

PRESENTED BY: MAURER, SOYARS, DEBEVEC
WOKOJANCE, ANGELOFF, PALMER, MEGYES, COBURN, & FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2017
SPONSORED BY: MRS. COBURN

TITLE: COMMENDATION – WEST END HARDWARE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO THE WROBEL FAMILY AS THEY CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF OPERATION OF WEST END HARDWARE, A VERY POPULAR BARBERTON BUSINESS.

WHEREAS, in 1917 Valeria Warninsky, a housing contractor experienced trouble getting supplies in a timely manner so she opened the West End Hardware and Plumbing Store at 887 Wooster Road; and

WHEREAS, Valeria’s grandson, Frank Wrobel Sr. worked at his grandmother’s store and in 1938 purchased the company from her with a down payment of twenty dollars, paying off the balance in one year, thus becoming the sole proprietor; and

WHEREAS, in 1954 West End moved down the Street to its current location and in the mid-sixties purchased two adjoining buildings which comprise its current size today; and

WHEREAS, Frank Wrobel Jr. began working with his dad as a youngster and in 1981 became a full-time associate; and

WHEREAS, Phil Dent came on board in the 80’s and helped take the business into new areas of service. Phil and other associates have been instrumental in growing the business into the successful structure they enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, Frank Sr. retired in the early 90’s and Frank Jr. assumed the position of running West End Hardware LLC. Sadly Frank Sr. passed away in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Frank, his wife Cindy, Phil and the dedicated team of associates continue to manage the company into the twenty-first century. West End continues to be a solid contributing business to Barberton and surrounding communities. They are an outstanding example of what a small business can be. In an age of corporate big box stores that pepper the landscape, West End continues the personal experience of value, service and appreciation of their customers, an enduring testament to the Wrobel Family and their associates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Barberton hereby honors and gives public recognition to West End Hardware as they celebrate 100 years of operation. Barberton is proud to have such a great family business and we wish the Wrobel family continued success and hope they are in business another 100 years.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____ 2017

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2017

Mayor