

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING March 10, 2020

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

Roll Call	David Irwin	Absent	Judy Meiser	Present
	Tom Klingaman	Present	Gayle Potelicki	Present
	Hans Fischer	Present	Joe Potelicki	Present

Motion to approve the 2/11/2020 regular meeting minutes as received and amended was made by Gayle and seconded by Joe. Roll call: All yes except Judy recused her vote.

The following bills were presented for signature to be paid in March 2020.

Scott Gordon	150.00	March Mayor salary
Patricia Smith	450.00	March Clerk
OPERS	108.00	March Clerk
AEP	286.81	Feb Street Lighting
Village of Bolivar	868.00	Jan Police
FIA Card Services	57.95	Office Supplies
Alonovus	84.50	F/O and Mowing Bid
Careworks	53.00	Group Rating Fee

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

Public Speaks:

Joe and Gayle commented about the Ergon trucks speeding through the Village. Jeff Stearns stated he will be watching for this.

Council discussed the timing of the Zoar Fire Contract. Doug Frautschy said he spoke with the ZVFD's attorney who sent him a draft/model contract for bidding. ZVFD stated that April 30th should provide sufficient time for the bidding and contract to be renewed, and prefer not to have the extension of the current contract until the end of the year. Doug and Scott commented that this is not enough time to complete the specifications for bidding and allow time for responses. Doug and Scott agreed the earliest time for this process would likely be the end of July suggesting the following timeline: the bidding specifications go out by the end of April, a 60-day period to allow to bids to be received, and a 30-day evaluation period of the received bids.

Scott stated to the ZVFD representatives that he sent them a form for the information he wants for each firefighter and has not received a response. He said if they did not want to use the form, he was fine with that, but still the information requested, in some format, must be provided.

Shawn Lynch briefed council on the status of the Coronavirus. He presented a handout from Aultcare, and said at this point there are no cases in Tuscarawas County. Shawn said good hygiene such as washing hands with soap for 20 seconds many times per day is highly recommended. Hans said the Rotary has cancelled the next health screening event and Scott said the Health Department has also cancelled the March 17th annual meeting.

Fiscal:

Scott introduced Lora Holbert who accepted the position of Fiscal Officer effective April 1, 2020. Lora briefed council on her qualifications and said she is excited to have this opportunity. Patty will be working with Lora through the month of April, longer if needed, as an independent contractor.

Street Committee:

Judy stated the cemetery road is in need of gravel.

Jeff Stearns spoke with the driver of the Post Office pickup and delivery truck. The driver will slow down and begin using 1st street rather than 2nd street.

Mowing bids were opened. The Village received a total of three bids: Meiser Mowing Service, Eddy's Convenient Lawncare LLC, and McClintock Lawn and Landscape. All bidders submitted the required proof of liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance. The bids were:

Meiser's Mowing Service	\$1,000	per month
Eddy's Convenient Lawncare	\$ 700	per month
McClintock Lawn and Landscape	\$ 755.92	per mowing with a minimum of 2x per month

The award was given by vote, (Judy and Tom recused their votes) to Eddy's Convenient Lawncare who offered the best and lowest bid. Gayle voted Eddy, Joe voted Eddy, Hans voted Meiser.

Safety Committee:

None.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

Currently the PC and HPC are meeting with David Hayes to finalize a revised building permit for Donnie's Tavern. Scott stated this work needs completed as the festival season is upon us and the USACE will begin mobilizing equipment in the near future. The USACE are planning a ground breaking ceremony on March 18th at 1PM in the back parking lot on West Street.

Planning Commission has changed the standard meeting time from 6PM to 6:30 PM on the second Monday of each month.

Scott presented the final draft of the Zoning Ordinance provision and explained the changes. Doug reminded council that this will require a public hearing prior to passage. The hearing was set for April 14th prior to the Council meeting.

Council discussed the street closures for the 2020 Festival Season. Scott said all closures are soft closures which allows necessary traffic to move through when needed.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

None.

Mayor's Notes:

Scott talked with ZCA about sharing in the cost of the tree removal at the schoolhouse. The proposal, presented and passed at the February meeting was for \$4,200 and ZCA has agreed to pay for 1/2 of the cost. Patty suggested council re-visit the approval in February of using all general fund money for the tree work. She said the cemetery has enough to support 1/2 of the cost of the cemetery tree removal and that street also can carry 1/2 of the village cost of the schoolhouse trees. Council agreed to lift this off the general fund and have the street fund and cemetery funds support partially. Total bid at cemetery \$1800, with 1/2 general and 1/2 cemetery funds. Total bid schoolhouse \$4200: ZCA \$2,100., street \$1,050, and general \$1,050.

Hans and Judy have been working on the Rules and Procedures for the Village and have a draft to present to council. Hans will forward to council for discussion at the April meeting.

Scott received everyone's top five suggestions for Village projects for 2020. He said several were duplications and after compiling, he came up with the following four:

1. Neglected buildings. Scott commented on the process used several years back that proved to be successful in getting some properties desperately needed repairs.
2. Additional Police Patrol
3. USACE levy project.
4. Tree Replacement

There will be a meeting with the Environmental Design Group on March 19, 2020. Anyone interested in joining can contact Scott for details.

The new River Walk Trail will be given the "Water Trail Designation" at a ceremony held May 15, 2020 at 10AM at the River Community Park.

Hans mentioned the proposed annexation should move forward.

Ordinance 2019-17: Fire Contract. 5th Reading by title only. A motion was made to remove this Ordinance from consideration given the current contract has been extended to December 31, 2020. Joe made this motion and Gayle seconded. In a roll call vote: Judy Meiser-recused her vote and all others voted yes.


Ordinance 2020-01: Permanent Appropriations 2020. 3rd and final reading. Judy/Gayle. Roll Call: All yes. Ordinance passed.


Ordinance 2020-03: Ordinance to appoint Doug Frautschy for a period of 2 years for solicitor services. 3rd and final reading. Judy/Hans. Roll Call: All yes. Ordinance passed.

Ordinance 2020-05: Zoning Ordinance amendment. 3rd reading (Public Hearing set for April 14; 6PM.)

Ordinance 2020-06: Festival Street Closures 2020. 2nd reading.

Meeting adjourned by Gayle and Judy.


Patty Smith, Fiscal Officer


Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: 5-12-2020