

## ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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 2/9/21 regular meeting minutes as received and amended was made by Joe and seconded by Gayle. Judy asked for a correction on the minutes. She stated in the meeting Carl Geib and Fletcher Logan had donated funds to build the Zoar VFD building. Attorney Pat Williams stated that the Village intended to gift the building and land to Zoar VFD. Scott and Doug agreed that statement made by Pat Williams was off topic and beyond the scope of the approval for the regular meeting minutes. Pat then apologized for interrupting the minutes discussion. Doug stated to add Judy's comment and move forward. Roll call on the 2/9/21 regular meeting minutes: 4 Yes, Judy and Hans- Yes pending the amendment of the minutes.

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

AEP	296.63	Street Lighting February
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary March
Heather Lehmilller	450.00	Salary March
OPERS	108.00	Pynt March
Village of Bolivar	609.00	Police Protection January
Winfield Power Equipment	354.56	Repair Village Steiner
Bolivar VFD	5,302.10	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2020 Fire Levy monies
Mark Gaynor	50.00	Sale of Lot
FIA Card Services	228.93	Fiscal Officer/Mayor Supplies & copies
Wex Bank	50.00	Fuel for Village truck
Doug Frautschy	850.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr & additional hours
Treasurer State of Ohio	8.94	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr Taxes
Ohio Municipal League	235.00	2021 Annual Membership Fees
Lacey Felix	45.00	0.50 Hours

Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial statements and pay the monthly bills for March was made by Gayle and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: 5- Yes, Judy- No.

**Public Speaks:**

None.

**Fiscal:**

Heather asked for Council approval to add fund number 2904- to the Permanent Appropriations. She stated this fund would be used for the PEP Grant money and future funds for the security cameras. Motion to add fund to the Permanent Appropriations was made by Judy and seconded by Gayle. Roll Call: All Yes. Doug stated that a Resolution would also need approved. Heather assigned the Resolution 2021-7. *Note: Approval for this Resolution on Ordinance page.*

**Street Committee:**

None.

**Safety Committee:**

Tom said he would like to have the presentation complete and ready for council review. However, he was waiting to hear back from OHC. He will have the final presentation ready at next month's council meeting.

**Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:**

Scott stated the Planning Commission approved a garage permit for Mike Smith. David asked Scott about the location of the garage. Scott said he would talk to Mike about preventing any damage to the drain tile along Foltz Street. Any damage would be Mike's responsibility. Scott also said the Planning Commission has an opening for a resident representative. The position opening was due to Joe Klein's resignation. He asked Lorrie and Barb to post the opening in the newspaper. Anyone interested should contact Scott or Mark Gaynor for more information. Historic Preservation Commission will meet on Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Cemetery Board:**

None.

**Solicitor Report:**

Doug said he was aware of the Army Corps petition to have the village vacate a small piece of land near the levee and he should receive it soon. Council will need to approve it. With regards to the detachment of the Dover-Zoar Road, Doug informed Scott that he already had a model petition, but would need the correct information to fill it out. Doug also explained he received a letter from Pat Williams, the attorney for the Zoar VFD, and would like council to discuss an official response. Scott thanked the Zoar VFD for their letter. Attorney Pat Williams made a statement that they would like to see the Village and the Zoar VFD work things out.

**Mayor's Notes:**

Mowing contract – Scott spoke to the Army Corps regarding areas that will not need mowed by the village during the levee construction. The Army Corps informed Scott they will maintain the areas within the construction limits. The village will still need to maintain outside of the construction area which would consist of the areas along 1<sup>st</sup> Street between Main St. and the ball field. Scott talked with Patrick Eddy and Patrick agreed to extend his current contract at a lower cost of \$650. Judy stated she would like to see the contract go out for bid. Tom pointed out that \$650 is a decrease from the original contract cost of \$700. Gayle stated she would like to see Patrick's contract extend for the period of one year. Motion to extend the contract for a one-year period at the cost of \$650 was made by Gayle and seconded by Joe. Roll Call: 4 – Yes, Hans – Abstained, Judy – No. Contract extension Passed.

Army Corps – Scott said the Army Corps planned to start taking soil boring samples on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The complete archeological report is online but a special security code is needed to view it. Jon Elsasser mentioned that he would contact Nathan White to get the report.

Zoar VFD – Scott again thanked the Zoar VFD for their letter. Hans inquired why the letter from the Fire Marshall was sent to the council members. Scott asked Gayle to explain why she emailed the letter to council. Gayle stated the Fire Marshall thought it was important to give council the information within the letter. Scott also said the letter sent to Zoar VFD contained facts, not opinions. Judy stated Zoar VFD FDID number was temporarily suspended. However, she felt Gayle was not authorized to email the letter to council. Hans also felt there was no business reason to make the letter public.

Covid Vaccine – Scott said the CDC updated the protocol on persons who have had the vaccine. Family members who have been vaccinated may get together without masks. He would also like to return to in-person meetings as soon as it is safe to do so.

Covid Funds – Scott stated he was informed there would be additional Covid funding disbursed with the passing of the new relief bill. Restrictions and amounts entities would receive are still unclear at this time. The village could possible receive up to \$33,000. Council will need to discuss what additional funding could be used for. Hans made a comment that if the village would still like to operate as an independent entity, action needs to be taken on annexation. Scott stated he favored the idea of Hickory Lane being annexed into the village since it would help offset the loss of tax revenue (20%) from all the tax free property in the village. He also said the village and Sandy Township would need to agree on how to split the tax revenue. Hans said the village currently had 178 residents. Scott asked Doug if the village needed 200 or more residents to maintain independence. Doug said financial difficulty and under 200 residents were important factors for a village to retain corporation status.

**Ordinance 2021-1:** Permanent Appropriation. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Final. Judy/Joe. Roll Call: All Yes. Ordinance passed.

**Ordinance 2021-4:** Participate Fire & EMS Contract BVFD and Trustees of Lawrence Township (amend 2020-23). 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. NOT FINAL. *Note: Shawn Lynch stated the attorneys for Bolivar VFD & Lawrence Township still looking over contract.*

**Ordinance 2021-6:** ZCA street closings. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**Ordinance 2021-7:** Add fund to Permanent Appropriations. Motion to suspend the rules and regulations was made by Judy/Gayle. Roll Call: All Yes. Motion to pass as an emergency made by Judy/Joe. Roll Call: All Yes. Ordinance passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm was made by Joe and seconded by Tom.

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Heather Lehmiller, Fiscal Officer

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Scott Gordon, Mayor

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