

**ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
March 14, 2023**

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

Mayor Scott Gordon swore in Jill Harshey to be a member of the Zoar Village Council.

Roll Call:

David Irwin	Present	Mark Gaynor	Present
Tom Klingaman	Present	Kim Klingaman	Present
Jill Harshey	Present		

A motion to approve the 2/14/2023 regular meeting minutes was made by Kim and seconded by Mark.
Roll Call: All yes.

The following bills were presented for signature to be paid in March 2023:

AEP	421.28	Street Lighting
AEP	101.11	Community Center
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary March
Martina Mann	450.00	Salary March
OPERS	108.00	OPERS March
Columbia Gas	97.75	Community Center
Tusc Cty Wtr Swr	41.43	Comm Center February
Harold Raines	200.00	1/6/2023 Burial
Village of Bolivar	1,953.00	Police Protection Nov/Dec '22 & Jan '23
	3,522.57	

Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial statements and pay the monthly bills for March was made by Tom and seconded by Mark. Roll Call: All yes. Mark Gaynor was appointed to approve and sign off on all village credit card purchases.

Public Speaks:

Village of Bolivar Fire Chief, Shawn Lynch, thanked Zoar Village Council for allowing storage of the retired fire engine this past winter. The fire engine has been sold to Missouri.

Fiscal:

None.

Street Committee:

David stated that he has been working on the detachment of Dover Zoar Rd and has as found it needs more surveying. He is hoping we can work with the Army Corp of Engineers to keep the process moving. The surveyor has found that the road actually crosses the Army Corps property lines on the North side of the levee, which has created a complication to the process. We are still waiting on the final monies to be received for the weather siren. Once that comes in and is appropriated, we can move the project along.

Safety Committee:

Shawn Lynch and Patrick Eddy were present to talk about the yearly renewal of the fire and EMS contract. Basically, the only changes that were made were negotiation of money between Lawrence Township and the Bolivar Fire Department. Motion to approve was made by Tom and seconded by Mark. Roll Call, all yes.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

PC – Scott stated that a new building permit was issued for the Tavern. The owner has agreed to do all the external work that has not been done yet. Scott has revised the building permit application form to reflect recent zoning code updates. The PC is working on the International Property Maintenance Code with emphasis on the chapters regarding vacant and blighted properties. The plan is to adopt this code in a new village ordinance. Tom asked what benefit it would be to pick apart the code rather than the entire code at once. Scott responded that he just spoke to Doug before the meeting and we could possibly adopt parts of the code if it does not make references to other parts of the code. Planning is looking at a program to require a registration fee to register vacant properties since the village is losing tax revenue from vacant and blighted properties. The city of Dover is currently considering such a program.

HPC – Mark stated that two Certificates of Appropriateness (COA’s) were approved; the #3 (Stull House) and the # 151 (Mansard Building near the Hotel). A grant was approved for plaques to be placed on historic homes in the amount of \$6,699.80 from the Reeves Foundation. Mark also mentioned we received information from the architect regarding the exterior rehab of the Event Center. This will be very costly and are looking at options to phase the work. He is going to try to write two grants by the end of the month – one to place a sign out at the end of the road to help promote the building and one for a new emergency generator for the building. Scott presented costs for repainting the floors in the Event Center and carpet tiles for the village office. Motion to approve \$800 for the paint and floor tiles was made by Kim and seconded by Jill. Roll call, all yes.

Solicitor:

Doug states he has ideas for the detachment of Dover Zoar Rd to discuss after the meeting.

Mayor’s Notes:

Scott stated the next Army Corp meeting will be at the end of the month and they will try to have the final project completion date for the levee project. Scott informed that he sent Mike Jones, Director, Tuscarawas County Water and Sewer, a support letter to tie the water system into the City of Canton’ Beach City water transmission line. This would only be for emergency purposes. Informed of the status of the Tusc Art Sculpture project and continuing issues with the Post Office. Tom will now be handling PEP village insurance matters. Regional Planning is increasing membership rates; motion to approve the new rate was made by Mark, seconded by David. All yes.

Ordinance 2023-01: Permanent Appropriations. 3rd and Final Reading. Roll call, all yes.

Revision to the Historic Preservation Ordinance 2023-02: 1st Reading. Highlighting the major changes: at least one member of Council shall serve on the HPC; a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) is required for all projects located in the Historic District; the use of alternative natural, synthetic, or composite materials for construction may be acceptable after due consideration to the Secretary of Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, and the Zoar Historic District Design Guidelines; the Zoning Inspector is now the Zoning Officer, and the Zoning Officer is now authorized to issue a permit in the Historic District with an approved COA provided there are no other zoning issues.

Next meeting will take place on April 11, 2023. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 was made by Mark and seconded by Kim.

Martina Mann, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____