

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 2022

The Zoar Village regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Gordon at 6:13 pm.

Roll Call:

David Irwin	Absent	Mark Gaynor	Present
Tom Klingaman	Present	Kim Klingaman	Present
Gayle Potelicki	Present	Joe Potelicki	Present

A motion to approve the 12/14/21 regular meeting minutes was made by Tom and seconded by Joe. Roll Call: All yes.

The following bills were presented for signature to be paid in January 2022:

AEP	386.45	Street Lighting
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary Jan
Patty Smith	450.00	Salary Jan
OPERS	108.00	January
Village of Bolivar	448.00	Police Protection December
FIA Card Services	170.13	Gravel, hardware, Webstarts
OMCA	55.00	FO Membership Fee
Treasurer, State of Ohio	8.94	4 th Quarter State taxes
United States Treasurer	672.24	Annual IRS 944 Filing
Ace Rotorjet	450.00	Storm drain cleaning

Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial statements and pay the monthly bills for January was made by Kim and seconded by Mark. Roll Call: All yes.

Public Speaks:

Patrick Martinez briefed council on the 2021 report from the Bolivar Volunteer Fire Department. He said there were 964 total Fire and EMS calls. Bolivar VFD continues to their commitment to provide the highest level of service to the community. Patrick stated the Village of Bolivar, Lawrence Township, and the Village of Zoar were well covered by the Bolivar VFD.

Patrick reported the department will be getting a new ambulance in 2022. Delivery has been pushed back because of supply chain issues, but it is anticipated to be placed into service by March. The department is also looking into replacing the 1993 ladder truck and the 1998 fire engine with a combination truck know as a quint.

The BVFD now has a certified car seat technician through the Safe Kids program. The technician will inspect the car seat, ensure there are not recalls and that it is installed properly, and educate parents on proper installation.

Fiscal:

Patty said she will need the Huntington Bank Depository Agreement passed as an emergency at tonight's meeting as well as a first reading on Permanent Appropriations for 2022.

Street Committee:

Scott said with David under the weather a bit, he and Tom will keep a close watch on the snow storm heading our way. They will call Donnie Ackerman if needed and ask Patrick Eddy to help.

Safety Committee:

Tom gave Patty the copy of the 2021 Bolivar VFD report and asked that she get copies to all of council.

Tom talked about the trip hazards on the sidewalks around the Village. He said there are several areas that will need to be built up with stone to alleviate the tripping hazard prior to tourist season. One specific area mentioned was in front of the Cobbler House.

The Safety Committee completed updates for the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The county will now draft the plan for all to review.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

Scott reported there are no new projects. The last scheduled meeting was cancelled due to COVID related issues.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

Doug finalized the street vacating documents and filed them at the county courthouse.

Mayor's Notes:

Scott presented council with a flow chart streamlining the permit process for both committee and applicants. David Hayes, Zoning Official voiced concern as to who is approving the permits and who cannot. He said he does not see where the authority to issue a permit is defined in the chart. Doug stated the chart basically has the Zoning Official as a clerical processor of the permits who ensures they are complete but cannot approve, rather all permits will have to go through Planning Commission or the Historic Preservation Commission. Further discussion on the process will go to the Planning Commission.

There is not a lot to report as not much has changed with the USACE. Scott said there will be no January meeting and hopefully at the February meeting the test results for the test trench will be available.

Scott said the US Treasury released the final rule on the use of state and local fiscal recovery funds.

Tuscarawas Art Partnership (TAP) Project – A County-wide art project is being proposed to increase tourism and to showcase the uniqueness of each town. Being proposed is a 4-foot high sculpture in the shape of the County that would be decorated (paint or other art media) by each town to highlight unique features. These would be placed on the County Court House steps for visitors to view and select towns or events of interest that they would like to visit. Wilma Mullet, TAP Executive Director, is planning to be at the January Mayor's meeting to give an update. The only planned cost to towns is a pedestal that the sculpture would set on.

2020 Census – The official 2020 census population count for the village is 172. The official count in 2010 was 169.

Ordinance 2022-1: Permanent Appropriations 2022. First reading.

Ordinance 2022-2: Depository Agreement with Huntington Bank. Motion to suspend rules and regulations made by Gayle and seconded by Joe. Roll Call: All yes. Motion to pass as an emergency made by Kim and seconded by Joe. Roll Call: All yes. Ordinance passed.

Tom made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with the fire station. Roll Call: All yes.

Kim made a motion to come out of executive session and it was seconded by Joe. Roll Call: All yes. No action was taken.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm was made by Gayle and seconded by Mark.

Patty Smith, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____