

**ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 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 11/12/2024 regular meeting minutes was made by Jill Harshey and seconded by Jeff Eadie. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes, Kim Klingaman – yes, Mark Gaynor – yes.

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

Expenditures submitted for payment December 2024

1	AEP	508.09	Street Lighting
2	AEP	160.42	Community Center
3	Tom Klingaman	150.00	Salary December
4	Patty Smith	450.00	Salary December
5	OPERS	108.00	OPERS December
6	Columbia Gas	181.72	Community Center
7	Tusc Cty Wtr Swr	43.66	Community Center November
8	Jacqueline Smitley	100.00	Refund deposit Event Center
9	Bureau of Workers Compensation	115.34	2025 Policy Premium
10	Red Oak Excavating/Landscaping	3,984.00	Cemetery Road Expansion
11	Village of Bolivar	3,060.00	Police Protection
12	Ohio Municipal League	245.00	2025 Membership Dues
13	Doug Frautschy	400.00	4th Qtr Solicitor
14	Treasurer of State of Ohio	9.51	4th Qtr State Taxes
15	Eddy's Mowing	450.00	Final Mow and Leaf Cleanup
16	Huntington Credit Card	78.28	Bar Light Bulbs Truck, Cleaning Event
17	Heblings	974.22	Event Center Kitchen Equipment
18	IRS	597.24	End of Year W/H, Fed, SS, Medi
19	Auditor of State	294.00	UAN 1st Qtr 2025 Fees
20	Jon Elsasser		Purchase of tables for Event Center
		11,909.48	

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

Public Speaks: Lori Feeney shared some of her personal medical concerns and thanked council for their patience.

Fiscal- Patty requested permission to pay all bills received through year end and bring vouchers to the January meeting. David Gannon made the motion to allow and it was seconded by Mark Gaynor. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes, Kim Klingaman – yes, Mark Gaynor – yes.

Council was made aware the Police Contract with the Village of Bolivar was expiring effective December 31, 2024. A motion to extend the current contract until such a time that the Village of Zoar and the Village of Bolivar can develop new contract was made by Mark Gaynor and seconded by Jill Harshey. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes, Kim Klingaman – yes, Mark Gaynor – yes.

All else fiscal will be discussed in Ordinances and Resolutions to include Temporary Appropriations passage, and levy replacement/renewals.

Street Committee: David said the truck beacon bulbs have been replaced and it is now working well. He said the snow plow hydraulic piston pump is leaking fluid and will need to be repaired. David spoke with several suppliers and found that the cost to repair would be approximately \$375.00, but the repair may not hold as the plow is beyond expected life. Replacement of the hydraulic cylinder would cost approximately \$800.00. Mark commented the Village really needs to have a backup for plowing and that Lawrence Township may be willing to help. Tom will talk with township. David will get Tom more definite cost for repair or replacement and the numbers will be submitted to the 2025 PEP grant. There was discussion on a possible Reeves grant to support the replacement of the plow. David said the replacement was about \$7,500 last time he priced. David will get a up to date quote on current cost.

Safety Committee: David Gannon talked about the speeding on the levy end of Zoar. He would like to see more police patrol in the area and possible signage to alert drivers to slow down. The current 35 MPH sign is not lighted. There was discussion of possibly adding a solar light strip making it more visible. David Irwin stated this would have to be approved by ODOT. David Gannon will contact ODOT and see if this is possible.

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

PC – Tom said the new Lawrence Township Deputy Sheriff stopped by the PC meeting to introduce himself.

David Paola briefed the PC on the ordinance used in Pittsburg concerning homes in need of extensive repair. He said a home, in need of repair, is not allowed to close on a sale until the necessary repairs are complete, paid for either by seller or buyer. The ordinance also requires owners to pay an annual fee to register vacant properties. David Paola and Melissa will continue working to organize the new information into a proposal that will work with Zoar.

HPC – Mark said HPC is reviewing a permit request for an ice cream business at the 151 building. They are also in discussion with alternative uses for the building. January 16, 2025 is the next scheduled meeting.

Event Center Building Committee – Tom encouraged all to attend the first spaghetti dinner this coming Saturday, December 14th from 4 to 7 pm. A craft show was held during Christmas in Zoar which made a total of \$850.00. Event scheduling continues to pick up going into 2025.

Tom said we should hear soon about the grant application submitted to Reeves for the acoustic panels and generator.

Solicitor: Doug stated Lacey Felix submitted her resignation effective December 31, 2024 as prosecutor for the Village. Doug's contract allows him to replace the prosecutor and he spoke with Steve Anderson of Fitzpatrick, Zimmerman, and Rose who will begin on January 1, 2025.

Additions to Agenda: None

Mayor's Notes:

Tom requested council approval for his appointment of Patrick Eddy as interim Zoning Inspector. David Gannon made the motion to accept this appointment and it was seconded by Jill Harshey. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes, Kim Klingaman – abstained, Mark Gaynor – yes.

David Gannon and all of council thanked and recognized Patrick Eddy for accepting the volunteer position of Zoning Inspector and for all the other volunteering he does for the Village of Zoar.

Legislation:

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

3rd reading on 2025 Temporary Appropriations. Patty stated the total amount of Temporary Appropriations for 2025 are:

General Fund: \$50,552.00, Street Fund: \$38,250.00, State Hwy Fund \$6,200.00, Cemetery Fund \$5,600.00, Cemetery Long Term Maintenance Fund \$3,000.00, Police Fund \$8,800.00, PEP Grant Fund \$1,596.41, Reeves Grant Fund \$143.80, Cemetery Endowment Fund \$2,500.00, for a total of \$116,642.21. Mark Gaynor made the motion to approve these appropriations and it was seconded by Kim Klingaman. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes, Kim Klingaman – yes, Mark Gaynor – yes. Ordinance passed. **Ordinance 2024-12**

The following 2 measures to place on the May or November ballot:

Resolution to request the County Auditor certify to the appropriate taxing authority the total current valuation, IAW R.C. Section 5705.03(B) and declaring an emergency for the **replacement** of a 5 year, 2.3 mil levy, and making this levy continuous for current expenses. Motion to suspend rules and regulations was made by Kim Klingaman and seconded by David Gannon. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes, Kim Klingaman – yes, Mark Gaynor – yes. Motion to pass as an emergency measure was made by Kim Klingaman and seconded by David Gannon. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes, Kim Klingaman – yes, Mark Gaynor – yes. **Resolution 2024-13.**

Resolution to request the County Auditor certify to the appropriate taxing authority the total current valuation, IAW R.C. Section 5705.03(B) and declaring an emergency for the renewal of a 5 year, 2.0 mil levy, for police protection. Motion to suspend rules and regulations was made by Kim Klingaman and seconded by Jill Harshey. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes, Kim Klingaman – yes, Mark Gaynor – yes. Motion to pass as an emergency measure was made by Kim Klingaman and seconded by Jill Harshey. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes, Kim Klingaman – yes, Mark Gaynor – yes. **Resolution 2024-14.**

Patty stated she needed to reduce appropriations by \$1.00 in the ARPA fund as it was over appropriated. Motion to suspend rules and regulations and pass as an emergency measure was made by Kim Klingaman and seconded by Jill Harshey. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes, Kim Klingaman – yes, Mark Gaynor – yes. **Ordinance 2024-15.**

Next meeting will take place on January 14, 2025, 6PM. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Gannon and seconded by Kim Klingaman. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes, Kim Klingaman – yes, Mark Gaynor – yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Patty Smith, Fiscal Officer

Thomas Klingaman, Mayor

Date: _____