

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 2019

The Zoar Village regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Gordon at 6:00 pm at the ZVFD location.

Roll Call	David Irwin	Present	Judy Meiser	Present
	Paul Worley	Present	Gayle Potelicki	Present
	Hans Fischer	Present	Joe Potelicki	Present

Motion to approve the 11/12/19 regular meeting minutes as received and amended was made by David and seconded by Gayle. Roll call: All yes.

The following bills were presented for signature to be paid in December 2019.

Scott Gordon	150.00	Dec Mayor salary
Patricia Smith	420.00	Dec Clerk
OPERS	100.80	Dec Clerk
AEP	295.30	Nov Street Lighting
FIA Card Services	199.00	Fire Extinguisher
Speedway	58.86	Fuel
Village of Bolivar	625.00	Nov Police
Ohio Dept of Taxation	8.40	4 th Qtr Taxes
Doug Frautschy	695.00	4 th Qtr Solicitor/Docs/calls
IRS	661.68	944 Federal Filing
Auditor of State	255.00	1 st Qtr UAN Fees
Ohio Municipal Clerks Association	55.00	Dues
Mayor's Association of Ohio	50.00	Dues
Ohio Bureau of WC	173.00	2020 Premium
Gerald Kendle Jr	588.00	Street Salt

Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial statements and pay the monthly bills for December was made by Joe and seconded by Gayle. Roll Call: All yes except Judy who abstained her vote on the Gerald Kendle Jr payment.

Public Speaks:

Pat Rombach spoke highly of the ZVFD. Her home was struck by lightning on August 10, 2016 and she said Charlie Meiser was the first to arrive. She said there was not a lot of fire damage to her home as Charlie extinguished the fire quickly. Most of the damage to her home was smoke and mold. Pat stated she does not agree with the idea of contracting with the Bolivar Volunteer Fire Department simply because they have fireman on duty 24/7. Pat feels the Village is very lucky to have the Zoar Volunteer Fire Department and that their response time was very quick.

Charlie Meiser questioned Mayor Scott Gordon asking if he requires a 1099 (990) each year from the Bolivar Fire Department, since it is a requirement of the Zoar Volunteer Fire Department. Scott said that Bolivar submits an annual report that contains very detailed information. Council has not requested additional information to date, but it could in the future.

Charlie Meiser voiced his disgust with the article printed in The Times Reporter concerning the Zoar Volunteer Fire Department. He said this article was not factual.

Fiscal:

Patty requested council approve her paying any bills necessary to close the year. Joe made the motion to allow Patty to pay any bills through year end, the motion was seconded by Hans. Roll Call: All yes with Judy abstaining.

Patty received a letter from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control stating all Liquor licenses in the Village will be up for renewal in 2020. She explained the process for any objection to a renewal and stated the letter is on file if it is ever needed to file an objection.

Patty stated council will need to make a decision on the cost for burial in the Zoar Cemetery as no alternative to using Haueter Landscaping was found. She said Haueter increased his pricing for burials and the current Ordinance pricing will not support the increase. She stated council can raise the rates, amend the Ordinance, or find an alternative but it would need to be done immediately as Haueter's rates start effective January 1, 2020. Council voted (see Ordinances) to have Patty revise the current ordinance for burials to support the additional costs of Haueter Landscaping and have the net result that the Village makes no profit on any vault burials in the Zoar Cemetery.

Patty stated the Temporary Appropriations presented to council will increase by the grant received from the Ohio & Erie Canalway in the amount of \$6,500.00.

Street Committee:

None.

Safety Committee:

Scott said it has been brought to his attention that there may not be enough speed limit signs in the Village and that the alleyways are not named. He asked Jeff Stearns to comment.

Sgt. Jeff Stearns of the Bolivar Police Department stated the alleys in the Village are not named and that to write a ticket the name will need to be on the ticket. Judy recalled all Village alleyways being named several years ago when house numbers were being assigned. Judy will see if she has anything in writing.

Jeff said Village council may want to consider adding speed limit sign up on the levee before entering the Village on SR 212 from the South. Jeff encouraged council to also look at the signage on 2nd Street as well. He suggested a speed limit sign of 35 mph leaving Zoar just past the bridge. Joe asked Jeff for suggestions on the speed limit for the alleyways in the Village. Jeff cited ORC saying if no limit signs are posted the ORC sets the speed limit on all alleys at 15mph. Joe said there is no reason for the Village to install a sign on the alleyways if ORC defines it.

