

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR COUNCIL MEETING February 1, 2016

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session on **Monday, February 1, 2016**. Mayor Hubble called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Lloyd opened the meeting with a moment of prayer. Cochran, Lang, Lapp, Lebold, Lloyd & Vincent answered roll call.

Lang moved-seconded by Cochran to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, bills paid, and financials. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

The Clerk read the bills for the month of January, totaling \$38,665.77. Vincent motioned, seconded by Lloyd to approve the bills. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC SPEAKS: - Josh Hoy was present but didn't speak during public speaks. Tom Graef was in attendance with Michela Huth regarding zoning questions about a property he owns. Tom made a public records request and submitted it to the Clerk. Michela questioned the effective date of the zoning book on page 24.

MAYOR HUBBLE – Announced the Loving Hearts Foundation is having their annual fundraiser at the Wilkshire Banquet Center. The cost is \$25.00 per person and the proceeds goes towards the backpacks for children program.

FINANCE: - Vincent moved, seconded by Lloyd to spend \$139.00 for Sergeant Hilty to attend a training with TNT Tactics in Richfield Ohio at end of February. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Vincent moved, seconded by Lang to purchase a 2016 Ford Explorer for the police department in the amount of \$36,111.00. The order needs to be placed by March. This vehicle will replace the 2010 cruiser. Grants are also being submitted later in the month to potentially pay for the cruiser. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Vincent moved, seconded by Lloyd to approve **RESOLUTION R-3-2016, amending the official certificate of estimated resources - certificate 1**. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Vincent moved, seconded by Lloyd to suspend the rules to approve an ordinance for pay raises as discussed in finance. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Vincent moved, seconded by Lebold to approve an **ORDINANCE O-4-2016 TO SET THE CURRENT RATES OF PAY FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE; ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY**. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

There was a first reading by title only to increase the water rates by \$3.00 per month. The rates have not been increased since 2011.

Vincent moved, seconded by Lang to approve D&N Tree Service to grind stumps for the trees previously cut down in the amount of \$800.00. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

PLANNING – Lebold stated they will be having their next Zoning meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 5:30p.m. Lebold also reported a zoning violation letter had been sent to the Graefs.

SAFETY – Lloyd reported the police cleared 77 calls in the month of January. The safety committee discussed bringing on two (2) auxiliary officers, Justin Lambert and Mason Perry. Lloyd moved, seconded by Vincent to suspend the rules. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Lloyd moved, seconded by Lapp to approve an **ORDINANCE O-5-2016 TO ADD JUSTIN LAMBERT AND MASON PERRY AS AUXILLARY POLICE OFFICERS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR; ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY.** In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Chief – For the month of January, the police had one attempted suicide and one guy threatening law enforcement plus a resident.

Haugh reported he will soon be a member of CIT (Crisis Intervention Team). He stated the police are handling things daily that aren't publicized. It's much more than writing tickets.

Continued training is very valuable and the Chief said he greatly appreciates the training and equipment needed to keep everyone safe.

STREET & ALLEY: Franks is looking into a complaint received from a resident at Poplar and West Street about flooding occurring on the Village right of way.

The total for recycling in 2015 equaled 73.38 tons. In other news, the street department is seeking prices for new garage doors to help conserve energy.

STREET SUPERINTENDANT / ADMINISTRATOR - none

SHADE TREE – The Mayor, Franks and Lang will be attending the Tree City USA Ceremony in Wooster on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

RECREATION – Lebold stated he couldn't attend council training in March. He also reported that the solicitor has given him all but one set of right of ways.

There is an 800 foot right of way where trees will be removed. Lebold said they will need release waivers for a volunteer group to remove the trees. The Clerk questioned whether or not the volunteer group was insured and stated they would need a permit to remove trees within the village. Discussion followed amongst council and the solicitor regarding procedural steps for the volunteer group to remove the trees.

Lebold moved, seconded by Lang to suspend to approve an ordinance for the tree removal within the Towpath Trail right of way. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Lebold moved, seconded by Lang to approve an **ORDINANCE O-6-2016 TO APPROVE AN EXEMPTION TO VILLAGE POLICY**

FOR TOWPATH TRAIL SCRUB TREE REMOVAL; ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Lebold reported the Trail balance is depleting down to a few thousand dollars. He will be applying for grant funding with Ohio Erie Canal and other funding sources.

Franks reported no lead was detected in the raw water report. The Village was under the mcl on the lead and copper sampling test performed by the Ohio EPA, which is done every three years.

CLERK/TREASURER – none

LAW DIRECTOR – Presented a first reading by title only for AN ORDINANCE TO HIRE MARIA APP AS VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER.

Lapp moved, seconded by Lebold to suspend the rules for an ordinance retaining the Income Tax Administrator... In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Lapp moved, seconded by Lebold to approve an **ORDINANCE O-7-2016 TO RENEW THE CONTRACT OF STEPHANIE LONG AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR THE VILLAGE IN THE POSITION OF TAX ADMINISTRATOR; ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY.** In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

There was a **second reading** by title only for **AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE PAY SCALE FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR.** The Clerk added, there has not been an increase in Council wages since 2008.

Before adjourning, Josh Hoy requested to speak. He said he would like to be more informed and would like for the village to send him email updates on upcoming issues prior to council meetings. It was explained that the Village does not send out electronic updates notifying anyone in advance of peoples with the agenda. The meeting is the first Monday of each month; discussion for upcoming projects and/or topics begins in committee meetings. Expenditures would then go through the Finance committee prior to a vote in council meetings. He said his work schedule is on a rotation. Because it always changes, he is unable to commit to attending village meetings.

He noted the Village website has not been updated for the past few months. The Clerk apologized and said she will make a point of contacting the web designer with current documents to upload. The first priority closing the year end and preparing files for audit. Clean up work has been ongoing and it's been a courtesy service offering minutes online. She said minutes are available in the public office. He said by the time he reads the minutes it's already old news. Council suggested he send someone to meetings in his place and/or try to attend the committee meetings if he cannot make council meetings. A lengthy discussion followed as to possible solutions on how he can stay current.

There being no further business, Lebold moved, seconded by Cochran to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes

Mayor Rebecca S. Hubble

ATTEST: _____
Maria A. App, Clerk Treasurer

Approved: March 7, 2016