

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
June 9, 2020

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

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

Motion to approve the 5/12/2020 regular meeting minutes as received and amended was made by Joe and seconded by David. Roll call: All yes except Judy and Hans who voted No.

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

Scott Gordon	150.00	June Mayor salary
Patricia Smith	450.00	June Clerk
OPERS	108.00	June Clerk
AEP	265.36	May Street Lighting
Village of Bolivar	1764.00	Apr/May Police
Eddy's Convenient Lawn Care	700.00	Contract Mowing
WEX Speedway Fuel Card	30.56	Fuel for Village Truck
AloNovus	13.15	Fire Contract Bid Ad
Anywhere Tree Service	3900.00	Contract Tree Removal

Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial statements and pay the monthly bills for June was made by Judy and seconded by Gayle. Roll Call: All yes. Judy commented that Tom may consider recusing his vote per his relationship with Eddy's Convenient Lawn Care. Tom said he spoke with the Ethics Commission and can and will cast his vote.

Public Speaks:

Matt Seward stated the bid package for Fire Protection will not be considered by the Bolivar VFD. He wanted to notify the Village that they do not intend to bid.

Fiscal:

Patty explained she prepared draft resolutions for the renewal of the General Fund and Police Fund levies on the ballot this fall as renewal seemed to be popular with all council at the May meeting. Council discussed and will have a second reading tonight and discuss further at the July meeting. Patty will send draft resolutions to the County Auditor and Doug for review when council determines whether the levies will be renewal or replacement.

Patty said Westfield Insurance has notified the Village that they are no longer offering Municipal packages. Hans and Joe will continue to review the current insurance and obtain bids for a new carrier. Council discussed the Statement of Values presented in the council packages. Patty said she researched the last time the values had been changed, with the documentation she has at her home, and found that there has not seen an increase since 2017. Council discussed and agreed to investigate in the future, but authorized Patty to sign the current values and forward to AA Hammersmith to obtain bids on a new package. Motion to accept values as presented was made by Joe and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: All yes.

Patty said she opened an account fuel card with WEX bank who is the carrier for Speedway Fleet Cards. She said our account had been closed due to non-use over the winter months. Speedway would not allow the re-activation of

the account so Patty opened a new account with Scott and David as card holders. Motion to allow the opening of new account made by Judy and seconded by David. Roll Call: All yes.

Council re-instated Patty as Fiscal Officer (formality) retro back to March and accepted Lora's email stating she could not accept the position. Lora accepted the position at the March meeting to begin April 1st and later emailed declining. Motion to accept Lora's email declining to accept position and allow Patty to continue as Fiscal Officer made by Gayle and seconded by Judy. Roll Call: All yes. The committee will continue efforts to interview possible candidates as soon as possible considering COVID 19 rules. Patty suggested Nicki Moore, Fiscal Officer of Mineral City may take interest. Hans requested copies of the resumes the committee had received to date.

Judy requested the word "reluctantly" be removed the minutes concerning her vote cast for the bidding of the Fire Contract at the May meeting. She stated she did not use this word and she knows exactly what she is allowed and not allowed to do when casting her votes during council meetings. Hans said the word is demeaning and should be removed. Hans also said the Village should begin recording the meetings again. Gayle, Joe, Tom, and David stated she absolutely said "reluctantly recused" in her vote and it should remain in the minutes. Scott began recording the teleconference meeting. Scott asked Doug for his perspective and Doug said to take a roll call on the passage of the minutes as presented. Roll Call accepting minutes as presented: All yes except Judy and Hans who voted no. Minutes remain as presented.

Hans asked how council would get caught up on signature for all the bills being approved through the tele-conference meetings. Patty said she has everything organized and ready for signature when we resume meeting in person.

Patty requested Scott, David and Tom provide copies of their driver's licenses for the new insurance policy.

Street Committee:

Judy said a tree limb fell on the bench in the cemetery. Ingrid Votava who donated the bench would like to have the limb removed so she can clean the bench. Scott and David said the limb has been removed.

David and Scott worked cleaning up limbs and downed trees from the recent storm.

Safety Committee:

Tom said he would like to see the logs removed from the schoolhouse lawn as soon as possible. Scott is talking with Pat Helwig and Jon Elsasser to see if this can happen in the next week. David posted the logs with "Keep Off" signs.

Judy brought up a potential safety concern with kids riding the skateboards/ go carts with blue lights across SR 212. She said 3-4 of them have been seen riding in the Village. Tom will advise Jeff Stearns of the potential safety concern and brief council at the July meeting.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

PC-HPC will meet this Thursday evening. They have 2 permit applications to discuss. One is for a new garage at the residence of Mike Smith and the other is for an outside dining area at Donnie's Tavern.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

None.

Mayor's Notes:

Scott has been following SB 310 aimed at making funds available through the CARES ACT to local governments to reimburse expenditures related to the COVID 19 pandemic. He stated a model resolution would be made available through the Ohio Municipal League (OML) when SB 310 is finalized. Scott suggested it would be wise for the Village to submit the resolution. He will follow closely to see when this is available for submission.

Scott updated council on the concern of handling complaints from the public during the levee construction project. The USACE clarified the issue making the contractor fully responsible for fielding any complaints. The contractor will discuss and resolve complaints through the USACE if necessary.

Scott further stated the Village would be receiving an agreement for signature regarding the paving of Streets after the levee project is complete.

Scott said all contracted tree work in the cemetery and through the Village has been completed by Anywhere Tree Care.

Scott received a favorable report from a Michael Lane resident saying the storm drain repair work is working very well.

ZCA/OHC are officially opening the site on 6/17/2020. Events are largely scaled back and adapted to outside activities. The Harvest Festival is a go with some changes. Gayle said food trucks will be in the Village for some of the events.

Zoar Village annual garage sales will be held June 26th and 27th. No permit is required. Scott asked Barb to mention this in her article for the Times Reporter.

Scott requested the Village Fund \$500 to pay for two high school students who will work in the Village cleaning up the garden, spring lot, and cemetery. He said ZCA is currently paying them \$10 per hour. Scott suggested hiring them for 3 hours per week for the months of July and August. The \$500 would be donated to ZCA and used to pay for their hours cleaning in the Village. A motion to approve was made by Joe and seconded by Gayle. Roll Call: All yes.

Amy Whittington contacted Scott requesting the Village approve the 100-mile race again for September 5th and 6th this year. The race will again start at Camp Tuscazoar and go through the Village. Amy said they had 137 participants last year and expect to double for this year. Scott said they are a very organized group, providing safety/aid stations along the way, and will provide the Village with a certificate of insurance. Gayle agreed they are very well organized and presented no problems last year. A motion to approve was made by Gayle and seconded by Judy. Roll Call: All yes.

Scott plans that the July 14th meeting will be held at the Schoolhouse where social distancing can be observed.

Ordinance 2020-05: Zoning Ordinance amendment. 4th reading (Public Hearing re-scheduled for July 14, (6PM.)

Resolution 2020-07: General Fund Renewal/Replacement Levy. 2nd reading.

Resolution 2020-08: Police Fund Renewal/Replacement Levy. 2nd reading.

Resolution 2020-09: Resolution requesting fund distribution through the CARES ACT from the County Auditor. 1st reading.

Meeting adjourned by Judy and seconded by Joe.

Patty Smith, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____