Scott asked David for his suggestions. David said the Village can fix the signage on 2nd Street but ODOT would have to be involved with any signs placed on SR 212 entering the Village.

Joe commented on a situation concerning the Police response time to the Village during the hours of 11pm and 7am. He said the Bolivar Police do not have staff on duty after 11pm weekly and only have officers on duty until 2am on the weekends. He said a recent incident at 4:06am required response from the Tuscarawas County Sheriffs' Department and the response time was 30 minutes. He stated this was a false alarm luckily.

Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission:

Scott said work continues following the progress on the exterior of the new Donnie's Tavern. The Planning Commission is also working on several Zoning Ordinance revisions with plans to submit to Council in February.

Cemetery Board:

None.

Solicitor Report:

None.

Mayor's Notes:

Scott briefed council on the information received from Larry Lindberg, County Auditor, on the estimated property tax revenue generated from the Village either electing a renewal vs replacement for both the general and police levies. The levies will need to be placed on the ballot for the November 2020 election and council will have to decide whether they will be replacement or renewal.

Scott said the USACE detailed Vibration Analysis study has been received. Plans are to collect actual field vibration data when two new relief wells are installed prior to construction. Due to the archeological study, the area in back of the barn foundation close to Han's home will be avoided. The study also indicated foundation remains of a root cellar in this location which will also be avoided.

USACE next public meeting is tentatively set for either January 22nd or 23rd. When finalized, the date will be emailed to everyone.

Planning Commission is working on a Zoning Ordinance revision. Scott said this will be presented to council in February.

There will be a meeting of the Zoar Connection Group January 9th 2020. Scott said anyone interested in attending should contact him for the details.

Scott presented a draft Ordinance to allow the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to engage in a contract with the Environmental Design Group (EDG) to update the Village open spaces section of the Master Plan. Patty said she is still working on the accounting for this grant and would like to delay the contract until she has all the information she needs. Scott agreed to act on this at the January meeting. Hans requested he be given a copy of the map from the Village Master Plan.

Scott said he and Hans had a very successful meeting with ODOT on the need for a brown sign at exit 93 on I-77 advertising the Village of Zoar. Currently there are green signs on the North and South bound sides before exit 93. ODOT agreed to replace these with new brown signs that will alert drivers to Historic Zoar Village, Fort Laurens Memorial, and the Atwood Lake Region.

Scott received a letter from Columbia Gas showing a rate increase of 2.8% on May 1, 2020. This will result in a \$1.83 increase to the average household bill per month.

Judy requested council entertain re-instating pay for each council member. She also asked if Scott had petitioned the Ohio Ethics Commission concerning the potential conflict of interest that David Irwin as council member and working for ZCA may cause. She also stated that the newly elected Councilman Tom Klingamen has a daughter who works for ZCA as Assistant Site Manager and this will also be a potential conflict of interest. Scott will discuss Judy's concerns with Doug Frautschy, Village Solicitor.

Ordinance 2019-16: Temporary Appropriations 2020. 3rd and final reading. Motion by Joe and seconded by Judy. Roll Call: All yes. Ordinance passed.

Ordinance 2019-17: Fire Contract. 3rd Reading by title only.

Ordinance 2019-18: Police Contract. 3rd Reading by title only.

Ordinance 2019-19: EMS Contract. 3rd Reading by title only.

Resolutions proposals 2019-22 and 2019-23 were removed from consideration until a further date.

Resolution 2019-24: Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for Fire Protection Services. 2nd reading.

Ordinance 2019-28: Ordinance amending Ordinance 2016-12, revising costs for Lots and Grave opening/closing fees in Zoar Cemetery. Motion to suspend rules and regulations was made by Joe and seconded by Gayle. RC: All yes. Motion to pass as an emergency was made by Joe and seconded by Gayle. Roll Call: All yes. Ordinance passed.

Ordinance 2019-26: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer of the Village of Zoar, Ohio to enter into a contract to update the Village open spaces section of the Master Plan. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned by Hans and Joe.

Patty Smith, Fiscal Officer

Scott Gordon, Mayor

Date: _____