

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

November 11, 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	Absent
Kim Klingaman	Present	David Irwin	Present

A motion to approve the 10/14/2025 Regular 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.

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

ZOAR VILLAGE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Expenditures submitted for payment November 2025

1	AEP	485.09	Street Lighting
2	AEP	91.80	Community Center
3	Tom Klingaman	150.00	Salary November
4	Emily Hayes	500.00	Salary November
5	OPERS	120.00	OPERS November
6	Columbia Gas	82.90	Community Center
7	Tusc Cty Wtr Swr	61.02	Community Center October
8	Huntington Bank CC	25.84	Menards: Event Center Supplies
9	ZCA	49.09	1/2 cost of dumpster for October 2025
10	Eddys Convenient Lawncare LLC	500.00	Grass Cutting for October/Fall cleanup 2025
11	Spectrum	0.00	\$15 due for internet in October but have \$165 credit
12	Fairway Lawncare	350.00	Cemetery Weed Control
13	Village of Bolivar	2,310.00	Police Protection 8/31/25-10/25/25=47.75 hrs&Ghost tours
14	TAPCO	1,823.05	Blinking Speed sign
15	Ohio Municipal League	335.00	2026 Annual Dues

6,883.79

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

Public Speaks:

Village Resident Gale Garbrandt was questioning where minutes were posted, which was explained they are posted on the bulletin board in the post office and on our website.

Fiscal:

None.

Street Committee:

David Irwin stated that he noticed a total of 55 flags in the cemetery that needed to be taken down on the graves after today. He contacted frontier about a phone pole that was split at 7th and main street and it was replaced about a week ago. Mayor Klingaman stated he contacted them in the spring about the same pole. He also had the street light replaced out in front of the event center. He asked what can be done about three properties in town that need to be mowed, questioning if maybe a letter can be wrote. The properties in questions are 195 West 5th Street, 261 Main Street, and 395 Main Street. David Gannon asked if the properties were vacant or occupied, David Irwin stated that both 195 & 395 are not occupied. He said that he will try to mow the properties grass along 212 to the edge of the road so that it looks good this week. Another issue he noticed was the trash in the parking lot at the Mexican restaurant and would like to know who we could talk to there about the issue as nobody there is doing anything about it. Trees on East 2nd and West 2nd street was trimmed and a limb on East 2nd street was also down that he picked up some and will continue the rest toward the end of the week. He also trimmed trees in the alley behind the Mexican restaurant, stating the trash truck comes through there and tears a bunch of stuff down.

David Irwin stated that he needed to do some research on the minutes and wanted to see if he can set up a time to do so. He would like to look at them from the 1940s and 1950s and that would work for him. Emily Hayes said he is more than welcome but that room is currently a cluster as they are working to relocate everything as there has been water damage and rodents in there as nothing is really not very organized. Due to that and it being very busy as it is so close to the end of the year this would have to wait until the new year. A few council members at this time asked him what this was for and David Irwin only stated research.

Safety Committee:

None.

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

No meeting as it was election day.

HPC:

Mark Gaynor stated that they had a meeting but there were no new permits or anything at this time. David Gannon said that he saw there was an award for historic preservation for the cabin, Mark explained that it was for ZCA and not for the Village of Zoar. David Gannon said he thinks we should acknowledge that, Mark agreed but stated the Village of Zoar had no part in that as it was all ZCAs work. Mark said Diane was working on trying to get an award for one of

the houses but haven't gotten very far on it, it would be like an internal award type for people fixing their homes up. There will be a meeting coming up on Thursday.

Event Center Building Committee:

Mark Gaynor said the internet is up and working great as the issue was one of the breakers was off possibly done by a guest on accident. As the wiring for the building is very messed up for what works what, making no sense. The place has been busy with Tusky Valley events the past two weekends. Internet now allows renters using it for events to now more easily use a square for payment methods. The next thing to be done would be the security cameras that we already have. Mark discussed how the passwords can be changed between guests if needed. Another step would be getting a programmable thermostat to connect to a phone and also door programmable locks.

Solicitor:

None.

Additions to Agenda:

Mark Gaynor stated how back in September they applied for a grant from the Reeves Foundation originally for painting of the building but was then changed at the last moment for a playground. He was able to grab a new estimate on the very last day before it was due from the one Lauren Marburger, Village resident, had initially received. He explained that he was called and we have officially received the grant for \$66,315.29, Emily Hayes said the check was already received as well. Mark explained it was happening very quickly as the people from the park company was giving 2025 prices instead of 2026, which was lower. He said they were originally asking for \$71,000, with \$5,000 of that being the Village responsibility. But it currently looks like we will only be putting \$940.90 into it at this time. Mark wanted to make a motion for this \$940.90 to go toward the park with investing the rest of the \$5000 at a later time such as in a pavilion or other projects, such as a basketball court or pickleball court in phase 2 or 3 of the park setup. An estimate is being gathered for a pavilion based similarly to the one on the canal which was a kit form around \$8000 which may come from a private donor. As long as no snow is on the ground this should be done in December. Local farmers are hired to come in and prep the area and will be installed quickly. The colors are very muted and blend into the area. Mark stated he also spoke with Eric Downing with the Core of Engineers who have granted their blessing for the park as long as it stays maintained. Mark said he had mentioned to a friend that the old bleachers were going to be removed and they actually came and got them instead, so now no prep work will be needed before hand. Emily said a big thanks to Mark and Lauren who have put so much time into this for the village residents and visitors. David Gannon asked if this is something our insurance company would approve, and Mark stated these are designed in ways that insurance companies like as they are very safety oriented. Mark questioned at this time if they would want to keep the swing set at the school house or remove it. A motion to spend the additional \$940.90 for the playground 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.

Emily Hayes at this time updated about the Free Little Library. She stated that one became available this year but due to the playground being installed we will hold off and go with our original plans for next year to be able to place it at the park. Mark agreed with the park being the best place for it. The normal color for it is purple but they did say they were open to other colors, council agreed to see if green to match the playground was possible. Mark said he would like to do a ribbon cutting ceremony once the park is in.

Mayor's Notes:

Mayor Tom Klingaman thanked everyone that worked on the levy, helping getting it together with the flyer, and everyone that voted on the levy, giving everyone a good job. Secondly, he thanked Mark, Lauren, planning committee, and everyone else that worked hard on the park project and got it going for our community. Mayor Tom would like to approve the estimate that David Irwin received last month to stripe the road for \$740, as it is becoming a safety issue without it marked. Motion to approve the \$740 to stripe Dover Zoar Road 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.

Legislation:

2025-14: Second Reading and Pass by Emergency of Agreement for Indigent Defense Services in New Philadelphia Municipal Court Public Defender. Motion to suspend the rules 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. Motion to pass by emergency agreement for Indigent Defense Services 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.

2025-15: Second Reading of 2026 Temporary Appropriations.

2025-17: First Reading and Pass by Emergency to amend appropriations to add new funds from the Reeves Grant for use of a playground and to increase funds in the police protection to cover current year expenses. Motion to suspend the rules 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. Motion to pass by emergency agreement to add new funds for the Reeves Grant for use of a playground and increase funds in police protection to cover current expenses 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.

Next scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 6 PM at the Event Center. Motion to adjourn the meeting 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.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Emily Hayes, Fiscal Officer

Thomas Klingaman, Mayor

Date: _____