

**ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 12, 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. The April meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.

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

Motion to approve the 3/10/2020 regular meeting minutes as received and amended was made by Gayle and seconded by Joe. Roll call: All yes except Judy recused her vote and David abstained. There are no April minutes.

The following bills were presented for signature to be paid in April and May 2020.

Scott Gordon	300.00	April/May Mayor salary
Patricia Smith	900.00	April/May Clerk
OPERS	216.00	April/May Clerk
AEP	565.66	March/April Street Lighting
Village of Bolivar	1491.00	Feb/March Police
FIA Card Services	239 .16	Maintenance Supplies
Zoar Market	800.00	Michael Lane
ZVFD	6,461.35	1 <sup>st</sup> Half Fire Levy
BVFD	2,153.78	1 <sup>st</sup> Half Fire Levy EMS
Eddy's Convenient Lawn Care	700.00	Contract Mowing
Environmental Design	113.88	Trail Connection
C.N.A Surety	340.00	Fiscal Officer Bond
The Times Reporter	347.42	Fiscal Officer Ad
Doug Frautschy	490.00	Legal/1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr Solicitor
Auditor of State	255.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr UAN
Department of Taxation	8.94	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr Tax Mayor/FO

Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial statements and pay the monthly bills for April and May was made by Hans and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: All yes except Judy recused her vote.

**Public Speaks:**

None.

**Fiscal:**

Patty explained the need to discuss placing either replacement or renewal levies on the ballot this fall. Both the General Fund and Police Fund levies expire in December 2020. Council discussed the differences between renewal and replacement. Judy said with the COVID-19 pandemic, residents cannot absorb any new increases. Council generally agreed that any increase would burden the people. Council will review the hand-out Scott presented earlier this year and make a decision as to renewal or replacement at the June meeting. Council had a 1<sup>st</sup> reading by title only at this meeting on both the General and Police Fund.

**Street Committee:**

David has been working on patching street pot holes and laying gravel in the alleyways. He also removed a limb on Michael Lane and hauled brush to the compost facility. David requested council approve \$300 for gravel on the cemetery road. Judy made the motion to allow the \$300 and it was seconded by Hans. Roll Call: All yes.

Judy asked who is responsible for the pot holes at the Post Office. David stated the Post Office will need to fix them as they are in their parking lot. Scott will talk with the Postmaster to see if they may need help in filling the holes. He said the USACE will tear this area up with the Levee work beginning this year so patching is the best option.

Gayle stated the mail truck continues using and speeding down 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Scott said Bolivar Police have talked with the driver and the speeding has been stopped. Scott had discussed the problem with the Bolivar post office and found that the reason 2<sup>nd</sup> street is being used is that it allows the mail truck entry without having to back up. The post office contracts with the drivers and the contract states avoiding any backing up if possible. Scott said the mail truck could enter through the parking lot without having to back up and he is working on getting them to do this. Hans agreed but stated when levee work begins this will not be an option. David stated the truck is rated at 26K and therefore is prohibited by ordinance from using 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Scott said Village streets are just not designed for such a large truck and he will continue to find resolution to the problem.

#### **Safety Committee:**

All of council received the final RFP to bid for the Fire Protection Contract. Tom and Scott explained this final version includes all comments from Doug and the last Safety Committee meeting. They asked council for a motion to approve as written so the RFP can be advertised. Gayle made the motion to approve the final RFP as presented and advertise for bids. The motion was seconded by Tom. Roll Call: All yes except Judy who "reluctantly recused" her vote.

Tom and Scott shared the timeline they feel is reasonable for the process saying the RFP will advertise in the Bargain Hunter for two weeks or until the end of May, a requested response of 30 days brings us to the end of June, and opening the bids received at the July regular council meeting.

#### **Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:**

No new permits were issued. Public Hearing for zoning regulation revision has been re-scheduled to June 9<sup>th</sup>, just prior to the regular council meeting.

#### **Cemetery Board:**

None.

#### **Solicitor Report:**

None.

#### **Mayor's Notes:**

Scott asked Doug if he had heard anything concerning future government funding from the other Villages where he is Solicitor. Doug said nothing but both Baltic and Sugarcreek are tracking all COVID related expenses in case and reimbursable options become available.

Anywhere Tree Service began today removing the trees council approved at the Schoolhouse and cemetery. They are working with Jon Elsasser and Pat Helwig who want the logs for lumber. The trees on Hess Mill will also be removed.

No response has been received from the USACE concerning removal of some of the Hemlock trees in the 1<sup>st</sup> St. parking lot. Anywhere has committed to removing these free of charge when approval by the USACE is received.

The USACE will hold a teleconference on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. Work is set to begin on the ponding area and the pump station at the end of May with a finish date projection of August.

Memorial day parade is cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. Scott has not heard if the American Legion will place flags in the cemetery. Judy stated she believes they will place the flags.

Scott appreciated everyone for their cooperation in making this a productive meeting. He will send email if June meeting will be at the Schoolhouse or if there will be another telecommunication meeting.

**Ordinance 2020-05:** Zoning Ordinance amendment. 4<sup>th</sup> reading (Public Hearing re-scheduled for June 9, (6PM.)

**Ordinance 2020-06:** Festival Street Closures 2020. 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading. Motion Joe, seconded by Gayle. Roll Call: All yes except David who abstained and Judy who voted No. Ordinance passed.

**Resolution 2020-07:** General Fund Renewal/Replacement Levy. 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

**Resolution 2020:08:** Police Fund Renewal/Replacement Levy. 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

Meeting adjourned by Judy and seconded by Hans.

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Patty Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_