

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
October 12th, 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) is still under the weather and would not be attending the meeting again.

Also present were: Doug Frautschy, Barb Limbacher, Patty Smith, Lorie Feeny, Jeff Sterns, Paul Ruckford (late).

Roll Call	David Irwin	Present (6:05)	Judy Meiser	Present
	Tom Klingaman	Present	Gayle Potelicki	Present
	Joe Potelicki	Present	Mark Gaynor	Present

Motion to approve the 9/14/21 regular meeting minutes made by Gayle and seconded by Judy. Roll Call: 5 yes – Joe abstained (was absent September meeting).

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

AEP	251.34	Street Lighting Sept
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary Oct
Heather Lehmillier	450.00	Salary Oct
OPERS	108.00	Pynt Oct
Bolivar Service Center	67.80	Village truck service
Wex Bank	19.25	Fuel
Todds signs	10.00	Sign for garage
Ohio Treasurer of State	8.94	3 rd Qtr taxes
Doug Frautschy	400.00	3 rd Qtr fees
Mayors Assoc. of Ohio	50.00	2021 Membership fees
FIA Card Services	113.55	Mayor/Street supplies
Heather Lehmillier	27.74	Repymnt for camera cords

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

Public Speaks:

None.

Fiscal:

None.

Street Committee:

David stated the slide is currently at Buckeye Career Center for modifications. He also had the grates fixed for 1st & Park and will be installed later that week.

Safety Committee:

Tom did not have anything to report. Jeff said Bolivar police would be patrolling on the 23rd for trick or treat.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

Planning Commission is considering building codes and will discuss more in depth at the next meeting. The coffee shop is going to modify their signs.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

None.

Additions & Corrections:

None.

Mayor's Notes:

Army Corps – They mobilized the site right after the Civil War event and things went very well. There were some hesitations in terms of where to park. Scott received a phone call from a resident about the Army Corps driving on certain streets in the village. The Army Corps acted right away and worked things out immediately. No other major incidents have happened thus far. Scott met the onsite manager and is very pleased with the way the project is moving forward to not disrupt the town. The Army Corps has completed the three tests and are waiting for the cure test which takes 28 days. Results will determine which test they want to use to complete the trench.

Vacate West Street – Scott stated since he and Doug did not receive all the paperwork, a special meeting may have to be called at a later date.

Village tree work – Scott received a quote from Anywhere Tree Service of \$1,800. and Tri-State Tree Service of \$2,350. for 4 items (cemetery \$650., 2nd street \$400., magazine \$250. and Schoolhouse \$500.). The large hemlock tree behind the sewing house was quoted by Anywhere Tree Service of \$2,000. and Tri-State Tree Service of \$1,500. David said he went to the courthouse and the hemlock is on OHC property. Judy said she thought OHC would cover the cost of the tree work on their property. Scott agreed. David said he didn't feel that the tree by the magazine was to important. Scott said the limb needed to be taken care of to prevent future damage to the roof of the magazine. Scott also noted he had Tri-State Tree Service take a look at the brush pile on the Knutty property and he gave a quote of \$800 to clean it up with a dumpster. Judy suggested to send a letter to Tara Timberlake to get that cleaned up. A Motion to approve Anywhere Tree Service for the 4 items at \$1,800 was made by Joe and seconded by Tom. Roll Call: All yes.

ARPA Funds – Scott stated the village received the first payment in the amount of \$9322.85. They also changed the first reporting date from October 2021 to April 2022. The village received 2 written and 5 verbal responses on the issue of the Cherry Hill sewer system. Scott has not yet contacted Lawrence and Sandy Townships to hear any responses they may have received since the letters were mailed. He also said there is no obligation to spend the funds on the sewer system. Some of the residents of Cherry Hill have more concerns about the storm water issue along Michael Lane. Scott thought that could also be something to take a look at.

Village Property Auctions & Parking Concerns – Scott sent letters to each of the major auction houses advising them of the zoning and historic preservation ordinances that are very important to the Village. The first auction is going to be held on the 18th. He also said if the owner has permission from the neighbor to park in their yard, that is acceptable. However, it would be a safety issue if cars would park on both sides of the narrow streets. Another parking dilemma was also all of the students from surrounding schools taking homecoming/prom pictures in the village. The Army Corps has taken up a lot of parking spaces within the village as well. Overall, Scott said it is great to have people visit the village.

Paul Ruckford asked what council planned to do about the sewer system on Cherry Hill. Scott recapped the discussion he and council had earlier in this meeting. Paul said he would rather keep his septic system and not be tied into a sewer system.

Scott suggested a better form of communication between council members and the fiscal officer such as a dropbox at the village garage. It would be a locked box that the fiscal officer and council members could drop off receipts, meeting packets, etc. Scott believes that would be a more professional option and would alleviate confusion of when everyone would be home. Judy suggested to locate it at Town Hall. Scott stated the garage location would be safer in terms of parking and accessibility. David said he wouldn't want to see something like that hanging off of the garage and said the tree would also need to be cut down. Judy asked if it would be free of snow on the garage. Scott told Council to think about an alternative and discuss it at the next meeting.

Halloween Event – Will be held by ZCA on October 23rd from 3pm to 5pm to include costume judging. Residents are asked to turn their lights on. Scott said most of the surrounding towns will hold trick or treat from 5pm to 7pm on Halloween.

Scott appointed Tom and Gayle as a committee to start the search for another fiscal officer. Heather has sent all of council her resignation. She will stay on through year end.

Scott asked Council to extend the mowing contract for 2 weeks with the option for 1 additional week since the grass is still growing. Judy suggested to extend it for 2 weeks and revisit at next council meeting. Motion to extend the mowing contract for 2 weeks with option of 1 additional week was made by Gayle and seconded Joe. Roll Call: All yes.

Ordinance 2021-11: Vacating West Street – 3rd Reading, Not final.

Ordinance 2021-14: Temporary Appropriations – 1st Reading by title only

Ordinance 2021-15: Increase Appropriations - A motion to suspend the rules and regulations Mark/Tom. Roll Call: All Yes. A motion to pass as an emergency Mark/Tom. Roll Call: All Yes.

Ordinance 2021-16: Public Defender – 1st Reading. Council will read and discuss at next meeting.

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

Heather Lehmler, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____