

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
August 11, 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 7/8/2020, 7/10/2020 special minutes as received and amended was made by Gayle and seconded by Judy. Roll Call: All yes. Motion to approve the 7/14/2020 regular meeting minutes as received and amended was made by Judy and seconded by Tom. Roll call: All yes except Hans who abstained.

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

Scott Gordon	150.00	Aug Mayor salary
Patricia Smith	450.00	Aug Clerk
OPERS	108.00	Aug Clerk
AEP	259.16	July Street Lighting
Eddy's Convenient Lawn Care	700.00	Contract Mowing
FIA card Services	225.65	Ink/Asphalt/Copies
Mayor's Association of Ohio	50.00	Annual Dues
WEX Bank Speedway	48.90	Fuel for Village Truck
Postmaster	56.00	Annual PO Box Rent
Lacee Felix	99.00	Traffic Legal

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

Public Speaks:

None

Fiscal:

None

Street Committee:

David recommended the Village hold off on any paving until the USACE complete the levee repair. He said the Village may be able to get a better price by paving when the Corps paves the streets at the end of the levee project.

David trimmed several trees around the Village and hauled the limbs to the county compost. He commented on the hemlocks in the back of the Smith property on the alley saying they need trimmed. Patty said that Pam Smith had told her they were on the schedule of Dakota Tree Service to be trimmed back in the fall. Hans asked if the trees in the alley behind the Cobbler Shop had been trimmed. David told Hans to drive down the alley as it looks much better with the trees trimmed. Gayle commented on the great job David did in trimming everything back from the alley.

Safety Committee:

Tom spoke with Jason of Kenstar Services about the safety concern when he was seen backing down the alley. Jason said this was an isolated incident. A car was parked on 3rd Street making it impossible for him to make the turn onto the alley so he backed down.

Scott said he talked with Nate from Donnie's Tavern about the delivery trucks parking on 1st Street to unload. Nate is instructing drivers to use the parallel parking spots or the Village parking lot. Scott will monitor the trucks to ensure compliance.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

PC and HPC are working on several permits: Donnie's Tavern porch permit, Jon Elsasser may purchase the Good property behind the Post Office for use as a B&B, and Jeff Eddie's permit for a small garden shed that will require a set-back variance. Public Hearings for all these permits are scheduled for August 31st.

Scott recommended Patrick Eddy for appointment to the HPC vacancy. Gayle recommended Gay Welty and Patrick Eddy to fill the vacancy. Scott spoke with Gay Welty and she declined interest at this time. Patrick submitted his resume to Scott for consideration. Hans recommended Pat Adamson for the position. Scott asked if Hans had spoken with Pat Adamson to see if she was interest. Hans did not respond. Scott stated that at the last meeting he requested both Barb and Lori mention in their articles that anyone interested in serving on the HPC to please contact him. Patrick Eddy was the only response received. Scott stated Patrick comes with a lot of interest and eagerness to learn historic preservation. Patrick is a EMS Firefighter for the City of Massillon, volunteers for OHS, and lives in a historic frame home. Gayle agreed that Patrick is a very good choice to fill the position. Gayle made a motion for a vote to appoint Patrick Eddy to the vacancy on the HPC. The motion was seconded by Joe. The motion was held off with a lengthy discussion on the lack of fairness in not considering Pat Adamson for this vacancy. Judy and Hans thought the appointment should be tabled until Scott talked with Pat Adamson and obtained her resume for consideration. Scott said this vacancy was posted in the Times Reporter and the Bargain Hunter with instructions to contact him if anyone had interest. Scott again stated the only resume received was from Patrick Eddy, a very qualified and interested candidate. Gayle asked that the motion on the floor be brought to a vote. Patty called for a Roll Call: Judy- No, Hans-Definitely No, David- Yes, Gayle-Yes, Tom-Yes, Joe-Yes. Motion carried. Scott will recommend and forward Patrick's resume to the Ohio Preservation Office for a final determination. Hans stated he felt this is illegal voting.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

None.

