

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING February 9th, 2021

The Zoar Village regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Gordon at 6:02 pm. This meeting was held via telecommunication. Scott announced that Barb Limbacher, Lorie Feeney, Tim Whitemyer, and two unknown individuals were present at the meeting.

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

Motion to approve the 1/12/21 organizational meeting minutes as received and amended was made by Joe and seconded by Gayle. Hans felt that on page 2 the words "zoning ordinance" should be added. Roll call on the 1/12/21 organizational minutes: All yes. Motion to approve the 1/12/21 regular meeting minutes as received and amended was made by Judy and seconded by Gayle. Roll call on the 1/12/21 regular meeting minutes: All yes. Motion to approve the 1/19/21 special meeting minutes as received and amended was made by Joe and seconded by David. Roll call on the 1/19/21 special meeting minutes: 4-yes, Hans abstained, Judy-No. Motion to approve the 2/1/21 special meeting minutes as received and amended was made by Joe and seconded by Gayle. Roll call on the 2/1/21 special meeting minutes: 4-yes, Hans-abstained, Judy-No.

The following bills were presented for signature to be paid in February 2021.

AEP	296.63	Street Lighting January
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary February
Heather Lehmilller	450.00	Salary February
OPERS	108.00	Pynt February
Mary Ellen Gooding	78.00	Assist Year End 2020
Village of Bolivar	609.00	Police Protection December 2020
FIA Card Services	31.61	Late Fee & Finance Charge
Tusc. Co. Treasurer	72.00	MWCD Tax
Times Reporter	34.80	Year End Notice Ad
Tusc Co Emergency Mgmt	42.25	2021 Renewal
New Phila Law Library	1.65	Annual % Law Library Fees

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

Public Speaks:

None.

Fiscal:

Heather asked for a motion to change credit card companies. Scott made a statement that the customer service for Bank of America was not helpful. Motion was made by Gayle and seconded by David. Roll call: All yes.

Street Committee:

David stated that he did contact the County Engineer concerning de-annexation of Dover Zoar Rd. Scott suggested contacting Eric Downing to give any guidance on this. David again stated that the county had maintained it in the previous years. However, if the village can de-annex that section then the Village of Zoar would not have to pay for the guardrails, signs, striping, etc. Scott asked Doug what it would take to relinquish the right of way. Doug said that ORC 709.38, requires a petition by the land owner to detach the land from the village, passing an ordinance, survey and plat, the county commissioners sign off on the detachment, and then it would be recorded by the county. Hans asked Doug if the village would be detaching the road and nothing else. Doug replied that a piece of land that faces

east would also be included. David stated that the same issue is being handled in Mineral City with Newcumberland Rd. David also mentioned that the road to Zoar Lake is closed due to weather conditions.

Safety Committee:

Tom stated that he is still working out the details for getting the security cameras. He said between the PEP grant monies, ZCA and one donation it will not cost the village any money for the cameras. Judy said she has received concerns from residents in the village. They would like for the cameras to not be facing resident's homes. It would be an invasion of privacy. Tom said that the cameras would be located in the parking lot of the Hotel and the Zoar Store. Judy asked Tom if he could have all the information available at the next council meeting including cost, placement and who will be monitoring the footage, etc. Tom said he will have the information at the next meeting.

Tom also reported there was an accident at the levee that involved children sled riding. He and Scott put hay bales up as a temporary fix to keep kids from hitting the obstructions. Scott said that an 8 year old boy was sled riding and hit a monitoring well. He was taken by Bolivar EMS to the hospital to get checked and was okay. The hay bales are a temporary fix for now but Scott asked Doug for his opinion on this. Doug asked if the property belongs to the Army Corps. Judy recalled that the section next to the levee is leased to the village. Scott stated that children use multiple locations on the levee for sled riding. Scott also stated that the Army Corps owns the property. Scott also mentioned there was supervision by parents present when he and Tom arrived. Scott will speak with the Army Corps to discuss this matter.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

Scott stated there was one item for discussion. Historic Preservation Commission voted for Diane Geiss to fill the vacant position. Scott stated that Diane applied last year and submitted her resume. The committee felt that she has considerable experience. She has worked with ZCA and several other history organizations for many years. She has a lot of great ideas for the village in the future. Hans also said that Diane has a great deal of knowledge about the village. Motion was made to appoint Diane Geiss to HPC was made by Tom and seconded by Gayle. Roll call: All yes.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

None.

