

## ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING June 8<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. Scott announced that Lorie Feeney, Barb Limbacher and Shawn Lynch were present.

Roll Call	David Irwin	Present	Judy Meiser	Present
	Tom Klingaman	Present	Gayle Potelicki	Present
	Joe Potelicki	Present	Mark Gaynor	Present

Motion to approve the 5/11/21 regular meeting minutes made by Judy and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: All yes.

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

AEP	259.05	Street Lighting May
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary June
Heather Lehmillier	450.00	Salary June
OPERS	108.00	Pynt June
Village of Bolivar	672.00	Police Protection May
Eddy's Convenient Lawncare	750.00	Mowing – May
Harold Raines	375.00	3 Cremation Open/Closing
Ohio Auditor of State	273.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr UAN Fees
Doug Frautschy	535.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr & 1-1/2 hours
Ohio Treasurer of State	8.94	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr Taxes

Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial statements and pay the monthly bills for June was made by Gayle and seconded by Mark. Roll Call: all Yes.

**Public Speaks:**

None.

**Fiscal:**

None.

**Street Committee:**

David said he and Scott had put asphalt patch on a section of 6<sup>th</sup> Street near the end of Meiser's driveway. While they were working, they were approached by Council member Judy Meiser who was rude and used profane language. Scott stated that he asked everyone to be civil to each other. David said along with that incident he also didn't appreciate emails being sent in all capital letters, implying rudeness. Judy urged Council to read the email she sent that contained information on the issue with 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Tom thanked David for his service and commitment to the Village.

Heather said she had also received a few nasty emails from the public. She asked Doug is she was legally obligated to respond to such emails. Doug told Heather to confer with him the next time it happened.

**Safety Committee:**

Tom said the Safety Committee met on May 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the PEP Grant money and decided to buy security cameras. Tom asked Council to approve \$400 for this purchase. Scott asked Tom what equipment was included. Tom said it would include 4 cameras and a thumb drive. Judy asked where the cameras would be placed around the village and who would be monitoring the footage. Tom said no definite locations have been finalized and the Safety Committee would monitor. He also stated the thumb drive would possibly be located at the Zoar Store and would hold one week worth of footage. Judy asked who would have access to the footage. Tom stated he would be happy to show the footage for anyone who so inquires. David asked what village property would be recorded. Scott and Tom agreed that no private property would be recorded. The main focus would be on the traffic and parking lots at the Zoar Hotel and 1<sup>st</sup> Street parking. A motion to approve \$400 for the purchase of the security cameras was made by Gayle and seconded by Mark. Roll Call: 5-yes, David – Abstained. Motion passed. David also mentioned purchasing cones and signs for street closings for maintenance, street painting, etc. Scott suggested making a list of signs and cones for approval at the next meeting. Scott reminded council the slide and playground still need attention. Joe said

the cost of the playground equipment is unknown at this time. Scott asked David if he had the list for the Safety specifications for the slide. David confirmed he received it from Joe. Tom also addressed the rodent infestation at the Silk House. There are gaping holes in the foundation and it is becoming a nuisance for the neighbors. Tom would like council to send a letter informing the owner of the issue. Tom called the Health Department. They stated they are under staffed at this time. Judy asked if there was anything in the zoning ordinance to address the problem. Scott stated possibly in the nuisance criteria or the ORC. Tom said the wildlife is abundant in that area and starting to encroach on the neighbors. Scott said he will check the zoning ordinance and send a notice to the property owner.

**Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:**

Scott said Planning Commission met and discussed one item on the agenda. The Zoar Tavern would like to put up a new sign. There were no new permits at this time.

**Cemetery Board:**

None.

**Solicitor Report:**

None.

**Additions & Corrections:**

None.

**Mayor's Notes:**

Army Corps – Scott expressed his concerns to the Army Corps regarding the lack of any definite project schedule yet. He said if the construction didn't get started soon, the village may not be able to do paving until next summer. The Army Corps is working with the County Map Office to complete the necessary survey plats and legal descriptions of the parcels they will be purchasing. If completed before next Council meeting, Council will officially pass the required petition to vacate West Street.

Zoar Trail Connection Group – A field inspection of the proposed Zoar Valley Trail was scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unfortunately, Eric Downing could not attend due to a family emergency. The group walked that proposed trail and evaluated possible options for eliminating several steeper grade areas of the trail. A field trip with Eric will be rescheduled.

Zoar VFD – A response to the law suit filed against the village by the ZVFD was submitted. A letter to Doug from KWGD law firm detailing conditions of engagement for legal work needed to be approved by Council. Motion to approve was made by Joe and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: 5-yes, Judy- Recuse vote. Motion passed.

Memorial Day – Scott thanked the American Legion for the ceremony at the Zoar Cemetery honoring all those who served our country. He also gave a special thanks to David Irwin and Jeff Devine for installing the American flags along the streets and the Zoar Church for placing flowers on the veteran graves.

Street paving – David received an estimate for paving two streets by OHC buildings (3<sup>rd</sup> Street from Park Street to the levee and East 1<sup>st</sup> Street by the Wagon Shop). The estimate was sent to OHC and they agreed to assist the village by paying \$7,625. for these 2 streets. He also stated Michael Lane will be paved this year also. Judy asked if these streets would be grinded or berming along the side. David stated the height would only be one inch, therefore grinding and berming are not necessary. Scott stated that 2<sup>nd</sup> Street needs to be raised below the Cider Mill. David stated that a lot of work needs done in the village and he will complete what he can based on the budget.

Scott asked for opinions and comments regarding conducting in-person meetings again. Judy stated she would like to return to in-person meetings. Scott said social distancing should not be an issue and an air filter can be placed in the school house as well. No concerns were raised. Scott stated the July meeting will be held in-person at the school house.

Scott informed council a septic system on Michael Lane that is failing. Scott stated he would like to see that area connected into the sewer system. He said if a resident has a failing system, there would be a higher priority of available funding. He will talk to the County Water and Sewer Authority about the possibility of connecting Cherry Hill into the sanitary sewer system. Judy stated she spoke with Mike Jones and he expressed concerns on funding. Scott said he was aware of the situation and would follow through on that issue.

Finally, Scott reminded everyone of the upcoming Community Yard Sale throughout the village.

No Ordinances at this meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm was made by Joe and seconded by Judy.

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Heather Lehmilller, Fiscal Officer

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Scott Gordon, Mayor

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