

## ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Zoar Village regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Gordon at 6:00 pm. Scott announced that Heather Lehmillier (Fiscal Officer) and Lori Feeney (Bargain Hunter) are both under the weather and would not be attending tonight. Also, Joe is teaching at Buckeye tonight and will not be attending.

Also present were: Doug Frautschy – Village Solicitor  
Barb Limbacher – Times Reporter  
Jeff Stern – Bolivar Police Officer

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

Motion to approve the 8/10/21 regular meeting minutes made by Gayle and seconded by David. Roll Call: All yes.  
Motion to approve the 8/26/21 special meeting minutes was made by Mark and seconded by Judy. Roll Call: All yes.

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

AEP	251.34	Street Lighting August
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary September
Heather Lehmillier	450.00	Salary September
OPERS	108.00	Pynt September
Village of Bolivar	777.00	Police Protection August
Eddy's Convenient Lawncare	750.00	Mowing – August
Auditor of State	588.70	Basic Audit & UAN 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr Fees
FIA Card Services	182.39	Misc. Supplies
Haueter Landscaping	375.00	Grave open/close-Adamson

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

### Public Speaks:

Jim Beam, a village resident from Cherry Hill, asked several questions about the possibility of providing County sewer service to Cherry Hill residents. He asked where the line would go and how much it would cost residents. Scott responded that the feasibility study would look at several possible options and would answer both of these questions. Jim stated that he did receive the letter from the village and was in favor of doing the study. Jim mentioned about subdividing his property. Doug responded that both the Cherry Hill Association and the village zoning ordinance would have to be followed.

### Fiscal:

None.

### Street Committee:

David requested \$10 to have a street number sign made that would identify the town garage. He also requested \$200 for servicing the village truck. Motion to approve a max of \$210 made by Gayle/Mark; all yes. David mentioned that the two storm sewer grates along 1st Street are being remade by Buckeye, but he is uncertain of the time it will take.

### Safety Committee:

Tom reported on the dog incident that occurred near the Sewing House when a neighbor's dog broke loose and started attacking a small dog that was with a lady in front of the Zoar Stars Gift Shop. A complaint was made to the County Dog Warden and the Warden follow-up with the owner with a verbal warning. The Warden confirmed that the dog was properly licensed and a heavier duty chain was now being used. There was discussion on the need for additional village action to avoid a future incident that could result in a potential serious safety concern. Doug mentioned possible coverage of the issue in the ORC. Tom will check with the Warden to see how other towns are handling this issue.

**Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:**

Scott reported that the PC and HPC held a joint meeting on September 13th. Everyone should be aware that there are currently three historic homes in the village that may be auctioned. Scott noted that he sent a letter to three area auction houses requesting that they advise any potential buyers that the village has both a Zoning Ordinance and a Historic Preservation Ordinance that must be followed to preserve the historic heritage of the village.

**Cemetery Board:**

None.

**Solicitor Report:**

Doug reported that the Army Corps has made all the corrections to the plats and submitted them to the County Map Office. He advised the Corps that the approved plats and petition need to be approved before Council can pass the final ordinance to vacate West Street.

**Additions & Corrections:**

None.

**Mayor's Notes:**

Army Corps Update: The Corps held a virtual project update meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. A contractor plans to ring construction equipment in next week to the area near the levee behind the 1<sup>st</sup> Street parking lot. They will start on the interceptor trench demolition test work after the Civil War event. This will include vibration monitoring. Construction on the levee will start once the test results are approved. A second draft of the archaeological report was issued with a 30-day comment period. The report was very similar to the original draft management summary and there is nothing that Scott can see that the village needs to comment on. The pre-construction survey of homes and other structures in the area of potential impacts was completed by DRG Enterprise Consultants. The Corps has just completed the corrections required by the County Map Office for the Survey Plats to vacate West Street.

Village Tree Work: There was discussion on whether some of the trees were on village or OHC property. Scott will check with ZCA and coordinate any work together. Scott will also ask the Shade Tree Commission to review the tree status and make any additional recommendations. There are a number of trees in the village that need attention. Scott received an estimate from Anywhere Tree Service but will get another and will review with the Shade tree Commission. Some of the older crab apple trees have lost a lot of leaves already. Gooding's Nursery said the cause is apple scab (a fungus) that had favorable conditions this year. The trees will not die, but will look bad with no leaves. Anywhere Tree Service estimated cost is as follows: a) Clean up wind damage from a large Hemlock in the back of the cemetery and remove a low hanging limb over Bimeler's gravestone: \$650; b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – trim up the low hanging limbs on the Catalpa Trees in the village right-of-way near Gail Garbrandt's house: \$400; c) Remove several limbs from a tree along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street across from the Zoar Garden that are hanging over the Magazine building roof: \$250; d) Remove the dead branches from the crab apple trees by the School House and completely remove the one tree near 5<sup>th</sup> Street that is dead: \$500; e) Remove the large dead Hemlock in back of the Sewing House: \$2,000.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): The village received notice that the ARPA grant award was approved for \$9,322.85. A letter was sent to Cherry Hill residents to determine their interest in doing a feasibility study for possibly providing sewer service to the area.

ODOT Repairs on Main Street: Repair work will be done soon. Scott advised them not to do the work during the Civil War event.

**Recreational Marijuana:**

Scott advised Council about the movement in Ohio to legalize the recreational use of marijuana. This could possibly be on the ballot in 2022. An excellent presentation was made at the recent Mayor's Meeting by Kerry Metzger and Jodi Salvo from the Tuscarawas County Drug Coalition. Scott will ask the Township Trustees to possibly schedule a joint future presentation that could be attended by all the officials in the Township including Bolivar and Zoar.

**Ordinance 2021-11:** Vacating West Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading by Title Only.

**Ordinance 2021-12:** Accepting Budget Commission – Passed as an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules and regulations made by Judy/Mark. Roll Call: All yes. Motion to pass as an emergency made by Judy/Mark. Roll Call: All yes. Ordinance passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm was made by Judy and seconded by Gayle.

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Heather Lehmilller, Fiscal Officer

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Scott Gordon, Mayor

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