Mayor's Notes:

Gayle stated concern over Resolution 2020-09 saying she wants to know the amount of money available and specifically what the money will be used for prior to passing a resolution. Scott explained that a total of \$3,300 would be available to the Village of Zoar based on street mileage and census statistics from 2010. He suggested the following possible uses for these funds:

- Deep sanitizing cleaning of Village Hall and the Schoolhouse (Cost approximately \$200-\$300 each)
- Cleaning of playground equipment
- Installation of IV lamps (portable also available) \$700-\$800 each
- Installation of air cleaners which remove bacteria, viruses, and molds in public buildings

Scott will forward a copy of the Model Resolution to everyone for review.

USACE groundbreaking ceremony planned for Wednesday, August 12th at 2pm.

Relief well work to begin on or after August 17th.

A discussion of Resolution 2020-11. Doug noted no red flags in his review of the contract. Scott explained the process that the USACE will use to determine the restoration of streets used by heavy axle vehicles during construction. David will review current conditions of the designated streets with the USACE and together will agree to the restoration criteria. Streets 1st and 5th will be the only streets designated heavy axle use. David asked if SR 212, Main Street and Dover Zoar road will be involved. Scott said SR212 and Dover Zoar road already qualify for heavy axle. Judy asked if the county water and sewer will be involved as there are lines in both 1st and 5th streets. Scott will check with the USACE on this. Scott requested everyone read through the contract and contact him with any concerns. He said the USACE want this contract in place soon so asked that concerns be brought to their attention by Friday August 14th. Scott asked that council pass this resolution as an emergency at this meeting so he could sign and get back to the USACE if no concerns were brought to his attention by Friday.

The issue of annexation was placed on the agenda by a council member requesting council either decide to remove this from consideration or proceed. Scott requested council table this until the September meeting giving him time to meet with Hans and Jon Elsasser to prepare a refresher summary of the benefits and or downfalls of the annexation. Gayle requested that David be included in the annexation meeting.

EDG has completed the Zoar Connection Trail scope of work. They are wrapping up the final report this week and this will be forwarded to all of council. Patty said she will have to advance the funds from the general fund to pay all invoices and then draw down the reimbursement from the Ohio Erie Canal Way grant to re-pay the general fund. She does not have a final figure and would like to hold off on the advance until this final figure is presented. Patty also stated Scott is talking with the Ohio Erie Canal Way about a possible draw down based on pending invoices to avoid the general fund making the advance. Scott should hear from the group this week to see if this is possible. David asked if this is like a loan from the general fund. Patty said yes, an advance must be re-paid. Gayle expressed concern that the advancing of money from the general fund to support the grant was never discussed with council when the decision to accept the grant was approved.

New Fiscal Officer Amanda Slagle accepted the position to begin work on August 11, 2020. She re-considered the offer and called Mayor Gordon on the 10th stating she was no longer interested. Council agreed to re-advertise for the position of Fiscal Officer. Patty would like to retire soon.

The students originally funded for \$500 to work in the Village this summer were not able to do the work. Their schedules would not permit any additional hours for Village work. Gayle made a motion to reverse the originally passed \$500 for the work in the Village. The motion was seconded by Tom. All were in favor.

Scott requested council approve \$225 for landscaping materials for the areas where the trees were removed at the Schoolhouse. David said this really needs to get done so the area can be managed asking we do not plant anything that requires maintenance. Joe made the motion to allow the cost out of the street fund. Tom seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes.

Scott may research a better alternative to the teleconference use stating there was a lot of interference on the phone this evening

Resolution 2020-09: Resolution requesting fund distribution through the CARES ACT from the County Auditor. 3rd reading not final.

Resolution 2020-11: USACE Street maintenance contract. Contract for the use and repair of designated streets in the village during and after construction. Motion to suspend rules and regulations was made by Judy and seconded by Joe. Roll Call: All yes. Motion to pass as amended and as an emergency was made by Judy and seconded by Joe. Roll Call: All yes.

Meeting adjourned by Joe and seconded by David.

After adjournment, Councilwoman Judy Meiser stated to Scott that he had by-passed one item on the Mayor's notes he distributed for the meeting. She asked if the Fire Contract will be discussed. Scott said the contract revisions were sent to the fire department and a response has not been received, so no discussion can take place. Judy said she was told by John Malcolm that he emailed the response to all of council. All of council remaining on the line

stated they had not received the email. Patty also said she has not received the email or any mail from the Fire Department. Scott asked if Judy would contact John and she replied that he would have to do that.

Patty Smith, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____