yearly.

Rec Board: Need grant ideas brought to the table next meeting. Youth League got more sponsor money. It was unclear what they wanted to do with the second set of picnic tables. Cooler for the concession stand needs Freon, it is getting filled. Disc golf layout was established, 12 people came to help plan the course, board approved disc golf layout. Shirts and hats have been

ordered through Allwear. Schedule is done for tball. Spiritwear fundraiser will be through Ortinau. Awards for tball, scorebooks and receipt books need to be purchased. Nails to replace bent ones for the drag are approved for purchase, flower pots from Home Depot were approved for purchase, P.O approved for sand for ball fields, need a cabinet to mount a donated microwave, 5 dozen game balls need to be purchased, Mike needs stone. The basket poles for disc golf need to be concreted in, about 3x8 slab on each tee, Joey recommended using manufactured sand instead of something permanent.

Disc golf needs approval to place baskets and signage at the tees. Jeremy W. plans to have holes dug after Memorial day and bags of concrete and baskets will be laid out for volunteers to install. *A motion was made by Mr. Dewitt to approve the disc golf course basket placement (poster of course was viewed), seconded by Mr. Babcock; Approved unanimously.*

Cemetery: No report, will reach out to Jodie if there were any items for council.

Mrs. Patel mentioned she has seen cemetery complaints, specifically the ponds, on Facebook and will address the board at their next meeting. It was shared that the ponds are considered habitats and not much can be done to the ponds. Mayor also shared that they are looking for a new part time employee at the cemetery.

Upcoming Meetings: Business/Ec. Dev./Strategic Plan (w/ businesses) 5/24 at 6PM, Safety 5/27 at 5:30PM, Streets has been moved to 6/8 at 6PM, Cemetery 6/3 at 6PM, Planning Commission to go over new sidewalk draft ordinance 6/24 at 6PM

New Business

Ordinance 2021-4, amending ordinance 2017-5 and establishing honorarium rate for EMS volunteer personnel received a first reading. This ordinance would increase the honorarium rate for EMS volunteers from \$20/run to \$30/run effective date the beginning of the third quarter pay period.

Mr. Myerholtz shared that there should be a lump sum payment with the chief's recommendation with the ARPA for the volunteers as they are essential, Lake Township is using ARPA to hire employees.

Approval of Expenditures

Council reviewed bills paid dated 5/4/2021 to 5/17/2021 totalling \$28,672.16, a proposal from Panda Technologies for EMS fax at \$24/month, and invoice for \$874.50 from Wood County Emergency Management Agency for 2021 proportionate share. A motion to approve bills paid and warrants to be issued was made by Mr. Easterwood, seconded by Mrs. Patel; Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

Stephanie announced that the library will be holding a vaccine clinic on Thursday, May 20th from 11am-3pm, they will have Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson.

Citizens and Visitors

Rob Myerholtz, Jacqueline & Richard Pierce

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce were in attendance regarding a noise complaint for the property on the corner of Russ/Center Street. Mayor shared that the route to take is to continue to contact the Sheriff's office, we can also talk to the sheriff but the complaint has to be caught in the act and the noise ordinance has a time stipulation. A copy of the noise ordinance was emailed to Mrs. Pierce.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11PM.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk