

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 2022

The Zoar Village regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Gordon at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call:

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

A motion to approve the 2/8/22 regular meeting minutes was made by Mark and seconded by Gayle. Roll Call: All yes.

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

AEP	371.54	Street Lighting
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary March
Patty Smith	450.00	Salary March
OPERS	108.00	March
Village of Bolivar	553.00	Police Protection January
Wex Bank	101.97	Fuel Village Truck
Doug Frautschy	400.00	1 st Quarter Solicitor
Doug Frautschy	180.00	Summary Judgement review
CNA Surety	100.00	Fiscal Officer Bond
Tusc Co EMA	43.00	2022 Contract Agreement Fee
New Phila Muni Court	3.30	2022 Fees Law Library

CANCEL/HOLD CHECK FOR DOUG FRAUTSCHY: Question if PEP will pay summary judgement review.

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

Public Speaks:

Gail Garbrandt requested status on the Historic Preservation Plaques. Scott said there is a meeting this Thursday to discuss the plaques with Diane Geis handling the matter. Scott will get the information to Gail when it is available. Gail said she believes there are 2 options for the plaques and grant money may be available through the Ohio Historic Connection.

Gail thanked Council and the Mayor for the committee meetings to discuss and resolve the street issues within the Village. She also suggested that council may want to see if the USACE will restore some of the streets to a better standard after using them for the levee project.

Fiscal:

Patty advised council that there is talk about possibly forgiving some of the gas tax to assist the consumer at the pump. Nothing has been decided and there are arguments on both sides. No decision has been made—merely talk at this point and something to watch.

The Village will receive \$37.22 in additional ARPA funds.

Sam.gov for the Village has Mayor Gordon as the administrator. He will have to do the reporting on the APRA funds for the Village. Patty suggested he make sure the link to the Treasury Department is working so the reporting can be timely.

Permanent Appropriations will have a third and final reading this evening. The only change Patty noted when given to council in January was the addition of \$3200 in the General Fund to support the Trail Connection the Mayor will be proposing to council soon. Total Permanent Appropriations 2022 for the Village are:

General Fund \$54,840
Street Fund \$63,250
State Hwy Fund \$10,500
Cemetery Fund \$6,000
Long Term Cemetery Maintenance Fund \$2,000
ARPA \$18,646.27
Fire Protection \$20,590
Police Protection \$10,600
PEP Grant \$2,000
Cemetery Endowment \$2,000
Total: \$190,426.27

Street Committee:

David has scheduled a meeting to walk the Village with a contractor to obtain bids for drainage repairs. He plans to bring the bids to the April council meeting.

David continues to expand the bids for asphalt paving 2022. He said he would like to include some of 2nd Street if the funds allow.

David noted that the catch basin at the Post Office will need to be replaced.

Council discussed the possibility of detaching part of Dover Zoar road to the County Engineer department. Scott and David said the county is not taking care of the road and the Village cannot with limited budgets. David stated the road is slipping in places and the guard rail needs repair. Scott stated a survey will need to be done to begin the detaching process. He said the road will likely not survive another season. Scott had also talked with the Army Corps, Eric Downing, about the road detachment. David requested he also ask the USACE personnel working on the levee project about the storm water running down the levee near the intersection of SR 212 and Dover-Zoar road. He said it is crumbling and the soil at the top is eroding badly. Scott already talked with the USACE (Dover Dam office) about the condition of the road and they are aware of the area.

Safety Committee:

Tom conducted a walk through the Village with Joe Brown concerning the condition of the sidewalks.

Jeff Stearns reported a lot of concern about speeding on 2nd street. He asked if council would like patrol increased or if they would prefer the officers focus more on 2nd street with the time they are allotted currently. Council agreed to stay within the current patrol hours but to focus more on 2nd street. Gayle asked that Jeff report back to council at the next council meeting if he feels the problem warrants additional patrol hours. Scott noted the speed limits drops from 35 to 25 when entering the Village before the Cider Mill.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

Planning Commission is involved with a number of ordinance revisions. They are currently re-doing the permitting process incorporating a new description of the Zoning Officer who will have the authority to enforce the zoning and preservation codes.

Gayle requested the ordinance requiring the Mayor and a council member to be on the Historic Preservation Commission be re-written to state the Mayor or a Council member can be on the commission but it is not required.

Scott stated a review of the changes at the Coffee Shop is on hold as the business is on the market for sale. The owners reportedly will be moving soon whether the property sells or not. The Conditional Use Permit currently in place will need to be re-applied for with new owners.

All proposed ordinance changes will be presented to council when finalized. A public hearing will also be scheduled.

Gayle requested that all new ordinances be written by the Village Solicitor. The Solicitor charges \$45 per ordinance and should be writing the laws this council is passing into legislation. Patty said she does not feel it is fair to ask Doug to review an ordinance he did not prepare. Gayle stated she would like to see the solicitor write all new ordinances for the Village.

Doug said council can present him with the changes and he can review the changes.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

None

Mayor's Notes:

USACE will be on site this month. They will be moving a gas line at the end of 1st Street. They will also be installing a banner on the fence letting people know the Village is open for business.

ARPA final rules go into effect/official final form on 4/11/2022. Scott listened to a webinar concerning the use of funds and said it was difficult to pin down whether the projects the Village has considered are within the guidelines. Patty stated the Village can report a loss of revenue to satisfy the reporting requirements. The funds then can be used for a variety of programs. She said the options are pretty wide open.

Scott said various Village roadways are a complex issue with a lot of different situations. Some are vacated, some are dead ended. He feels each situation will need to be looked at as it exists before decisions can be made. All streets going toward the levee were dead ended when the levee was built. Scott stated he found when searching the Village records that if a street was vacated an Ordinance does exist. Scott called for a work session of council on March 21st at 6pm to pull all the information together on the status of the streets and work toward a solution and decision as to what to do with each situation.

Scott sent all of council the Health Departments rules on mosquito spraying. The Village is signed up for spraying for 2022. The Health Department will not spray just because of complaints that the mosquitos are bad. They deem spraying is necessary when a health concern is known to be present or the specific count of mosquitos is exceeded.

Trail group information will be presented at the April regular council meeting.

Ordinance 2022-1: Permanent Appropriations 2022. Third and final reading. Motion to Amend Ordinance into final form with the additional trail funds was made by David and seconded by Kim. RC: All yes. Motion to pass Permanent Appropriations made by David and seconded by Mark. RC: All yes.

Ordinance 2022-3: Fire/EMS contract between Lawrence Township and the Villages of Zoar and Bolivar. 2nd reading.

A motion to renew Harold Raines contract (**Ordinance 2020-4**) with the following changes: Excavator change to Jones Elite Excavating and Hauling LLC, and an increase in cost of cremation burial if urns >1 foot in diameter or frozen winter conditions. Motion made by Gayle and seconded by Kim. RC: All yes.

Ordinance 2022-4: An ordinance to retain the services of Jones Elite Excavating LLC for grave opening and closing at the Zoar Cemetery. Motion to suspend the rules and regulations was made by David and seconded by Kim. RC: All yes. Motion to pass as an emergency was made by David and seconded by Kim. RC: All yes.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kim and seconded by Gayle.

Patty Smith, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____