

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
August 10th, 2021

The Zoar Village regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Gordon at 6:00 pm. 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 7/13/21 regular meeting minutes made by Mark and seconded by Gayle. Roll Call: All yes.

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

AEP	245.04	Street Lighting July
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary August
Heather Lehmilller	450.00	Salary August
OPERS	108.00	Pynt August
Village of Bolivar	679.00	Police Protection July
Eddy's Convenient Lawncare	750.00	Mowing – July
Auditor of State	20.50	Basic Audit 0.50 hour
FIA Card Services	56.00	PO Box annual renewal fee
Wex Bank	82.00	Fuel Village truck
Heather Lehmilller	240.18	Reimbursement for security cameras
Harold Raines	375.00	3 cremations

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

Public Speaks:

None.

Fiscal:

Heather said the state auditor had 3 findings for the 2019-2020 audit and the final report would be emailed to Mayor Gordon and all council members.

Street Committee:

David stated that 1st Street parking lot had trees trimmed and was cleaned up. He also put asphalt patch down on Michael Ln. David also said one of the culverts on 2nd Street needs repaired and also flushed. Scott said the catch basin behind Donnie's Tavern and in front of the Post Office was cleaned out by Ace Rotojet. David said that needs investigated because if it backs up in the basement of the Tavern that maybe something is being put down the drains that isn't supposed to be. Scott stated it was a mild emergency. Judy said the street light is out across from the house on 6th Street and Park. David said he will look into it. Tom said the electric company will fix the light if someone would call and give them the tag number that is located on the pole.

Safety Committee:

Tom stated the cameras came in. Two of the cameras were installed in the south side of town and were currently working well. Tom also said Jeff Sterns would address the traffic issues talked about at the July meeting. Jeff stated he was still working out the details with Bolivar council and should have an update by next council meeting. Jeff also said the Harvest Festival went well. Jeff is also going to inform the Sherriff's office and the State Highway Patrol about the installation of the two cameras within the village. Judy asked about the installation of the remaining two cameras. Tom stated he will monitor the two cameras that are already installed and determine where the last two will be posted in the future.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

Scott said one new building permit was approved for a sign at the B&B at 126 Park Street. There are also a number of zoning violations to be addressed.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

Doug stated surveys were sent to the Tuscarawas County Map Office and petitions were sent for land owners to sign. In order to pass Ordinance 2021-11, the petition needs three signatures. As soon as he receives the petitions and the plat the Ordinance can be passed. If he does not receive the petitions the process may take another month or two. Doug said council can do a 1st reading by title only.

Additions & Corrections:

None.

There was a discussion about Ordinance 2021-13. Scott informed council the first half ARPA funds would be about \$9,418.00 and the second half would be deposited next year for about the same amount. Gayle asked if Sandy Township had responded to acknowledging the feasibility study. Scott said he had not heard from them at that time. Gayle suggested council approve a petition or a letter to the residents on Cherry Hill to measure any interest they may have in a feasibility study. David said he would like to have more discussions on the feasibility study. He also asked how the cost of the sewer system would affect others in the village. Scott said the residents in the village would not be affected, only the residents of Cherry Hill. Scott explained there is one system failing and others may be marginal. David stated that particular resident is currently having more than one problem with the failing septic system. Doug suggested doing a survey of the residents interests then vote on conducting the feasibility study at a later date. David said he would like to see a range of the cost. Judy asked if part of the funds could be used to trim trees within the village. Scott said no. Judy explained she has received many complaints about the trees blocking sightlines on the roads. David and Scott stated they are working on trimming the hanging limbs throughout the village. All Councilmembers were in agreement to send a letter to the residents of Cherry Hill inquiring their interest in becoming part of the village sewer system.

Judy stated there was a rodent problem behind the Zoar Bakery. Tom stated he will look into it. Tom stated he and Scott looked into the rodent problem at the Silk house. Scott said the owners of the Silk House were sent a zoning letter 30 days ago but didn't respond as of yet. A second notice would be sent for immediate remediation.

Joe said the energy aggregation company would be sending out a letter to the residents. Bolivar is renewing their service with the energy program through the entire township. Residents of Zoar can opt in if they would like to.

Judy asked if council would like to send a letter to the Post Office regarding the holes in the parking lot. The Bolivar Post Master has been made aware of the situation and will have it taken care of.

Mayor's Notes:

Army Corps: The Corps held a virtual public update meeting on July 29th. The Arch/Goephys field work will be completed by mid-August. The contract submittals for the levee construction are being evaluated. Two submittals have been reviewed and approved to date. The contractor is currently working with village residents to schedule a pre-construction property survey. The land leased by the village from the Army Corps (the parking lot and ball field areas) requires submitting an annual *management plan and certification* form. The required form was submitted on July 21st.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds (Cherry Hill sewer feasibility study):

A letter was sent to Mike Jones, Director, Tusc Co Metro Sewer District, on July 19th requesting that a feasibility study be undertaken to provide sewer service to the residents of Cherry Hill. I also copied the letter to both Lawrence and Sandy Twp Trustees. Mike is reviewing the request with the County Commissioners. Lawrence Twp Trustees were in favor of doing the study. Scott had not heard any feedback yet from Sandy Twp. The deadline for the village to request the ARPA money is September 4th. Half of the money (\$9,000) will be available immediately and the remaining half next year. Heather will set up the account and we will submit the request.

Village road damage due to SR 800 construction by-pass on SR 212:

A letter was sent to the ODOT District Director requesting that ODOT repair the damage done to SR 212 in the village. The heavy construction trucks coming through the village caused new dips in previous road repairs (done years ago) that are now causing vibration damage to several historic homes along Main Street. The dips are at 2nd, 3rd and 7th Streets. Two ODOT engineers visited the village to inspect the damage on August 2nd. Present were

David Irwin, Rick Geis, Paul and Sandy Worley, and Scott. We recommended that the entire intersection of 2nd Street and SR 212 be milled and resurfaced. I also gave the ODOT representatives a copy of an agreement that Council signed from ODOT that specifically states that ODOT will “maintain the detour and return it to the Village of Zoar in as good condition as it was prior to the detour.” The ODOT representatives were not actually aware of this agreement and said that they will review our request.

Tuscazoar 100 mi run: Scott received a copy of the requested insurance policy and confirmation of approvals from the Army Corps and the Wetlands Arboretum from Eric Whittington. Eric said they are expecting 300-350 runners this year. The race is scheduled for Labor Day weekend as before.

Ordinance 2021-11: Vacating West Street - 1st Reading by Title Only.

Ordinance 2021-12: Accepting Budget Commission - 1st Reading by Title Only.

Ordinance 2021-13: Requesting ARPA Funds – 1st Reading by Title Only.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46pm was made by Gayle and seconded by Tom.

Heather Lehmilller, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____