

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING November 9th, 2021

The Zoar Village regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Gordon at 6:00 pm. Also present were: Doug Frautschy, Barb Limbacher, Patty Smith, Lori Feeney, Alex Thomas, Jon Elsasser, Robert Bond (Army Corps)

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

Motion to approve the 10/12/21 regular meeting minutes made by Judy and seconded by Gayle . Roll Call: All yes.

The following bills were presented for signature to be paid in November 2021:

AEP	251.34	Street Lighting Oct
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary Nov
Heather Lehmilller	450.00	Salary Nov
OPERS	108.00	Pymt Nov
Village of Bolivar	1281.00	Police Prot. Sept & Oct
Unemployment State of Ohio	50.00	3 rd Qtr Pymnt
FIA Card Services	5.50	Envelope Printing
Hauter Landscaping	375.00	Grave open/close
Bolivar VFD	9490.00	2 nd half Levy monies
Eddy's Convenient Lawncare	1125.00	Regular & ½ month
Harold Raines	525.00	2 vault/1 cremation

Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial statements and pay the monthly bills for November was made by Gayle and seconded by David. Roll Call: All yes.

Public Speaks:

None.

Fiscal:

None.

Street Committee:

David would like to purchase a few cones and a vest with the PEP Insurance Grant totaling \$162.40. Scott asked David if he was also going to purchase some signs. David stated he would do that after paying the expenses to repair the sliding board. He also put together a list for the signage needed around the village totaling \$632.80. David asked council for a total of \$800 to purchase cones, vests, signs, etc. Motion to approve was made by Tom/Gayle. All yes. Judy stated residents have expressed a need for a stop sign at the end of the alley between 2nd and 3rd streets. David said there are no stop signs on any village alley. Scott asked for the Bolivar Police to review.

Safety Committee:

Tom introduced Alex Thomas, a new full-time police officer with Bolivar. It was also reported that the Bolivar Fire Dept had received grant monies to purchase 3 new life packs and monitoring equipment. Tom also said Gayle was able to virtually attend the County hazard mitigation plan review for 2022. Scott explained a representative from the village must participate in order for the village to qualify for any FEMA disaster relief funds. Judy asked Tom if he had an update on the cameras. He said he is still learning all the ins and outs of the system.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

Scott stated HPC had discussed in their meeting how to give better guidance and improve on giving information for permits, building guidelines, etc. In several situations, permits are approved then it is realized the equipment/trucks are over road weight limits. Scott would like Planning Commission to discuss amending the zoning ordinance to require a bond by the owner to repair any street damage. Scott said the village has a 10k weight limit on the streets. David asked about the rear property wall project at 390 Michael Ln and was concerned about run-off water going onto neighboring properties. Scott said the village Zoning Inspector is monitoring the project. Jon Elsasser said that ZCA is now handing out new resident packets. He would like the Village to include information explaining the requirements for the zoning ordinances, building guidelines, garbage pickup, Post Office Boxes, etc. Scott said the Planning Commission will discuss.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

Robert Bond was present. Doug said everything was in order and the Ordinance for vacating the streets is ready to be voted on. Robert requested a copy of the Ordinance for his records. Doug said he would email him the copy.

Additions & Corrections:

Tax Levy Distribution – Resolution 22-21 – Motion to suspend the rules and regulations was made by Gayle and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: 4-yes, Judy abstained. The motion failed. Scott announced that a special council meeting would be called at a later date.

Donation to the Twp compost program – Scott stated the village has donated \$500 in years past. David asked how the program is funded. Scott stated a large percent is from the Tri-County system. He also said both Zoar and Bolivar have both donated to this program because it is a good way for the residents to dispose of limbs, grass and leaves. Motion to approve the \$500 donation was made by Judy and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: All yes.

Haueter Landscaping – Scott announced the village received a letter from Haueter Landscaping saying they will be retiring as of December 31st, 2021. Scott told Mark he would defer to the cemetery committee in finding a new company to contract with for grave openings and closings. Anyone interested should contact Mark Gaynor or Scott Gordon. Gayle mentioned to Mark that Liz Herman works for a company who is capable of taking on the task. Mark said he will look into it. Scott said the current excavator payment approved for a vault burial is \$375 weekdays and \$500 for weekends and weekdays after 4 p.m.

Mayor's Notes:

1. Army Corps – A public project update meeting was held on 10/28/21.

- The field test work for the trench was completed – awaiting final report with testing results. The vibration testing during the field work was also completed – awaiting final report.

- The Ohio State Historic Preservation Office requested that two additional areas (a cellar behind the Cow Barn and an anomaly near the Sewing House parking lot) be added to the areas that will be clearly marked on the surface and avoided. They also requested that a 1967 aerial photo be added to the final archaeological report which shows several structures on the Sewing House lot that no longer exists.

-The next field work will be the removal of pavement and 6-inches of top soil from the project work area.

2. North Country Trail – Scott attended a meeting at the Zoar School House on October 14th with representatives of the North Country Trail and the County Parks Department. The North Country Trail Association would like to secure right-of-ways (or other options) to get more of the trail off-road. They are especially interested in connecting the Lime Kiln campsite to trails going northeast into Stark County. After looking at maps the County advised them to discuss possibilities with the MCWD, the Army Corps, and Stark County Parks. There may also be abandoned rail lines to consider.

3. Cherry Hill Sewer Feasibility Study – Scott sent the comments received from the village to the Township Trustees and Mike Jones (County Water & Sewer). The Township is sending Scott the comments they received and plan to discuss at the next Twp meeting on November 11th.

4. Fiscal Officer – Patty has agreed to be reinstated as the village Fiscal Officer effective at the first of the year. Funds have already been approved for Patty to assist Heather in closing the books for this year.

Motion to reinstate Patty Smith as Fiscal Officer starting January 2nd, 2022 was made by Mark and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: All yes.

5. Halloween – Scott gave a big thanks to ZCA's for the trick-or-trick event in the Zoar Garden. It was a great success! Scott stated last year there were 21 kids compared to this year there was well over 200 and it was great to see all the kids having fun and using the Garden since it is a very safe place to have such an event. Scott also did some of the judging and it was really a hard job – but fun. Scott also thanked the Bolivar Fire Department and the homes that gave out treats.

Gayle Garbrandt, a Zoar resident, raised concerned about the parking situation at the Zoar Post Office. She said when she stopped to go in and get her mail; the parking lot was full of customers for Donnie's Tavern. Judy asked if there was a plan for parking within the village for Christmas in Zoar. Scott said he has given permission to use the field behind his barn if needed.

Ordinance 2021-11: Vacate West Street – 4th & Final. Motion to pass was made by Judy and seconded by Tom.

Roll Call: All yes.

Ordinance 2021-14: Temporary Appropriations – 2nd Reading.

Ordinance 2021-16: Public Defender - Motion to suspend the rules and regulations to pay \$300 per case was made by Gayle and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: All yes. Motion to pass as an emergency to pay \$300 per case was made by Gayle and seconded by Mark. Roll Call: All yes.

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

Heather Lehmler, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____