

# ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

February 11, 2025

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

Roll Call:

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

A motion to approve the 1/28/2025 Organizational Meeting minutes was made by Jill Harshey and seconded by Kim Klingaman. Roll Call: David Gannon- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Kim Klingaman- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, David Irwin- yes.

A motion to approve the 1/28/2025 Regular Meeting minutes was made by Mark Gaynor and seconded by David Gannon. Roll Call: David Gannon- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Kim Klingaman- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, David Irwin- yes.

The following bills were presented for signature to be paid in February 2025:

## Expenditures submitted for payment February 2025

1	AEP	522.25	Street Lighting Jan
2	AEP	150.67	Community Center
3	Tom Klingaman	150.00	Salary February
4	Emily Hayes	450.00	Salary February
5	OPERS	108.00	OPERS February
6	Columbia Gas	111.46	Community Center
7	Tusc Cty Wtr Swr	50.88	Community Center January
8	Huntington Bank CC	47.80	Stamps/BWC
9	Treasurer of Tuscarawas County	24.00	property tax assessment
		<b>1,615.06</b>	

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

### Public Speaks:

Ann Ackerman, Lawrence Township Fiscal Officer, brought a renewal of the Agreement between Bolivar Volunteer Fire Department, Lawrence Township, Village of Bolivar, and Village of Zoar. Ann explained the contract total was \$805,819.00 with this being only a \$28,000 increase from the previous year. She further explained the breakdown of that total into 86% from Lawrence township residences at \$693,000, 11% from Village of Bolivar residences at \$88,600, and 3% from the Village of Zoar residences roughly around \$24,000. Ann went into further discussion to explain how they will operate with these funds and information about the upcoming levy proposal on the may ballot. She explained no verbiage changes were made from the prior agreement, only numbers were changed. David Irwin voiced

concerns to review this agreement personally and asked for a motion to not be made at this time. Ann was then asked to return to the next meeting for signage of the agreement after further review.

### **Fiscal:**

Emily Hayes, Fiscal Officer, updated council that the WEX Bank Gas Card was completely canceled by the prior fiscal officer Patty Smith before she left. David Irwin asked for purchase orders at this time for gas and asphalt for the village truck. Emily Hayes requested that she be able to pay the bills during this year. Motion to approve her paying the bills during the year was made by Kim Klingaman and seconded by Jill Harshey. Roll Call: David Gannon- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Kim Klingaman- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, David Irwin- yes.

Mark Gaynor asked about an update on if Patty Smith looked into the option of budget billing for AEP and Columbia Gas before she resigned. Emily stated she was not aware of Patty doing so and was looking into it herself but needed more information before being able to do so. She did state that they were on AEP energy and was looking into it. Now that Emily has received all things from Patty Smith the prior fiscal officer, she will be able to do so and have an update at the next meeting.

### **Street Committee:**

David Irwin updated that the 6 burnt out street lights were finally replaced with new LED lights. He stated that snow shoes for the snow blade are currently being built up down at Buckeye Career Center. Doug Frautschy, Village Solicitor, gave an update on his communication with the Corps of Engineers and the Dover Zoar Road issues. Doug discussed conversations with the map office and how he is trying to get them to understand the issues at hand. Currently no questions have been answered, delaying surveying to be completed. Further communication between parties needed to move this process along.

### **Safety Committee:**

David Gannon stated he had no reports at this time but did have questions on another topic. He asked about an update from the planning commission meeting about what they have decided to do about vacant properties getting some kind of fine or fee. Mayor Tom Klingaman and Kim Klingaman, both on planning commission, stated some conversation had during a planning commission meeting and that the planning commission was still looking into the matter. David Gannon suggested registering vacant properties and Mayor Tom Klingaman stated they are still looking into what will work best for the Village of Zoar and its historical properties. Tom Klingaman stated he will get David the minutes from the planning commission meetings for further updates. Please see planning commission meetings for updates concerning this matter.

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

#### **PC:**

Mayor Tom Klingaman stated he had a meeting at the County Auditor Larry Lindbergs office to discuss the levy. He stated they are planning for council approval to replace the current general levy, keeping the millage the same. Tom gave an example from Larry and his conversation of Tom's home and of how the average home is around \$200,000 tax base in the Village and it was raising it about \$50 every \$100,000, so about \$100 a year. For example, with Tom's home it is \$51 per \$100,000 if the replacement levy passes it would be \$81 per \$100,000 making it go from \$104 to \$160 for the year. The current levy brings in about \$32,000, if the new levy is passed it would bring in an additional \$5,000, which is roughly 15%. Paperwork is currently in process for the fall election, per Larry's recommendation to skip the spring election. Doug Frautschy, Village Solicitor, explained that the village has 3 tries to pass the levy and suggested to place it as a continuing levy instead of a 5 year levy.

**HPC:**

Mark Gaynor stated that the sign permit for the Ice Cream shop at the 151 building was approved in Planning Commission but still needs approval from HPC during the next meeting. Tom Klingaman mentioned that the outside dining request requires a public meeting and certified mailings. Mark stated that the permit was received for them to tear down the building behind the 151 building. Mark stated that during the next HPC meeting the sign permit will be addressed.

