

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

June 10, 2025

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

Roll Call:

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

A motion to approve the 5/13/2025 Regular Meeting minutes was made by Mark Gaynor and seconded by Jill Harshey. Roll Call: David Gannon- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Kim Klingaman- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, Jeff Eadie-yes.

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

Expenditures submitted for payment June 2025

1	AEP	444.27	Street Lighting
2	AEP	132.55	Community Center
3	Tom Klingaman	150.00	Salary June
4	Emily Hayes	450.00	Salary June
5	OPERS	108.00	OPERS June
6	Columbia Gas	71.74	Community Center
7	Tusc Cty Wtr Swr	44.59	Community Center May
8	Huntington Bank CC	298.83	Tree City USA tree, USPS, Staples, Kimble
9	ZCA	48.71	1/2 cost of dumpster for May 2025
10	Eddys Convenient Lawncare LLC	950.00	Grass Cutting for May 2025
11	Keith Faber, Auditor of State	650.20	UAN Fees- 3rd QTR 25(\$273) & Basic Audit (\$377.20)
12	BWC	0.00	Lapse Free Rebate 01/01/24-01/01/25 1.00 credit
		3,348.89	

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

Public Speaks:

None.

Fiscal:

Emily Hayes, Fiscal Officer, updated that the Village received a great google review for the event center as that information comes to the main email she uses. She also updated that she received the certificate from the amendments made at the last meeting. She announced that at the last meeting there was a UAN error on the top of some documents given to the council members where it said the current month of May it should have said April. The information on the document however was correct but the system had an error stating the wrong month. The current month such as May at the time can't even be accessed during the month, so unsure of how the error came about but all information was accurate.

Street Committee:

Mayor Tom Klingaman asked Emily Hayes, Fiscal Officer, if the purchase orders were able to be completed for the road repair. Emily stated she was waiting for the certificate from the amendments made at the last meeting that she just received this past week and she is now able to move the funds around and will get that going. She also stated with this certificate and moving the funds she will also mail out the check for the culvert repair done on Dover Zoar road they approved at the last meeting.

Emily Hayes updated council on the communications with Matt Ritterbeck, Lawrence Township trustee, on the Michael Lane Culvert repair and that they are willing to do the project and reviewed the quote of materials to council that was sent to them. Each member of council was included in the email chain with Matt and was up to date on the information. The quote was for \$1795 but requested to make a purchase order for \$2500 to be on the safe side and not the \$1000 as David Irwin had previously stated. Council has further questions on the need for this project to be completed or if it is okay if they hold off, as well as the time needed for the project to be completed. Emily will reach out to Matt to see if they can answer these questions and council will review at the next meeting.

Safety Committee:

David Gannon spoke about an article in the Bargain Hunter that talked about the speeding through the Village and that he was appreciative of the article. Mark Gaynor stated he has noticed the sheriff has been more present following the article. David Gannon asked about a flashing sign in Bolivar and was wondering how they paid for it. He asked Emily if she was aware, she stated she was told by the previous fiscal officer Patty Smith that a Reeves Grant for the safety of the people was what was used but unsure of the accuracy. Mayor Tom Klingaman stated that it looks like there would be funding in the PEP fund to cover the signage if necessary. David Gannon to look into a few different sign options for the speed sign before council votes. David Gannon also asked for an update on the letters sent out for the safety concern on the shed, no updates at this time.

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

None as there was no meeting this month.

HPC:

Mark Gaynor updated they are working on a permit for the Gergley property for a fence and stated they have sent out examples of what the fencing needs to look like. David Gannon asked about the house behind the creamery if anything has been done. Mark Gaynor stated that they have received a permit to demo it and have a year to do it as the permit is good for 1 year. He stated he hopes now the creamery is done they will work on it but was told they will begin working on the number 3 house next.

Event Center Building Committee:

Mark Gaynor stated they have been working on getting WIFI and pricing out costs as it would be a great addition for the event center. The extender they were trying to get to work unfortunately has not been useful and while searching for WIFI they keep trying to do a commercial and that is simply not needed for the event center. He stated he has seen WIFI for as low as \$30-\$40 a month and will look into it further. He stated they could also use a hotspot if needed. Further review will be made as this addition would be a great benefit to those renting the event center as well.

Solicitor:

None.

Additions to Agenda:

None.

Mayor's Notes:

Mayor Tom Klingaman presented that the Zoar Church of Christ next door is having a community cookout on June 22 at 11am and asked if anyone from council is able to make it to support them it would be greatly appreciated. He said services are held at 9:30 am but starting next week they will be moving the service to 10 am. Mayor Klingaman also ask council if they would agree to give a \$50 a month raise to Emily Hayes, Fiscal Officer, as she has been here for 3 months and is doing a great job. He mentioned how they have been through 4 fiscal officers in three years, with this last transition going seamless and wanted to show appreciation. Motion to approve a \$50 monthly raise for Fiscal Officer Emily Hayes was made by Jill Harshey and seconded by Kim Klingaman. Roll Call: David Gannon- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Kim Klingaman- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, Jeff Eadie-yes.

Lastly, Mayor Klingaman discussed the issue of parking within the village. He stated how there is adequate parking within the village but visitors still seem to park anywhere they please. This has become a safety concern as it has left roads blocked and impassable at times. Mayor Klingaman asked council to think about ways to improve this issue, such as signage or postings. Some of the concern areas is the school house when they go to unload near the steps they don't move after and others park on the other side making it impassable, next to the coffee shop is a drainage culvert that many parks on making a concern for safety and possible crushing of the culvert, resident's driveways/yards, and of course around the garden. They would really like people to use the designated parking and not the streets as they are already narrow to pass on. Mark Gaynor said signage needs to look historic and not ruin photos as Zoar is a huge photo destination, he brought up the idea of possibly painting on the roads the no parking. Kim Klingaman questioned Doug Frautschy, Village Solicitor, on if there would be any legal liability to the Village if visitors are blocking the roads. Doug said they could try but wouldn't work. Kim stressed how many park and walk all over town not being near there vehicle if needing to move for emergency. Doug stated you could get them a ticket if proper signage. Council to review ideas as this is a safety concern.

Legislation:

Ordinance 2025-04: Sixth reading on an agreement with ODOT for maintenance of SR 212 through the Village. The agreement is for snow and ice removal, pavement markings, warning signs, and maintenance/repair of SR 212 within the village. Emily Hayes, Fiscal Officer, reviewed for clarification with Doug Frautschy, Village Solicitor, about the term of agreement. The agreement states that it shall commence on the date of the last signature and shall be good for a term of 5 years unless terminated sooner and shall automatically renew for successive five year terms. She asked if there is anything needed to be done since we are coming up to the end of the first 5 years of this agreement and he stated no. Motion to agree to continuance of ODOT maintenance of SR 212 through the Village was made by Mark Gaynor and seconded by David Gannon. Roll Call: David Gannon- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Kim Klingaman- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, Jeff Eadie-yes.

Next scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 6 PM at the Event Center. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kim Klingaman and seconded by David Gannon. Roll Call: David Gannon- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Kim Klingaman- yes, Mark Gaynor- yes, Jeff Eadie-yes.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Emily Hayes, Fiscal Officer

Thomas Klingaman, Mayor

Date: _____