

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
April 13th, 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
	Joe Potelicki	Present		

Motion to approve the 3/9/21 regular meeting minutes made by Gayle and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: All yes.
 Motion to approve the 3/23/21 special meeting minutes made by Joe and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: All yes.

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

AEP	296.63	Street Lighting March
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary April
Heather Lehmilller	450.00	Salary April
OPERS	108.00	Pynt April
Village of Bolivar	686.00	Police Protection February
	728.00	Police Protection March
Wex Bank	32.25	Fuel – Village Truck
FIA Card Services	86.98	FO Supplies & Asphalt Patch
Auditor of State	273.00	2 nd Qtr UAN Fees

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

Public Speaks:

None.

Fiscal:

None.

Street Committee:

Scott mentioned the windstorm had blown down a crab apple tree on Main St. and a pine tree on Cherry Hill.

Safety Committee:

Tom started by stating he was in favor of removal and replacement for the playground equipment by the school. Tom also said he sought out advice from Sgt. Sterns on the installation of the surveillance cameras for the village. Sgt. Sterns gave the example of a car that skid off the road and damaged a portion of fence. Also, a car went over the curbing on Main St. at the Zoar Hotel. He recommended the installation of the surveillance cameras noting they could be a good deterrent. Tom thanked Sgt. Sterns for his opinion. Tom informed council he is still working out all the details. Judy asked Sgt. Sterns if he was successful in figuring out who the peeping tom was from the three instances on 7th St. Sgt. Sterns stated as soon as the residents turned on their lights, the suspect fled. He reminded residents to not post on social media when they would be out of town. He also informed residents to fill out a vacation form so the police can drive by any residents who may be out of town for any length of time. Scott offered to have the form uploaded onto the village website for residents to easily find.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

Scott said Planning Commission had no new permits to report. There are a few projects in the works such as, additional parking at the Coffee Shop and expanding the outdoor dining for Donnie’s Tavern. Updates on the Zoning Ordinance would be addressed at the next Planning Commission meeting. David asked when Donnie’s Tavern would finish the current project before expanding the outdoor dining. Scott said that the tavern was waiting for ECOBA to do an inspection before they could finish the work. Gayle mentioned Kim Klingaman would be replacing Joe Klein on Planning Commission.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

Doug reported he had received nothing as far as the Zoar VFD vacating the property. He also mentioned that he has not received any information yet from the Army Corps in regards to a petition for vacation West Street.

Additions & Corrections:

Gayle made a motion to nominate Mark Gaynor to fill empty councilman position, Tom seconded. Scott asked if anyone would like to discuss this matter. Judy stated she would like to see council wait the 30 days. She knew of a few people who were interested in filling the position. Doug stated had council had 30 days starting from the day the position became available. If council did not decide within the 30 days then the Mayor had authority to appoint someone to the position. David stated he would like to avoid a special meeting if possible. Joe stated he would like to see council fill the position within the time frame. Judy said she would like to leave it open for the next two weeks for other applicants. Tom said he was ready to vote to avoid a special meeting on the matter. Scott said the village was lucky to have many interested candidates. Motion for Mark Gaynor to become Councilman was made by Gayle and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: 4 – yes, Judy – No. Mark Gaynor is new council member.

Mayor's Notes:

Scott reminded the public to act civil during teleconference meetings after an unknown individual made a rude comment to a council member.

Cherry Hill maintenance – Two individuals were maintaining the mowing at the right of way of Cherry Hill. Mr. Wilson was mowing the flat part but wasn't able to mow the drainage area. Scott suggested that Eddy's Convenient Lawncare mow the areas every two weeks for an extra fifty dollars per mowing that area. Judy said in her opinion, since the terms of the mowing contract have changed, she felt the mowing contract should be bid out again. David felt fifty dollars per mow was a high price and he would like council to put an ad in the paper for any volunteers who would like to mow that area. Gayle would like to continue with Eddy's Convenient Lawncare. David suggested fifty dollars a month, not each time Patrick mowed the area. Tom asked Scott if he had already discussed this with Patrick. Scott said he spoke with Patrick but did not physically show him the area to be mowed yet. A motion for Eddy's Convenient Lawncare to maintain the right of way on Cherry Hill for fifty dollars a month was made by Joe and seconded by David. Roll Call: 4 – yes, Judy – No. Motion passed. Scott suggested Patrick to continue mowing the ball fields until the Army Corps has the boundaries defined. Patrick will mow the other areas of the village for the new contract price of \$650 and \$700 when he mows the area around the ballfield. Judy again stated to rebid the mowing contract. Motion was made by Gayle and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: 4 – yes, Judy – No.

Army Corps – Scott stated the Army Corps was getting close to the structural assessment of properties within the area of potential impacts. Door hangers may be used to alert property owners. David asked Scott if anyone had inspected under the culverts on 1st St. He also stated that 1st and 5th streets had catch basins at the edge of the sidewalk down to the street. David said if the Army Corps will be using these roads as a staging area, those streets will need inspected. Scott said that the underground piping is identified on the work plan.

Zoar Connection Committee – The committee is moving forward with the trail connection from the footbridge to the Arboretum. A rough cost estimate is available. The three segments will be segment A – foot bridge to the bottom of the levee, segment B - toe of the levee to the arboretum and segment C – 5th St to the parking lot on 1st St. Gayle asked if there would be grant money for the trail connection. Scott said all the funding will come from grant monies. Also, Scott had been in contact with North Country Trail. They would like to see Zoar become an official Trail Town and have provided a Resolution for council to approve. Gayle asked if the village would have to pay any monies to be apart of the organization. Scott said they take care of marking the trail but would always like to have volunteers help. A motion to become an official Trail Town was made by Joe and seconded by Gayle. Roll Call: All yes. Motion passed.

Zoar VFD – On April 5th the safety committee reviewed the letter from the Zoar VFD and prepared a draft response letter including the request by the Zoar VFD for a quit claim deed. Scott asked council if the village should deed the property to the Zoar VFD. Scott asked for a motion. No one spoke. A motion to send the response letter was made by Joe and seconded by David. Roll Call: 4 – yes, Judy – Abstain. Motion passed.

Lorie Feeney asked Scott if the letter Attorney Pat Williams was available for her to view. Scott stated it was.

Nancy Molner also stated she would like to read both the letters, from and to Pat Williams and a copy of the fire contract with Bolivar VFD. Scott asked Doug if there would be any legality issues. Doug said he didn't see any problems with the requests.

Ordinance 2021-6: ZCA street closings. 3rd & Final. Motion made by Gayle and seconded by David. Roll Call: 4 – yes, Judy – No. Ordinance passed. *Note: Judy stated the issues with residents who have shops open on the weekend.*

Ordinance 2021-8: Resolution to move money. Motion to suspend the rules and regulations made by Judy/Tom. Roll Call: All yes. Motion to pass as an emergency was made by Judy/Tom. Roll Call: All yes. Ordinance passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm was made by Joe and seconded by Tom.

Heather Lehmilller, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____