

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
August 13, 2024

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

Roll Call:

David Irwin	Present	Mark Gaynor	Present
Jill Harshey	Present	David Gannon	Present
Jeff Eadie	Present	Kim Klingaman	Present

A motion to approve the 7/9/2024 regular meeting minutes was made by Mark Gaynor and seconded by Kim Klingaman. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, David Gannon- yes, and Kim Klingaman- yes.

The following bills were presented for signature to be paid in August 2024:

1	AEP	451.36	Street Lighting
2	AEP	150.05	Community Center
3	Tom Klingaman	150.00	Salary August
4	Patty Smith	450.00	Salary August
5	OPERS	108.00	OPERS August
6	Columbia Gas	54.95	Community Center
7	Tusc Cty Wtr Swr	44.86	Community Center July
8	Huntington Bank	134.99	APC Fiscal Office
9	WEX Bank	35.79	Fuel village truck
10	Eddy's Convenient Lawncare	900.00	July Mowing Contract
11	PEP	5,354.11	Premium Renewal 7/20/2024-7/20/2025
12	Red Oak Excavating	500.00	Maurer Grave Opening/Closing
13	Harold Raines	200.00	Maurer Grave Opening/Closing
14	Red Oak Excavating	2,227.00	Michael Lane culvert repair
15	Tuscarawas Public Defender	300.00	Indigent Services
16	Star Ohio Endowment Fund	400.00	Donaton Rutenik Estate
		11,461.11	

Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial statements and pay the monthly bills for August was made by Mark and seconded by Kim. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, David Gannon- yes, and Kim Klingaman- yes.

Public Speaks: None.

Fiscal: Patty transferred the money from the Rutenik estate to the cemetery endowment at Star Ohio. She noted that when setting up the ACH transfer that the bank account at Huntington had no fraud protection for ACH/Debit transactions. Generally, when a village begins using ACH/Debit, the protection is added for security. She said this was not set up and encouraged council to authorize the monthly fee of \$25 for the protection. She added that ACH/Debit transactions are very common these days and without the protection any entity with the village

account number can access the account. The protection allows Patty to set up who is authorized for these transactions. Mark Gaynor made a motion to pay the \$25 per month fee to Huntington for fraud protection. The motion was seconded by Kim Klingaman. Roll Call: David Irwin- abstained, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, David Gannon- yes, and Kim Klingaman- yes.

Street Committee: Red Oak completed the repair on the Michael Lane ditch. David said it looks good.

David posed a question to Solicitor Doug about the installation of an electric dog fence and a sprinkler system that is installed in the right of way just off of a village street. Doug stated if the equipment is indeed installed in the street, the owner can be asked to remove or move the system back. David's concern was that the village truck when plowing may damage the equipment. Doug suggested talking with the owner and asking that it be moved back or kindly letting them know the Village will not be liable for any damage as it is in the right of way. Tom stated he is aware of the issue and will talk with the property owner.

David asked if there was any news on the status of Dover Zoar road. Doug will email the appropriate people and request an update for next meeting.

Safety Committee: No Report.

Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission and Event Center Building Committee:

PC – Tom stated the PC is meeting every other month currently. September 5, 2024 is the next scheduled meeting. Discussion of Massillon's ordinance for vacant homes is on the agenda. Tom said the ordinance requires vacant homes to be registered and undergo a yearly inspection with the owner paying fees for the inspection. He said this encourages owners to not allow a vacant home to sit for years without care. The PC will discuss recommending this be adopting for the Village of Zoar.

HPC – Mark said the HPC reviewed the Massillon vacant home ordinance and agrees PC should bring the proposal to council. HPC meets directly after the PC meeting every other month.

Mark briefed council on the status of the 151 building saying insulation is being installed in the second floor. He said the first floor is ready for rental to a small business and hopes that will happen soon.

Mark said ZCA is storing the roof tiles for the Bimeler cabin in the barn behind the 151 building. The Bimeler cabin roof and log restoration are under way and when all tiles are used the barn behind the 151 building will be torn down. This is not a historic building and is in bad condition.

Event Center Building Committee – Mark stated the budget Patty prepared for the Event Center is useful, saying now that we know some numbers, he would like to pursue spending about \$1,000 of the funds for the acoustic panels.

Mark will submit a grant to the Reeves Foundation soon requesting funding for the Event/Safety Center generator and may include a funding request for minor upgrades to the building.

Tom said David Hayes is working on drawings and estimates for major upgrades to the Event/Safety Center. This information will be given to Erin Wright, Director of Infrastructure & Community Development at OMEGA to seek funding.

Solicitor: None

Additions to Agenda: None

Mayor's Notes:

Tom stated the cemetery expansion grant was submitted on time. The Department of Commerce, on their website, indicated an award two to three weeks from the closeout of July 31, 2024.

Patty said she has received the fraud protection certificate from David Irwin, Kim Klingaman, and Mark Gaynor. Jill, Jeff, and David Gannon still need to complete the training. Patty said it only takes about 10 minutes start to finish. She will re-send the link to the appropriate emails.


Tom talked about a call he received reporting an accident that damaged the guardrail on Dover Zoar road. Tom will obtain the police accident report and see if the village needs to take any action to recover repair cost through the driver's insurance.

Two meetings have been held discussing the proposed senior center at the Tusky Valley school. Tom said the center will offer medical programs, exercise equipment, trip planning, and a variety of other programs. There is a meeting this Friday the 16th. Tom will keep council informed of the progress.

Ordinance 2023-08: Update Ordinance 1984-12 Village Street Weight Limit. **On hold.**


1st reading on a resolution to accept the amounts and rates of the Tuscarawas County Budget Commission.

Next meeting will take place on September 10, 2024. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jill, seconded by Kim. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, David Gannon- yes, and Kim Klingaman- yes.



Patty Smith, Fiscal Officer

Date: 9-10-2024



Thomas Klingaman, Mayor