

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING October 13, 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 9/8/2020 regular meeting minutes, 9/15/2020 and 9/29/2020 special meeting minutes as received and amended was made by Gayle and seconded by Joe. Roll call on 9/8/2020 regular minutes: Judy recused her vote, Hans cast a No vote, all others Yes. Special meeting 9/15/2020 Roll call vote: Hans cast a No vote, all others Yes. Special meeting 9/29/2020 Roll Call vote: David abstained, Hans voted No, all others yes.

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

Scott Gordon	150.00	Oct Mayor salary
Heather Lehmilller	348.36	Oct Clerk/Prorated
OPERS	83.61	Oct Clerk
AEP	263.76	Sept Street Lighting
Eddy's Convenient Lawn Care	700.00	Contract Mowing
FIA card Services	81.80	Certified Mail/Containers
Patty Smith	450.00	Independent Contactor
Village of Bolivar	1288.00	Police Aug/Sept
EDG	428.53	Trail Connection/Final
Doug Frautschy	400.00	3 rd Quarter Solicitor
Tusc County Public Defender	600.00	Indigent Services
Alonovus	29.00	Advertise Fiscal Officer
Lacee Felix	270.00	Litigation
Heather Maloon	225.00	½ month Sept FO
Bolivar VFD	1738.17	2 nd half EMS 1 MIL
Wex Bank	12.90	Fuel Village Truck

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

Public Speaks:

Mark Gaynor said that on behalf of himself and his family, thank you for voting down the contract with the Zoar VFD. Hans said in his opinion Mark was not speaking for the entire public. Scott appreciated the comments but ask that all comments be deferred to the Safety Committee. Hans questioned whether or not re-negotiations were done with the Zoar VFD. Gayle said negotiations with Zoar VFD ended at the Sept. 8th meeting, saying council is done with ZVFD. Hans once again thought no one tried, Scott said that was absolutely incorrect, council and the Safety Committee offered 2 different contract options to them. The Safety Committee is reviewing what options are available to the Village.

Patrick Eddy agreed with Mark Gaynor's comments on the ZVFD contract and agreed to defer any further comments to the Safety Committee. He added that he would like to see Council continue with Kenstar, stating Jason at Kenstar is very helpful and does a good job. Patrick also stated that Kimble was a problem in the past.

Fiscal:

Patty Smith explained that everything is moved to Heather's house and in her opinion Council has found a good replacement for a Fiscal Officer.

Street Committee:

David asked for funds not to exceed \$150.00 for the village truck to have an oil change and lube. Scott asked for a motion to be brought to the floor: Joe made the motion and Tom seconded. All were in favor.

Safety Committee:

PEP Insurance visited the Village to perform a safety evaluation. They recommended several safety items for improvement at Village Hall, the Town Garage and the Playground. They were: 1. Update playground equipment, 2. Install power strips in the Museum/Village Hall, and 3. Organize fuel storage in Town Garage. Tom asked Joe and David to work with him to draft a corrective action plan. Joe and David agreed to work with Tom to develop a plan and bring recommendations to Council. Joe also said the playground needs new landings and proposed security cameras around the Village for security purposes and to possibly use this year and next year's grant money to fund the improvements.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

PC- Nate from Donnie's Tavern finalized permits for outdoor dining and porch. HPC submitted the Bi-Annual report to the Ohio Historic Preservation Commission and there were no findings.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

Doug Frautschy suggested that the Ordinance for the Cemetery Administrator not include a specific name, but rather just create the position.

Mayor's Notes:

Scott suggested offering Jason from Kenstar a 3- year contract with the \$1.00 increase. Scott also added that several comments have been made that Kenstar is doing a really great job removing the trash. Hans also said Kenstar has done a great job for him as well. Council agreed that they would not send the service out to bid if Jason accepted the 3-year contract.

David questioned what funds will be used to pay the Cemetery Administrator. Scott said the money would come from the sale of the lots. David recommended the fee be added onto the cost of the sale for the lots. He said the taxpayers shouldn't bear the extra cost. Patty advised council to create a committee to consolidate all the cemetery ordinances into one and add this cost to the sale of lots. She said there are currently 4 ordinances and it gets confusing trying to determine costs with the funeral homes. Scott agreed to hold a cemetery committee meeting and streamline the process.

For the Public Defender, we have 2 options. Option 1 is \$1,200.00 for the year. Option 2 is \$300.00 per occurrence. Patty suggested we take the \$1,200.00 because last year there were 3 occurrences and with so many pressures/ stresses people are experiencing with the pandemic it could likely be more. Gayle agrees with the \$1,200.00. Scott is to check with Doug on what he feels is the best option for the Village.

Patty made a comment that the Covid money we received was 1 check for \$5,014.29 and another check for \$6,414.36. At the Special meeting in September, council agreed that Village Hall and the Schoolhouse will be cleaned and Scott will purchase 2 air hepa purifiers. Judy asked when cleaning, could it be possible do a complete sanitation at the same time. Other possible suggestions for businesses to receive Covid monies are the Design One Hair Studio, Whitemeyer Advertising, ZCA, and Zoar Church. Scott also said the Covid money needs to be encumbered by November 20th. Hans inquired about the coffee shop. Gayle stated she has already received the list of expenses from the Coffee Shop.

Scott told Council the County is accepting applications for small businesses to receive a separate grant from the county with a max amount of \$10,000.00. David asked if the village money is disbursed to businesses and they do not qualify is the Village of Zoar responsible to pay back that money? Judy said yes. Patty said likely the Village would be responsible if money was disbursed to an ineligible expense. Gayle stated that if every business submits a list/invoices of their expenses, it will not be hard to find qualifying costs. Scott will speak with ZCA for Covid related expenses, Judy will talk with Whitemeyer Advertising and Kevin from Design One Hair Studio. Scott stated that we should know what we can fund by next meeting.

David asked if it is going to cost a lot to audit the Covid funds. Patty thinks it is likely but no one knows at this time. Scott said the State Auditor stated a single line audit will be used for the CARES Act monies on the audit. If less than a certain amount of money, the cost should not be excessive. Since the Village is at \$11,000.00 it will not likely be expensive for the audit.

Scott stated that the next meeting for the USACE is October 29th from 3-5p. Nathan White reported on Sept. 24th that the last of the 4 relief wells should be completed by the end of October.

All of the downed tree limbs in the cemetery have been cleaned up. Scott had an earlier estimate from Tri-State Tree Service for 650.00 so we saved money. The man who cleaned up the limbs did a wonderful job.

Halloween Trick or Treat will be on the 31st of October 5:30-7pm. People may hand out the candy to the children as to keep them from reaching in and grabbing it themselves. Judy suggested putting the candy in small bags and handing the bags to the kids. Gayle made a motion, seconded by Judy. Roll Call: All I's.

Ordinance 2020-15: Kenstar Contract Refuse. 2nd reading.

Ordinance 2020-17: Ordinance to hire Mark Gaynor as Cemetery Administrator. 2nd reading.

Ordinance 2020-18: Public Defender Contract. 1st reading.

Ordinance 2020-19: Temporary Appropriations. 1st reading.

Meeting adjourned by Joe and seconded by Tom.

Heather Lehmilller, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____