

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
June 13, 2023

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
Jill Harshey	Present	Jeff Eadie	Present

A motion to approve the 5/9/2023 regular meeting minutes was made by Kim and seconded by Jill. Roll Call: All yes.

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

AEP	403.42	Street Lighting
AEP	129.37	Community Center
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary June
Martina Mann	450.00	Salary June
OPERS	108.00	OPERS June
Columbia Gas	55.39	Community Center
Tusc Cty Wtr Swr	40.25	Comm Center May
FIA Card Services	251.42	F.O. Supplies/CommCtr Supplies/Pole Saw Chain
Bierly-Litman Lock & Door	20.95	Siren Lock
ABCO Printing Plus LLC	146.97	Village Checks
Paul Zimmerman Foundries	6,556.00	Historic Zoar Village Plaques
Doug Frautschy	450.00	2nd Quarter Solicitor-Dover Zoar Rd Detach
Keith Faber - Auditor of State	294.00	UAN Fees 2nd Qtr 2023
Treasurer of State of Ohio	8.70	2nd Quarter State Taxes
Eddy's Convenient Lawncare LLC	825.00	May Mowing
	9,889.47	

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

Public Speaks:

Village of Bolivar Police Officer Eric Minor stated that residents are still asking about the issue of the area across from the Towpath foot-bridge (see Safety Committee report). Jeff Eadie, a Village resident, expressed interest in filling the vacant seat on Village Council. Jeff has lived in the village for the past 20 years. Mayor Scott Gordon appointed and swore-in Jeff to fill the vacant seat - Council all approved. Jon Elsasser asked for the reason the streets of Hickory Lane and Michael Lane being marked. It was believed that the markings were for locating utilities. Some potential tree safety issues were discussed on Michael Lane, and the need to contact property owners. Some tree branches that need trimming on Michael Lane in the right-of-way are the Village responsibility and others are Army Corps.

Fiscal:

Martina stated that she is finally picking up on what the process should be when new money/grants come in. There will be an ordinance approval request later this evening to create an account under the 2905 Fund and amend appropriations for the \$10,000 Reeves Grant received for the kitchen of the

community/event center. This will need passed as an emergency so we can pay these invoices when they come due in the near future. There was discussion about looking into being a part of the electric aggregate program for the AEP street light account. Martina will look into this.

Street Committee:

David stated he is reviewing crack filling this year. A contractor estimate was just over \$4,700 to have this done. If we just purchased the sealant product and did it ourselves with our equipment - this would save about \$3,000. The advantage of doing it ourselves is spot fixing rather than with a contractor where they will use the whole skid of material whether the whole section of road needs repaired or not. To do this work himself will be a lot – no decision made yet. Also, it is about time to replace the flags and hardware – they typically need replaced every 2-3 years. Council approved to spend \$300 for hardware and \$350 for the flags to be ready for spring replacement. Money will come out of the general fund and a small portion out of the cemetery fund for one flag. Tom motioned, Jill 2nd, all in favor. The cemetery fence center post that was rotted was replaced. The cemetery sign still needs put back up. The storm water culvert under Main Street to 1st Street was cleared and washed out with help from the Bolivar Fire Department.

Safety Committee:

Tom asked Eric Minor to explain an issue that has come up with new property ownership and hikers who wish to reach and view the old mill along what remains of old Lake Road. There are now signs posted stating, “private property, no trespassing.” People wishing to fish, hike and view the old mill area are having difficulty reaching these places as they have to cross private property. Jon Elsasser stated that an option is for people to go up the old county road and then come down along the outside toe of the levee to the right-of-way for 1st Street. David clarified the county-wide testing of the 911 system will take place on the first Monday of each month at noon.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

PC – Scott stated that the PC received a conditional use permit application for outdoor dining from the owner of the Tavern. The application was incomplete. A list of required information was sent to the applicant in order for the PC to consider the permit request. The applicant was also notified that a Public Hearing and a notice to all surrounding property owners are required.

HPC – Mark, none.

Solicitor:

Doug stated he has been in touch with the lawyers for the Army Corps regarding Dover Zoar Rd detachment and this process is moving along at a snail’s pace. He has been copying Scott and David on emails to keep them in the loop.

Additions to Agenda:

T.I.R.C. sent an annual membership form to the village. Scott stated that he doesn’t believe that the village has any interest in attracting industry into the village and that there would be no benefit to the village to contribute to this group. Also discussed was the possibility to join the Township electric aggregate program for the street lighting (AEP). Martina will look into. Scott informed council that the Planning Commission is not ready to finalize the International Property Maintenance Code. They are now looking at adopting just a portion of the code. Council will continue readings for the Ordinance until the PC has come to a final agreement.

Mayor’s Notes:

Scott stated that he had a meeting on-site with Leslie StoneSmith, US Army Corps, regarding the First Street parking lot. The fence on the south side will be replaced with blocks of sandstone, and part of the fence on the east side by the kiosk will be removed. On the west side, the fence will stay intact, but will

have another gate opening. A future plan for the ball field area (playground, picnic tables, etc.) is open for discussion. The Army Corps is making a case that since they did not use Fifth Street for heavy construction equipment, that they don't have to repave it. Since the village gave the Corps the option to use both First and Fifth Street, we did not repave two years ago. The village paved last year and didn't pave these streets with the expectation that they might get torn-up. We asked the Army Corps if they would pave two extra feet wide on 1st Street, and not do 5th Street. This was offered to the Army Corp but Scott did not get an answer yet. If it is a no, Scott thinks we should try to get 1st Street widened with village funds. Regarding the Tavern, Dave Hayes and Scott did an inspection of the repair work being done on the buildings by the owner last Wednesday and a summary was given to everyone. They are approximately 85% done. Regarding the Event Center, there is a T-Mobile grant for up to \$50,000 that is due by the end of the month. The grant is for community improvements and our project seems to fit that really well. Dave Hayes and Scott have come to the conclusion that the zoning ordinance right now is deficient on a clear path for enforcement of violations. There is wording for different types of violations, but it does not spell out the penalties and what-if's very well. Dave wants to know what clear steps he can take on whether the violations are corrected or not corrected. Scott is asking that Council approve Doug to spend some time on our zoning ordinance to try to make improvements so that Dave has a clear path on enforcement actions. Council approved Doug to spend up to 2 hours (\$200) on this review. Tom motioned, Mark seconded, all yes.

Ordinance 2023-03: Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code. 3rd, but not final Reading.
Ordinance 2023-07: Create Account under Fund 2905 and Amend Appropriations for the Reeves Grant for the Community Center Kitchen project. Motion to suspend rules and regulations: motion- Mark, Tom seconded. All: yes. Motion to pass as an Emergency: motion- Mark, Tom seconded. All: yes.

Next meeting will take place on July 11, 2023. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 was made by Kim, seconded by Mark.

Martina Mann, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____