**Event Center Building Committee:**

Mark Gaynor stated how the event center is doing well and recently had a spaghetti dinner with trivia night this past weekend to the meeting. Mark asked for an update from Mayor Tom Klingaman about the generator setup and Tom said the Event Center is on the list to be done by Joe Dump when available. Mark updated the public present about the topic that we have received a grant for the generator and was waiting for installation.

**Solicitor:**

Doug Frautschy had no update at this time, but clarified to have ordinance numbers assigned to the ordinances and that the Fire/EMS contract will have to be passed by Emergency if signed next month.

**Additions to Agenda:**

Mayor Tom Klingaman mentioned that the Village Mowing Contract was brought up at the last meeting and then no further mention. Tom stated that Pat Eddy would do it again this year for an additional \$50 increase per month or it can be bid out. Emily Hayes, Fiscal Officer, brought Pat Eddy's 2024 contract for Tom to review with the new requests. Per the old contract, it would go from \$900 to \$950 a month with the \$50 increase request. Mark Gaynor asked if we could use the cemetery fund to pay for the cemetery mowing since that is a larger area to mow. Doug Frautschy, Village Solicitor, stated that if it's in the cemetery you can use the cemetery funds once proportioned. David Irwin does not agree with this and states that it won't be very fluid funding. Tom states it would be once a price is set. Mark Gaynor restated that he was just bringing up the idea if more mowing was going to be done at the cemetery than the village to separate it fund wise. David states that the fund doesn't receive as much as the general fund and street fund which is currently used to pay for mowing. David states if you pull from there then you won't have the funds when you need to cut trees down and gravel, stating they use it a lot for trees back there. Tom stated we could bid it out if you want them to mow less and David stated he knew someone but ultimately choose to agree to go with our current offer from Pat Eddy. A motion to approve the \$50 increase per month and continue with Eddys Convenient Lawn Care LLC was made by Mark Gaynor and seconded by Jill Harshey. Roll Call: David Gannon- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Kim Klingaman- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, David Irwin- yes.

Emily Hayes, Fiscal Officer, brought up a discussion of an email issue for the event center. A potential renter reached out and informed us that the current email on the website of zoarvillagehall@gmail.com was not a valid email and her emails have been sent back to her. The potential client also included a screen shot where it stated that the address was not found and was unable to be delivered. Emily stated she provided Kim's information for her to reach out to, to get the information she was requesting. Emily requested for them to choose an email for the website that was valid and have it updated. Kim requested it be the village email of village.zoar@gmail.com. Emily also updated stating that she fixed the google search of the event center to say there were open as the previous stated they were permanently closed. Emily also mentioned she will now update the google search of the building to the village email so they can have access to the reviews, information, etc.

Emily Hayes also brought up an option for advertising the event center. The Bargain Hunter had a story of a local library 5k/bunny trot in need of sponsors. She called and got information stating it would be \$150 for there name to be placed on all t-shirts and signs as well as access to add any promotional items to the goodie bags. Emily passed this information along to Mark Gaynor to have at the next Event Center Building meeting, stating there was a deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup> for this. Kim agreed this was a good idea and Mark said they would discuss it further.

**Mayor's Notes:**

Tom Klingaman brought up the discussion of the significant guardrail damage on 212 and Dover Zoar. He stated that in the village insurance there is a \$10,000 a year allowance for guardrail work. He got ahold of the insurance and got a quote to fix the issue at \$6200. Tom requested a motion to get the guardrail repaired at a cost of \$6200. Motion to fix the guardrail was made by Jill Harshey and seconded by Mark Gaynor. Roll Call: David Gannon- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Kim Klingaman- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, David Irwin- yes.

**Legislation:**

**Ordinance 2023-08:** Update Ordinance 1984-12 Village Street Weight Limit. **On hold.** Emily Hayes stated this was discussed at the last meeting to remove from the agenda but no motion was stated. A motion to remove this from the agenda was made by David Irwin and seconded by Kim Klingaman. Roll Call: David Gannon- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Kim Klingaman- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, David Irwin- yes.

**Ordinance 2025-01: Third and Final reading** of Permanent Appropriations 2025. Emily Hayes presented these and provided copies for anyone to review.

**Ordinance 2025-02: Second reading** for contract with Village of Bolivar, Police Protection Services, at a rate of \$40 per hour. Mayor Tom Klingaman stated he spoke with a lot of people and the sheriff office and this was our best option available and would like to continue with Village of Bolivar.

**Ordinance 2025-03: Second reading/Pass by Emergency** on the appointment of Doug Frautschy as Village Solicitor (2 year appointment: March 1, 2025- February 28, 2027). Motion to suspend the rules was made by Mark Gaynor and seconded by Kim Klingaman. Roll Call: David Gannon- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Kim Klingaman- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, David Irwin- yes. **Motion to pass by Emergency** was made by Mark Gaynor and seconded by Kim Klingaman. Roll Call: David Gannon- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Kim Klingaman- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, David Irwin- yes.

**Ordinance 2025-04: Second reading** on an agreement with ODOT for maintenance of SR 212 through the Village.

**Ordinance 2025-05: First Reading** for the renewal of the Agreement between Bolivar Volunteer Fire Department, Lawrence Township, Village of Bolivar, and Village of Zoar for Fire/EMS contract.

Next scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6 PM at the Event Center. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mark Gaynor.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:01 PM.

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Emily Hayes, Fiscal Officer

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Thomas Klingaman, Mayor

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