

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

January 28, 2025

The Zoar Village Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Klingaman at 6:14 pm.

Roll Call:

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

A motion to approve the 12/10/2024 regular meeting minutes was made by Kim Klingaman and seconded by Mark Gaynor. Roll Call: David Irwin-yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, Kim Klingaman-yes.

The following bills were presented for signature to be pain in January 2025:

Expenditures submitted for payment January 2025

1	AEP	526.22	Street Lighting
2	AEP	185.18	Community Center
3	Tom Klingaman	150.00	Salary January
4	Patty Smith	450.00	Salary January
5	OPERS	108.00	OPERS January
6	Columbia Gas	0.00	Community Center has 61.40 credit
7	Tusc Cty Wtr Swr	74.96	Community Center December
8	Harold Raines	125.00	Cremation grave opening
9	WEX Bank	114.02	Fuel village truck
10	Lacee Felix	45.00	2024 Final Prosecutor Fees
11	Patty Smith	77.25	Reimburse 1099 NEC/MISC cost, postage
12	Huntington Bank CC	743.69	Credit Card Charges
13	Jon Elsasser	374.90	Reimburse Tables Event Center
14	Heblings	119.54	Increase to amount approved at Dec Mtg
		3,093.76	
15	Culligan Add on 1/20/2025	532.35	Salt One Skid 63 bags
		3,626.11	

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

Public Speaks: None.

Fiscal:

Prior Fiscal Officer Patty Smith stated that the event center carried over 6,893.44 and it has all been appropriated for expenditure for next year. Patty Smith stated that she had closed the books for 2024, filed the taxes, and has asked the newspaper to advertise a legal ad stating the financial statements to be available for review at the February meeting. Patty had also contacted the bank, Star Ohio, the Auditor of State, and the UAN to make appropriate changes to include the new incoming fiscal officer, Emily Hayes and to resign herself as fiscal officer of the Village of Zoar effective 1/31/2025.

Street Committee:

David Irwin stated he will talk with the Solicitor about the Dover Zoar Road issue and ask that he submit a letter on his letterhead to the Corps of Engineers to see if some movement can be made. Mayor Tom Klingaman stated that a survey would need to be done, at village cost, to get things moving in the right direction. David Irwin agreed but stated that the Corps of Engineers must approve the survey prior to. Tom stated his understanding and stressed the importance of getting this issue resolved in a timely manner.

David Irwin stated he will be reviewing current legislation concerning the materials homeowners can use when replacing their driveway culverts and update as needed. David will consult the Solicitor as well about this matter.

David Irwin requested tax exempt forms with the new fiscal officer signature. Patty Smith stated she will create the new form for the new fiscal officer Emily Hayes to sign and pass along to David.

David Irwin also requested a copy of the recently approved Reeves Grant for the Event Center generator from Mark Gaynor.

David Irwin stated he will look into the ODOT contract for snow removal and maintenance of SR 212 that Patty Smith had stated lapsed according to the list presented in the 2025 Organizational meeting minutes. Patty stated that the signed document does not have a time stipulated. David stated he will review the contract about concerns and contact ODOT and see if the legislation requires renewal.

Patty Smith stated her difficulty with using the WEX Bank website and her request for cancelation of the card. David Irwin agreed with her statements and released his card to Patty for cancelation of the card. David will now purchase fuel for the village equipment and the village truck using his village credit card with Huntington Bank. Patty Smith to cancel the WEX Bank Gas card.

Safety Committee: None.

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

PC:

Mayor Tom Klingaman, Melissa Dials, and Kim Klingaman attended the PC meeting. Tom stated he presented a state of the village address. Due to lack of attendance, his primary goal of getting the committee plans for 2025 was unable to be completed.

PC talked about the permits coming to the next planning meeting for the plans for a new Ice Cream shop at the bottom level of the 151 Building. Mark Gaynor stated that the HPC has viewed the graphics of the signage proposal and said it is now looking more acceptable to fit into Zoar esthetic. Mark stated more information is needed prior to recommendation to council for approval.

HPC:

See PC meeting for comments concerning the Ice Cream shop signage at the 151 building. Mark Gaynor said the owners of the Ice Cream Shop would like approval of outside seating. HPC would like to talk with the owners before this is recommended to council for approval.

Mark Gaynor stated the HPC did approve the tearing down of the building behind the 151 Building. He stated this structure is not historic and is currently falling down causing a safety concern.

Event Center Building Committee:

Mayor Tom Klingaman and Mark Gaynor stated rentals are increasing, with 23 rentals being booked within the first two weeks of the new year. Mark Gaynor asked Patty Smith if the Event Center was on a budget with AEP and Columbia Gas. Patty stated the center is currently not on budget billing and was unsure if this is even offered to commercial accounts. Mark requested this be something looked into further to see if it is an option.

With improvements made to the Event Center, such as the kitchen, discussion was made to establish a new standardized price list. Kim Klingaman requested this information to be updated on the website to assist her with booking rentals. Kim also stated concerns brought to her attention from potential renters stating the website having the event center still broken into rooms and that this information needed updated as that is no longer the case. Discussion of contractual agreements was also made.

Kim also brought up the concern of pricing if you are using the full kitchen or just the fridge and freezer. Mark Gaynor also mentioned the possibility of doing a permit for a year through the health department. Further discussion of these topic's was stated to be brought up in the Event Center Committee Meeting.

Mark Gaynor stated the Reeves Foundation awarded the grant to fund a generator for the Event Center. The amount awarded was \$6,082.00.

Solicitor: None.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Mayor's Notes: None.

Legislation:

Ordinance 2023-08: Update Ordinance 1984-12 Village Street Weight Limit. **On hold.** Patty Smith stated a need to remove this from the agenda as no action has been taken on this subject. A motion to remove was not stated.

Second reading of Permanent Appropriations 2025. Patty Smith stated these were complete and to be presented at the next meeting.

Second reading for contract with Village of Bolivar, Police Protection Services, at a rate of \$40 per hour. Matter tabled with no second reading. Mayor will investigate alternative resources for police protection.

First reading on renewal of contract with Doug Frautschy as Village Solicitor (2 year contract: March 1, 2025- February 28, 2027)

First reading on an agreement with ODOT for maintenance of SR 212 through the Village.

Next scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday February 11, 2025 at 6 PM at the Event Center. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mark Gaynor and seconded by David Irwin. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, Kim Klingaman- yes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Emily Hayes, Fiscal Officer

Thomas Klingaman, Mayor

Date: _____