Mayor's Notes:

US Army Corps- A meeting was held on January 28th. All archaeology field work is complete and a draft report of the management summary will be issued for review. All of the relief well work is completed. The construction phase for the trench is still scheduled for March and should be completed by February of 2022.

Zoar Trail Connections Group- The first meeting of the year was held on January 21st. The main discussion focused on moving forward with the highest priority trail that would connect the Towpath with the village of Zoar. Scott stated that he and Jon Elsasser would walk the area with the Army Corps to approve the trail route.

Preservation Committee- Scott mentioned that HPC held their first meeting January 21st where 2 resumes were received and reviewed. The Commission voted for Diane Geiss to be approved by council (which was discussed and voted on earlier in this meeting).

Whitemyer Advertising has officially moved to their new location in Wilkshire. Scott sent a letter on behalf of the village thanking them for their many years of support for Zoar Village.

Zoar Fire Dept. Building- Scott had 2 letters for council to approve. The first letter was to Zoar Volunteer Fire Department regarding the closing of the fire station building. The second letter was a letter to the village residents explaining the future measures for the fire department building and the fire contract with Bolivar VFD. Hans asked who owns the fire station. Scott said the property is deeded to the village. Scott also said that the residents of Zoar came together to pay and build the facility. Judy recalled that Carl Geib and Fletcher Logan funded and built the Zoar

FD. Scott then stated 2 additional bays were added with monies that came from various sources. Hans asked who owns the land that the building sits on. Doug said the deed to the land is in the name of the village. When the Zoar VFD and the Village had a contract, it included use of the building and the land. Judy disagreed with that statement, claiming the contract did not mention neither the building or land use.

Judy stated that she would like a recording of this meeting as soon as possible.

Hans asked if the Zoar VFD will always play a role in the fire protection for the village. Hans stated he did not see any mention of that in the contract with Bolivar and Lawrence Township Trustees. Scott stated Bolivar Fire Department would take any willing volunteers. However, the village would be keeping half of the building to use as a safety center, with an operation agreement with the Bolivar VFD.

A Motion to approve the letter to the Zoar VFD and the letter to the residents was made by Gayle and seconded by Joe. Roll call: 4-yes, Hans-No, Judy recused her vote.

Scott suggested to council to extend the mowing contract for an additional 2 years at a 5% increase. Judy stated with the removal of the land that the Army Corps will be using for construction, the levee and the parking lots will not need as much care. Her opinion is to bid out the mowing contract. Scott suggested council table this discussion until the next meeting on order to clarify the mowing status.

Ordinance 2021-1: Permanent Appropriation. 2nd Reading.

Ordinance 2021-3: Solicitor Contract Doug Frautschy. Motion to suspend rules and regulations made by Gayle/ David. Roll Call: 5-yes, Judy-abstained. Motion to pass as an emergency made by David/Tom. Roll Call: 4-yes, Hans abstain, Judy-No. Ordinance passed. *Note: There was a short discussion on Ordinance 2021-3. In the first roll call vote to suspend the rules and regulations Hans and Judy voted to abstain. Scott asked if anyone would like to discuss this. Judy said she thought the contract should go out to bid. Hans changed his vote to a yes vote.*

Ordinance 2021-4: Participate Fire & EMS Contract BVFD and Trustees of Lawrence Township (amend 2020-23). 2nd reading. *Note: There was also a discussion on Ordinance 2021-4. Scott explained this was a revision of Ordinance 2020-23, which passed last year and is still subject to change before the final reading. Hans said he would like to see the final contract. Doug stated the resolution had a few terms that were revised and changed.*

Ordinance 2021-6: ZCA street closings. 1st Reading.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11pm was made by Joe and seconded by Judy.

Heather Lehmilller, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____