

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2026

The Zoar Village Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Klingaman at 6:48 pm.

Roll Call:

Mark Gaynor:	Present	David Gannon:	Absent
Greg Fach:	Present	Mark Welty:	Present
Gail Garbrandt:	Present	*Empty Seat	

A motion to approve the 12/9/2025 Regular Meeting minutes was made by Mark Gaynor and seconded by Greg Fach. Roll Call: Mark Gaynor: yes, Greg Fach: yes, Mark Welty: Yes, Gail Garbrandt: yes.

The following bills were presented for signature to be paid in January 2026:

ZOAR VILLAGE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Expenditures submitted for payment January 2026

1	AEP	497.63	Street Lighting
2	AEP	187.59	Community Center
3	Tom Klingaman	150.00	Salary January
4	Emily Hayes	500.00	Salary January
5	OPERS	120.00	OPERS January
6	Columbia Gas	313.11	Community Center
7	Tusc Cty Wtr Swr	49.65	Community Center December 2025
8	Huntington Bank CC	530.79	Office Supplies & Fuel
9	ZCA	49.24	1/2 cost of dumpster for December 2025
10	Spectrum	125.00	Internet for December 2025
11	Lightning Signs	100.00	2 No Delivery Trucks in Alley Signs
12	Play & Park Structures	67,256.19	Playground- Reeves Grant
13	IRS	465.88	Annual 944 Medicare, Social Security, Supp. Federal Withholding
14	Red Oak Excavating	550.00	Grave Digging, Norma J. Diekmann
15	Village of Bolivar	2,430.00	Police Protection 10/26/2025-1/3/2026 for 60.75 hrs. @40hr
16	Spectrum	145.00	Internet for January 2026

73,470.08

Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial statements and pay the monthly bills for January was made by Gail Garbrandt and seconded by Mark Welty. Roll Call: Mark Gaynor: yes, Greg Fach: yes, Mark Welty: Yes, Gail Garbrandt: yes.

Motion to allow Fiscal Officer to pay the bills throughout the year as they come due was made by Mark Gaynor and seconded by Mark Welty. Roll Call: Mark Gaynor: yes, Greg Fach: yes, Mark Welty: Yes, Gail Garbrandt: yes.

Gail questioned if there should be a limit of \$3000. Mark Gaynor did not see this as an issue. No limit was set as there has never been one before and allows the bills to be paid on time.

Discussion for the three signatures for bills was had at this time Mark Gaynor will stay on, Gail volunteered as the second, and Mark Welty agreed to be the third.

Public Speaks:

None.

Fiscal:

Emily Hayes, Fiscal Officer, passed out a phone list to be updated with the three new council members information. She spoke about the passing out of information before meetings to council members and that she will no longer be driving around to people's homes on the Sunday before the meeting to give out information as it is a waste of her personal fuel and time. Information can be emailed the night before but she will present a hard copy to everyone at the meeting. Majority of the time this wasted a lot of ink and paper as most of the time the bills were still coming in or the agenda would have something added to it as we only meet once a month. She received input from resources who agreed with this decision and stated that was how they also did things for meetings. Mayor Tom clarified that it will still be given electronically and a hard copy given at the meeting. Mark Gaynor mentioned the possibility of mailboxes at the event center in the future. Emily also asked if they were okay with the folder setup over the clear folders that they normally got in the past. All agreed. Gail mentioned how ink is expensive for her to print these all out at home, Emily stated there was absolutely no reason for her to print these personally as she will still be given a hard copy at the meeting. Emily said the Village ink is almost \$200 and it's a waste of ink and paper for the Village making multiple copies when updates are occurring till the meeting.

At this time, Gail asked Mark Gaynor if it was possible for everyone to have a Zoar email. He said no unless you want to pay for it as they are expensive, around \$100 a year or so. Emily said majority of emails should come to the village email as we just dealt with this issue in December when we found out bills and such were going to council members and not being relayed properly causing problems.

Lastly, she said she was working on year end and wanted to tell everyone that last year at the end of the year the Village received a \$15,000 donation from Scott and Marilyn Gordon for the Event Center. It was also sent with a breakdown for how the money should be spent and what it should be spent on which was acoustic paneling for the council room of \$5000, painting the building of \$8000, and new signage of \$2000.

Street Committee:

Mayor Tom mentioned that him and Wyatt Hayes have plowed a few times already. He mentioned that Wyatt was able to find salt cheaper over at the Crossroads store, helping support

local business. Emily mentioned he was able to find it cheaper and at a higher quantity, plus actual road salt. As the last salt purchased last year was from Culligan and was water softener salt not road salt.

Gail said she received a phone call about when someone plowed the cobbler shop alley and second street that one of the resident's big rocks was moved toward the alley and stated someone needs to go over there and move it back. The village does not plow alleys so unsure of who did this but will look at it for her.

Safety Committee:

None.

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

PC:

Mayor Klingaman said there was no meeting this month as they were waiting for the Organizational Meeting to see who all was going to be on. The only change to it was adding Greg.

HPC:

Mark Gaynor said they had a meeting last week and there is going to be one permit coming for a new garage but don't expect to see any issue with it and will let us know when it comes up as it has been pretty slow.

Event Center Building Committee:

Mark Gaynor said he has an estimate for the acoustic panels for in the council room being paid for by the donation received. He wants to make a motion to spend \$5850 on the acoustic paneling for the council room. He understands this it is a little over the \$5000 but we will stay within the \$15,000 and there are also other funds for updates to the event center. He said this is a priority as it will help during meetings. He also mentioned he was designing the artwork for the paneling as they will display old Zoar photos. He believes that there will be 8 panels that with be 4 foot by 3 foot, and 8 ceiling panels. He is unsure of how quickly this will move but the room will also need to be prepped and painted prior and a 50% deposit required. He said they also got bids for painting, and was questioning Doug Frautschy, Village Solicitor, on one who said they don't have workers comp and how would that work. Doug said most with an LLC don't have to have it, as long as they are subcontractors and can't claim they are our employees than they will be fine. Mark mentioned they are still working on the color and signage for the road. Motion to spend \$5850 on the acoustic paneling for the council room was made by Mark Gaynor, Greg Fach seconded. Roll Call: Mark Gaynor: yes, Greg Fach: yes, Mark Welty: Yes, Gail Garbrandt: yes.

Mark Gaynor said there is a Reeves Grant coming due on the 21st and he is writing one for the pavilion for the park. He explained to council that all grants have to go through the Mayor for sign off so multiple grants aren't being applied for at the same time. Mark also updated that

two parts were broken in the shipping for the playground but they will be coming back to replace them. Emily also said she will get an update from the library on when they will be installing the Little Free Library. Mark said he also wants to look into picnic tables and pricing as well but may include that in there.

Solicitor:

None.

Additions to Agenda:

None.

Mayor's Notes:

None.

Legislation:

2025-18: Second Reading of 2026 Permanent Appropriations.

Next scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6 PM at the Event Center. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gail Garbrandt and seconded by Mark Gaynor. Roll Call: Mark Gaynor: yes, Greg Fach: yes, Mark Welty: Yes, Gail Garbrandt: yes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Emily Hayes, Fiscal Officer

Thomas Klingaman, Mayor

Date: _____