

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING May 11th, 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	Mark Gaynor	Present

Motion to approve the 4/13/21 regular meeting minutes made by Joe and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: All yes. Motion to approve the 4/23/21 special meeting minutes made by Gayle and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: 5 – yes, Judy recused her vote.

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

AEP	266.45	Street Lighting April
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary May
Heather Lehmilller	450.00	Salary May
OPERS	108.00	Pynt May
Village of Bolivar	651.00	Police Protection April
Eddy's Convenient Lawncare	750.00	Mowing – April
Ohio Dept. of Workers Comp	60.00	Annual Renewal
Mark Gaynor	50.00	Sale of Lot 4/1/2021
Wex Bank	22.50	Fuel Village truck
FIA Card Services	139.80	Lime, Asphalt, Marker Paint, Mayor copies
Bolivar Fire Dept.	11,100.00	1 st Half Tax Levy Monies

Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial statements and pay the monthly bills for May was made by Joe and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: 5 – yes, Judy – no.

Public Speaks:

None.

Fiscal:

Heather informed Council that she received and set up the new laptop and the equipment was working well. She asked if anyone had any suggestions on what to do with the old desktop computer. Joe suggested donating it to an organization for education. Judy suggested looking into donating it to the arboretum. Scott asked Heather if the computer was ready to move. Heather said it was boxed up and ready to go. She also informed Council she had received both checks for grant monies from PEP.

Street Committee:

David said that estimates for paving are in progress. He is currently waiting until the staging from the Army Corps takes place. He explained he was also waiting to hear from OHC. In previous years, OHC had helped with the cost of paving West Third St and East First St. The estimate to pave those two streets was \$7,728, which included the risers.

Safety Committee:

Tom asked that the Safety Committee hold a meeting on the 17th of May at 1pm to decide what to use the PEP grant money on. He said the money is to be used, not hoarded. He also informed Council he would be onsite for the appraisal of the insurable properties by PEP Insurance Co.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

Scott informed council the Planning Commission held a meeting on Monday May 10th and approved the Coffee House to add additional parking. They will be adding 7 spaces behind their garage with an entrance off of the 4th St alley, to accommodate this additional parking.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

Doug gave an update on the ZVFD Eviction Notice. He had met with Matt Mullen, the lawyer representing the Village of Zoar. He informed council that the Zoar VFD filed suit against the village for a claim to the fire station and the land. He advised council to counter claim.

Additions & Corrections:

None.

Mayor's Notes:

Army Corps - The land acquisition time schedule has been revised. If the survey plats to vacate West Street are completed by the end of May, they will be submitted to the village at the June Council meeting. Evaluations will start one month before construction starts.

Mosquito Control Agreement – Scott signed and returned the agreement with the County Health Department to participate in the community spraying program. He said this will only be done if the Health Dept. confirms a disease is present in our area, such as west Nile Virus.

Zoar Connection Trail Committee – A meeting will be held June 1st with Eric Downing to review the proposed Zoar Valley Trail from the footbridge to the Wetlands Arboretum. The township also sent a final summary of the cost for the River Walk trail project from start to finish. The total cost was \$705,700. ODOT funded \$580,000 and \$105,000 came from ODNR grants. The cost to the Township was \$20,000.

Tusc. Co. Mayors Meeting – The Tuscarawas County Transportation Improvement District in conjunction with ODOT, OMEGA, and others, was seeking support for a grant to do a traffic safety and interchange analysis of the I-77/US 250 New Philadelphia exchange. Scott said he sent a letter of support for the grant. He also stated the Tuscarawas Arts Partnership is sponsoring a County Sculpture Tour project. A 4-foot high cut out of the county can be painted by local artists to promote local tourism. Scott will let ZCA handle the project.

David asked Doug if the cemetery ordinance for Mark Gaynor needed to be rewritten since Mark was on council and could no longer be paid as of the 23rd of April and forward for any lots sold. Mark stated he agrees not to accept any pay after this date he became a council member. Doug said the ordinance did not need to be rewritten.

Ordinance 2021-9: Increase Appropriations – Motion to suspend the rules and regulations made by Joe/Tom. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, Judy – Recuse. Motion to pass as an emergency was made by Joe/Gayle. Roll Call: 5 -Yes, Judy – Recuse. Ordinance passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37pm was made by Joe and seconded by Tom.

Heather Lehmilller, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date:_____