

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
February 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	Present

A motion to approve the 1/11/22 regular meeting minutes was made by Gayle and seconded by Kim. Roll Call: All yes.

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

AEP	384.51	Street Lighting
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary Feb
Patty Smith	450.00	Salary Feb
OPERS	108.00	February
Village of Bolivar	679.00	Police Protection January
FIA Card Services	524.60	US Safety Gear, Summers Rubber Staples, GoDaddy, UPS Store,LateFin
Wex Bank	50.12	Fuel Village Truck
Heather Lehmilller	34.99	Reimburse Prime Charge Cameras
Tusc Co Treasurer	72.00	MWCD Tax Assessment
Mayor's Partnership for Progress	100.00	2022 Membership Dues
Mary Ellen Gooding	51.00	Year End Assist
Doug Frautschy	287.00	Street Alley Vacation Docs

CANCEL/HOLD CHECK FOR DOUG FRAUTSCHY: ARMY CORPS IS PAYING HIM DIRECT

Scott administered the Oath of Office to David Irwin.

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

Public Speaks:

Gail Garbrandt brought to council's attention the letter she had sent the Village asking for assistance in snow removal on West 2nd Street. Her request was that the Village plow the street so she can access her driveway. Street Commissioner David Irwin said that West 2nd has been closed for as long as he has lived in the Village and that it is Gail's responsibility to have it plowed. Mayor Gordon gave Gail 2 plowing contacts but she could not get anyone at either number to answer and was unable to leave a message in the voicemails as they were full. Scott stated that it is the Village policy to not maintain closed streets and alleys. He further stated that through ZCA, the Village maintains the sidewalks. David maintains the streets so that there is access to SR 212. All closed streets and alley in the Village are not maintained by the Village.

Gail Garbrandt submitted a formal records request to Patty along with a copy of the sunshine laws. The request was for the minutes from the council meeting where council voted to close West 2nd Street. She also requested the vote and notice to adjacent residents of the closing. Gail request stated she expected and answer in writing with supporting documentation within three days of this council meeting. Patty asked that the Solicitor review the request stating it may be unreasonable and unable to be satisfied. Patty asked council members if anyone could recall within a decade or two of when the street was closed.

She stated, otherwise I will have to review all minutes over many years to see if this can be found and that this could take some time. Doug Frautschy said he would research this at the courthouse and see if it is possible to narrow this down. He stated it is possible the street was never opened in the beginning.

Jon Elsasser commended David Irwin on a great job cleaning the streets through the two snow storms.

Fiscal:

Patty said the Permanent Appropriations were in council packets and will have a second reading at this meeting.

Street Committee:

David informed council that the vendor who delivered salt for the Village streets will no longer be delivering so found another company (Culligan) to purchase the salt from and has purchased and picked up one pallet.

David delivered the shoes from the snow plow to the Buckeye students for re-surfacing. He said these last 2 storms really worn them down.

David said he is collecting bid proposals to replace the Village truck. He stated the truck is 20 years old and may need some work soon but it is well maintained and will last some time. His concern is for how long it will last given its age. Patty will assist in accessing grant monies to support this purchase.

Safety Committee:

Tom said Safety Committee met this month and reviewed the draft Fire Contract from the Township. The Committee recommends council's approval. Tom said the contract is essentially the same as the last contract.

Scott recommended council approve the street closure request from ZCA for 2022 festivals. Mark made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Joe. Roll Call: All yes.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

Planning Commission issued to permits this past month. One was for a roof and the other for new windows.

Scott said the review of the permit process continues. He said the Commission will recommend necessary changes to council which will require an Ordinance revision. The Commission is also working to broaden the Zoning Inspector duties to include the inspection and enforcement of building requirements in the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The commission will recommend a new title for this combined position along with the authority to enforce the codes.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

None

Mayor's Notes:

Scott spoke with Patrick Eddy about the 2022 mowing contract. He said Patrick is willing to set a price of \$825.00 per month for a period of 2 years. The current contract is for one year and was at a rate of \$750.00. Council discussed whether they could extend the current contract, changing the amount and number of years. Patty said council should have the Solicitor review the renewal. A motion was made by

Gayle and seconded by Mark to renew the contract extending to 2 years and increasing price to \$825.00 per month subject to the Solicitor's approval at the next meeting. Roll Call: All yes.

Mark reviewed the Fire/EMS annual report and asked if the Village could get a breakdown on the Village of Zoar calls only. Scott said that they gave that in the past and he would ask Chief Lynch for the information.

Scott noted that the news he received from the Army Corps of Engineers was not good. He said the latest test results did not meet specifications and actually crumbled apart. The contractor is proposing three new options which will require repeating the test trench work again. Scott said this will add additional time to the schedule and expects an update at the next public meeting on February 24th.

Scott committed the Village to participate in the Tuscarawas County Sculpture Tour. He stated the only cost to the Village is for the base plate where the art will be mounted. David said he would talk with Buckeye Career Center to see if the students could make the base. Wilma Mullet, Executive Director of the Tuscarawas Art Partnership will begin recruiting artists for the project.

Scott stated all requirements for recertification for 2022, Tree City USA, were met and submitted by Mark Welty, Chair of the Shade Tree Commission. This is the 26th year for the Village. Scott thanked Mark for all his effort. He requested Council approve a new Arbor Day Proclamation for April 22, 2022. Tom made the motion to approve April 22, 2022, Arbor Day Proclamation. The motion was seconded by Kim. Roll Call: All yes.

Scott provided information for Council members to attend a training seminar held by the Ohio Municipal League. The seminar will be March 26th, 2022 with a cost of \$75 to participate. Patty stated council could pay for the training and be reimbursed or fill out the registration and she would get a check ready if anyone wanted to attend. Patty encouraged all newly elected council to complete the required public record training through the Ohio Attorney Generals' website.

Scott said the Trail Connection Group met and decided to move forward with a grant application to do a detailed design for a trail connecting the Towpath Foot Bridge to the Arboretum and back downtown via Park Street. Estimated cost is \$35,000. A grant was approved from the Ohio & Erie Canalway Association Strategic Initiative Program to support half of the cost or \$17,500. The Ohio & Erie Canalway will act as the grant recipient and handle the financial accounting. The balance of the funding would be split between all groups involved with the project. The following groups are involved: County Parks and Recreation, Lawrence Township, Arboretum, Village of Zoar, MWCD, and ZCA. Estimated cost to the Village is \$3,000.

Jon Elsasser said the lock on the schoolhouse has been upgraded to a code lock. Anyone wishing a code can contact Tammy at ZCA who can issue a temporary code for access.

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

Ordinance 2022-3: Fire/EMS contract between Lawrence Township and the Villages of Zoar and Bolivar. 1st reading.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm was made by Joe and seconded by Mark.

Patty Smith, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____