

**ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 16, 2023**

The Zoar Village regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Gordon at 5:07 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 7/11/2023 regular meeting minutes was made by Jill and seconded by Kim. Roll Call: All yes.

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

AEP	445.77	Street Lighting
AEP	333.34	Community Center
Scott Gordon	150.00	Salary August
Martina Mann	450.00	Salary August
OPERS	108.00	OPERS August
Columbia Gas	47.94	Community Center
Tusc Cty Wtr Swr	41.43	Comm Center July
David Irwin	10.00	Koorsen Fire/Security - Fire Ext. Inspect
Steve Wern Signs Inc	198.00	Event Center Banner and yard signs
Eddy's Convenient Lawncare	825.00	July Mowing
S&S Products & Flagpoles	360.11	Flag Hardware
Mayors Association of Ohio	50.00	Annual Membership Renewal
	<b>3,019.59</b>	

There was a discussion between council and David Hayes about hall rental fees and gas/electric use during the events. Expect to have a better idea of average daily use and estimated rental use for future rates of hall rentals once we have gone through a whole year of utilities with the community center.

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

**Public Speaks:**

None.

**Fiscal:**

Martina stated that she will be unable to attend the regularly scheduled meeting date, October 10, and asked council to start thinking about what alternate date would work. Date to consider: Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

**Street Committee:**

David asked Scott to talk about the guardrail that was damaged by a driver under the influence. The driver was ordered by the prosecutor's office to pay restitution of \$3,485 within 180 days, by about January 25, 2024. According to Doug Frautschy, village solicitor, we could start getting payments anytime. If the payment doesn't come through, the village will notify the court. Tom stated that he worked

with PEP and has received the full amount. If we do receive payment from the offender, we will have to reimburse the PEP check.

In July, council approved up to \$1,000 for a maple tree removal and crab apple tree trimming. The maple tree was taken care of by the OHC, so we have the majority of those approved funds to spend. If council would like, we could use this to clean up the cemetery. David and Scott agreed that there needs to be a change in the cemetery fees, so we aren't stuck with part of the bill for weekend burials. Also, some details need to be ironed out regarding urns and vault sizes. Considering also adding a requirement of, during the burial process, always going through a funeral home.

#### **Safety Committee:**

Tom asked council to help come up with a use of the annual PEP grant, we have until the end of the year. A couple of ideas were: exterior propane tank storage unit for the village garage and/or a safety light above the front man door at the Event Center. Complaints were made about the speed on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Eric Minor states that there has been more patrolling in the area. Concern also with the safety of young children riding electric scooters through town, even on State Route 212.

#### **Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:**

**PC** – Scott stated PC approved a conditional use for outdoor dining and the signage of Los Venados. Three permits were filed after the fact. PC is considering doubling the fee when filed after the project is already started.

**HPC** – Scott stated that there is a homeowner on 4<sup>th</sup> Street who changed the siding on the home. They submitted a permit after the fact and were denied as they didn't follow guidelines. HPC is trying to work with the owner to see what can be done.

**Event Center Building Committee** – Mark stated that he would like to soon hold another meeting. Need to get the kitchen appliances ordered and Mark will be picking up the signs and banner. Scott is expecting to hear if we received another grant sometime early September.

#### **Solicitor:**

Doug stated he emailed the US Government about the road detachment and got a response back which he forwarded to Scott and David.

#### **Additions to Agenda:**

A letter was received from Joe Bachman, county engineer, stating that they will be placing signage of where the county roads begin and end for easier notice before starting future projects. Paving of State Route 212 is soon to come.

Utility aggregate programs were discussed. Electric will be locked in for 3 years, Mark motioned and David 2<sup>nd</sup>, all yes. Gas will be locked in for 1 year, Mark motioned and Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>, all yes.

Previously approved repair of the truck for up to \$300, needs increased to \$329.79. Motion was made by Tom and Kim 2<sup>nd</sup>, all yes.

#### **Mayor's Notes:**

Scott stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony with the Army Corps for the levee went well. Scott informed that the Hermitage porch post needed repaired after our snow plow caused damage during a heavy snow and freezing rain a couple winters back. Made an agreement with the owner that we would cover repairs at a cost of up to \$400. Motion made by Tom and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jill, all yes.

For the Tuscarawas County Arts Sculpture Project, we are about \$1,000 short. Scott asks that everyone consider donating. Scott also states that the general tax levee is up for renewal next year. We will likely instead go for a replacement.

**Ordinance 2023-03:** Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code. 5<sup>th</sup>, but not final Reading.

**Ordinance 2023-08:** Update Ordinance 1984-12 Village Street Weight Limit. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

Next meeting will take place on September 12, 2023. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm was made by Kim.

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Martina Mann, Fiscal Officer

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Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_