

**ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 13<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 and Barb Limbacher 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 6/8//21 regular meeting minutes made by Gayle and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, Judy – No. Judy made a motion to redact the portion of the minutes that stated she used profane language. There was no second to the motion. The minutes were approved.

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

AEP	259.05	Street Lighting June
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary July
Heather Lehmilller	450.00	Salary July
OPERS	108.00	Pymt July
Village of Bolivar	700.00	Police Protection June
Eddy's Convenient Lawncare	750.00	Mowing – June
Auditor of State	41.00	Basic Audit 1 hour
FIA Card Services	55.00	Roll of Stamps
PEP Insurance	3,344.00	2021 Policy Renewal

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

Scott stated the Village needed a new council member to sign the monthly credit card statements. He suggested Joe Potelicki. A motion for Joe to sign the monthly credit statements was made by Gayle and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: All yes.

**Public Speaks:**

None.

**Fiscal:**

Heather said the audit would be taking place on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Heather also stated she spoke with Patty Smith. Patty is willing to assist with year end closings at a rate of \$20 an hour. A motion was made for Patty to assist with year end closing 2021 by Joe and seconded by Judy. Roll Call: All yes.

**Street Committee:**

David called Oups to locate utilities on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and Cherry Hill before installing speed limit signs. Judy asked if the village has any Ordinances for the speed limit signs to be placed. David stated the sign in Cherry Hill was struck by a car and laying in the ditch. There is also a speed limit sign on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street going out of Zoar but none coming into Zoar. David also stated he would be contacting ODOT to repair the dip on SR 212 near the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Scott said since SR 800 has been closed, more heavy trucks have been traveling through the village. David agreed that the heavier weighted trucks have caused it to become worse. Judy asked about the price of paving Cherry Hill. David stated paving would be almost \$11,000. David is waiting for the Army Corps to start paving on 1<sup>st</sup> St.

**Safety Committee:**

Tom stated the security cameras have arrived. Heather ordered them from Amazon and was able to get them at 40% off making the final cost for the cameras \$240.18. Judy asked what will be done with the balance of the grant money. Tom said David would like to purchase vests, signs and cones for the village. Judy also asked if the remainder of the grant money could be used to replace the playground equipment. Scott said the village plans on using some funds to repair the slide. David said the slide would be taken to Buckeye Career Center to be refurbished. Tom also stated he had received concerns from residents about the speeding on Main St. and 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and also engine braking. He spoke with the Bolivar Police Dept. to obtain suggestions on how to prevent this and they suggested a traffic watch. Tom

said there is a minimum of 3 hours, a maximum of 5 hours at \$20 an hour. There would be no obligation on the number of times the traffic watch could be done. Judy asked Doug if the Village is legally obligated to post camera surveillance signs. Doug stated the Village has no legal obligation to post signs for cameras.

**Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:**

Mike Smith started excavating for a new garage. Scott spoke with the builder and is very pleased they are taking precautions not to tear up the road or damage village property. Also, a new tavern sign has been installed. The coffee shop has also started taking steps on adding additional parking. Scott advised the owner to clean up the dirt in the middle of the road. He said a letter was sent on June 17<sup>th</sup> to the owner of the Silk House addressing the vermin issue. If this issue was not taken care of, a second would be mailed in 30 days. Judy asked if the Tavern was authorized to replace the front door. Scott said the original door was taken down temporarily to be repaired. A letter will be sent to the owner of the tavern to finish the siding on the south side of the building and paint the entire building.

**Cemetery Board:**

None.

**Solicitor Report:**

None.

**Additions & Corrections:**

Joe stated he read in the Bargain Hunter that Bolivar would renew their contract with the Volunteer Energy Services. He stated the rates that Bolivar would receive are lower than the rates they are paying now. He contacted Volunteer Energy Services and the Village does qualify for the program. Glen Dempsey is the representative for Lawrence Twp. Joe said if council would like, Glen is willing to attend the next council meeting to answer any questions. David stated that Lawrence Twp would opt in this December. Judy asked if residents would be required to participate. Scott said it is optional.

**Mayor's Notes:**

Army Corps – The Corps held a virtual public meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Scott stated the legal descriptions of parcels was not yet completed but should be finished by the Village's next council meeting.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money – The village was originally eligible to receive \$32,000. However, the State reduced the amount y almost half to allow Townships to also participate in the program. There are four categories for qualification. The village may be eligible for only one of those categories which is water, sewer and broadband. Scott received notice from Office of Budget and Management that the application portal will be available soon.

Feasibility Study to sewer Cherry Hill – Scott met with Mike Jones, County Water & Sewer Superintendent, to discuss the possibility of extending sewers to Cherry Hill. Since Cherry Hill has three political jurisdictions (Lawrence Twp., Sandy Twp., Village of Zoar) Scott will send letters to each.

North County Trail Group – A five-member crew of the local chapter (Lisbon, OH) visited Zoar to maintain the primitive camp site. The area was cleaned up and looked very nice. The Scout Master from Malvern said the scouts would periodically check on the site and do any maintenance needed.

Tuscazoar 100 mile run – This will take place Labor Day weekend. Scott was contacted by Eric Wittington. Eric will provide the insurance policy, approval from Wetlands and from the Army Corps. A motion to approve the run was made by Joe and seconded by Gayle. Roll Call: All yes

**Ordinance 2021-10:** Move money - Motion to suspend the rules and regulations made by Judy/Joe. Roll Call: All yes. Motion to pass as an emergency was made by Tom/Judy. Roll Call: All yes. Ordinance passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm was made by Judy and seconded by Tom.

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Heather Lehmilller, Fiscal Officer

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Scott Gordon, Mayor

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