

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 2019

The Zoar Village regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Gordon at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call	David Irwin	Present	Judy Meiser	Present
	Paul Worley	Present	Gayle Potelicki	Present
	Hans Fischer	Present	Joe Potelicki	Present

Motion to approve the 9/17/19 regular meeting minutes as received and amended was made by Paul and seconded by Gayle. Roll call: All yes.

The following bills were presented for signature to be paid in October 2019.

Scott Gordon	150.00	Oct Mayor salary
Patricia Smith	420.00	Oct Clerk
OPERS	100.80	Oct Clerk
AEP	272.48	Sept Street Lighting
FIA Card Services	236.73	Battery/Supplies
Doug Jackson	406.00	Traffic Litigation 2019
Zoar Rec Connection	750.00	Trail Connection Zoar (Hold)
Speedway	8.22	Fuel

Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial statements and pay the monthly bills for October was made by Joe and seconded by Gayle. Roll Call: All yes.

Public Speaks:

Chuck Meiser stated the sidewalk along Sandy Worley's home is cupping up again. Scott and David will take a look at this.

Fiscal:

Patty introduced the Temporary Appropriations for 2020 at \$97,030.00.

Street Committee:

David reported the fire extinguisher at the garage needs replaced. A 20lb will cost approximately \$200.00 while a 10lb would be \$100+. David requested council approve the 20lb replacement. A motion to allow \$200.00 for replacement with a 20lb extinguisher was made by Joe and seconded by Judy. All were in favor.

A driver clipped off the sign at Park and 1st. The sign was not damaged but the post was beyond repair. Scott filed a police report for the incident. David replaced the post and re-installed the sign.

Safety Committee:

Scott briefed council on the status of the removal of the large buckeye tree by Gus Reutinik. Mark and Gay Welty stated they feel a timeline needs to be laid out on just how long this hazardous tree has been an issue with no resolution. Mark stated the tree was deemed hazardous in 2015 and both Gus and Scott were made aware of this.

In June of this year, Scott talked with Gus and was informed of a contract with Dakota tree service to remove the tree by July 4th. By July 4th the tree was not removed and a new estimate of sometime in August was set. Mark stated we are now in October and the tree remains hazardous and has not been removed. Mark stated the deed was in Elizabeth Jean Osborne's name and asked council's perspective on this. Judy stated she felt the discussions should go through Katie, Gus's daughter and she would work with her dad. After a discussion, council agreed that Scott would obtain 3 bids to have the tree removed. Scott will present these bids to Katie and Gus and get their approval for the removal. If no resolution to remove the tree is obtained from Katie and Gus, the Village will have the tree removed and access the cost to the landowner. This motion was made by Judy and seconded by Gayle. Roll Call: All yes.

The new one-way alley between 2nd and 3rd street has one residence refusing to obey the new law. Scott stated Zoar has not had any one-way street in its 200+ years of existence and feels there should be some time to adjust before the police enforce the new law. He talked with Chief Randy Haugh and requested a two-month period of writing warning tickets. Scott requested council approve allowing Chief Haugh to approach the residence refusing to conform and see if the matter can be resolved. Jeff Eddie and Gayle agreed making the alley one-way has made it safer and solved the past traffic problems. Jeff said the residence owner refusing to obey the new law has lived on the alley longer than any other. He also said this is the most used alley in the Village and he has noticed traffic increase over the years he and his wife have lived in the Village. All agreed it would be good for Chief Haugh to talk with the residents who are refusing to obey the new law.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

Update the Firehouse Grill. There will be a meeting this Thursday at 6PM, Town Hall. PC and HPC will work on updating and revising provisions, and establishing a deadline for the permit in an attempt to get the exterior of the building construction moving. PC and HPC feel a timeline must be given to the owner to get the exterior completed before winter weather. David Hayes is in communication with the owner and PC and HPC are channeling their concerns to the owner through David. The owner has requested names of contractors from David showing concern to get the project moving as well.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

None.

Mayor's Notes:

Scott requested the ZVFD present the update required by the contract at the November meeting. Patty asked for a copy of last years' 990 report that is required for non-profit organizations. Chuck will call the accountant and request a PDF copy be sent to Patty.

Scott is coordinating the Ohio Erie Canal Association grant for the trail alignment work. The Zoar Connections Group will not meet until November.

Scott requested Joe and Paul become part of a Parks and Trails Committee to assist him with work being done to connect the trail from Hess Mill to the Towpath. Both agreed to work on this with Scott.

Chuck Meiser said the USACE left stakes in the ground after conducting the archeological study. Scott said he will speak with them and get the stakes removed. He said the work is done and the stakes can be removed to make mowing easier.

Scott worked with Frontier on lines down in the Village. He also asked that they remove the dead line no longer in use going to the Arboretum.

Scott removed a dead deer off a village street.

Discussion on the drainage issue on Michael and Hickory Lane resulted in a motion to approve \$2000.00 to complete the work. Hickory Lane residents will pay for their portion appropriated at \$1,000.00. The Village will be billed \$1,000.00 for the adjoining work on Michael Lane. Motion of not to exceed \$1,000.00 was made by Judy and seconded by Paul. Roll Call: All yes.

- Ordinance 2019-14:** Public Defender's Contract. 2nd Reading.
- Ordinance 2019-16:** Temporary Appropriations 2020. 1st Reading.
- Ordinance 2019-17:** Fire Contract. 1st Reading by title only.
- Ordinance 2019-18:** Police Contract. 1st Reading by title only.
- Ordinance 2019-19:** EMS Contract. 1st Reading by title only.

Meeting adjourned by Joe and Gayle.

Patty Smith, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____