

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR COUNCIL MEETING March 7, 2016

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session on **Monday, March 7, 2016**. Mayor Hubble called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Vincent 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 February, totaling \$44,860.23. 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: - No one attended from the public.

MAYOR HUBBLE – Mayor Hubble announced she will be attending a health advisory committee meeting on March 15, 2016.

Hubble publicly thanked Chief Haugh; stating she was proud of him for his service. She reported Haugh recently attended and completed a 40 hour CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) training. Haugh noted there were eighteen (18) others in law enforcement in the county that have also become intervention members. Haugh went on to say the team had the opportunity to partake in interviewing bipolar and schizophrenic people; the training included national instructors that specialize in the field.

Haugh reported he has encountered three cases with mentally challenged people since the training. He can now help trouble shoot situations thanks to the valuable training. Haugh would like to send another officer the next time the training is offered.

FINANCE: - Vincent moved, seconded by Lloyd to approve **RESOLUTION R-4-2016, TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE #1** which reflects a \$2.72 move out of the Roy Parks Fund into the General Fund. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Vincent moved, seconded by Lloyd to approve **RESOLUTION R-5-2016** to transfer a total of \$16.00 within the State Highway fund from the line item titled "personnel services" into the line "OPERS" and "Medicare". In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Vincent announced the "state" awarded the 2014/2015 audit contract to Wilson, Phillips & Agin.

Vincent brought to council, as discussed in finance, the topic of the Roy Parks Fund balance. It is a dormant account in which only the interest accrued can be used towards any expenses which equates to approximately 12.00 per year. The clerk has been reviewing options with the solicitor as to how the money could better serve the village. The solicitor explained to council, the only

way to move the money between funds is through a court order. She further explained that it's a relatively easy process; council would first need to give her the authority to prepare the paperwork.

Vincent moved, seconded by Lapp to approve allowing the solicitor (Armstrong) to prepare a court order to transfer the Roy Parks fund balance. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Vincent brought forth a couple water and trash exemption requests received by the Village. The first one is located on Park Avenue. Only the trash can be exempted since the water hook up is for a duplex. Vincent moved, seconded by Lloyd to exempt the trash while the unit is vacant. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

The second water and trash exemption request is for a former resident on Wilson Street. Vincent moved, seconded by Lapp to exempt the water and trash while the property is vacant. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Reported Franks will continue to obtain quotes for replacing the garage doors and man doors. Will review at the next finance meeting.

Vincent also reported the Mayor received a letter from Quicksall in regards to the Downtown Project. The fee to submit an application for funding is \$7500.00. Quicksall couldn't attend this evening, but they will be at the next council meeting on April 4, 2016 to discuss further.

PLANNING – Zoning met on Thursday, March 3, 2016. Three visitors were in attendance. The Lee's attended in regards to the Wesleyan property they are looking to buy, but the property has five (5) additional easements. The Village of Bolivar has nothing to do with easements. The solicitor said the buyer needs to get a title search, but the Village has nothing to do with that. Lebold advised that the Lee's need to see their attorney and seller.

Tom Graef with Empire Realty also attended the zoning meeting. They are progressing with their high value wrecked cars. Graef made a formal request of Council to make a zoning book change. Lebold stated our current zoning doesn't permit a used car lot on its own absent a new car lot. Meeting with Graef on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 to iron out details of their request.

Lebold stated there are a couple other areas in the zoning book that also need looked at. He said Zoning will be coming back to Council for a public hearing in order to make any changes.

SAFETY – Lloyd reported the police cleared 77 calls in the month of February. Lloyd moved, seconded by Lang to approve purchasing ammunition up to \$250.00. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Learned new auxiliary J. Lambert did not work out. The safety committee discussed bringing on Michael Manos as an auxiliary officer. Lloyd moved, seconded by Lang to suspend the rules. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Lloyd moved, seconded by Lapp to approve **AN ORDINANCE, O-10-2016, TO ADD MICHAEL MANOS AS AN AUXILLARY POLICE OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR; ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY**. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Chief – none

STREET & ALLEY: Lang reported due to a light winter, there was a significant savings with salt this past winter. The usage for the 2015/2016 season is approximately 22 tons compared to 42 tons in 2014/2015.

STREET SUPERINTENDANT / ADMINISTRATOR - Franks reported they had a water line break at the intersection of Canal and Bolivar Street. He said the break was broke at the "bell". He said he had to purchase six (6) straps for the repair. The straps were in excess of \$1,600.00.

In other news, composting wont' begin until the township opens their bins.

Franks and Alexander will be going to the Ohio Utilities Protection training which is a free class during the evening. Also learned Franks will be a second meeting at the FEMA office for new plan they're working on.

SHADE TREE – Franks received a few residents request trees to be replanted once the old ones are removed. Approximately 12-14 trees to be planted this year.

RECREATION – Nate Clemens with the Bolivar Baseball Association requesting permission for the 2016 season to use the Ballfields at the Waterworks Park and Martin field on Grand Avenue. They will clean up trash and maintain the fields. Proof of insurance will also be submitted. Lebold moved, seconded by Cochran to approve the Baseball Association to continue to use the fields. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Lebold reported he met with George and Dan Rice with the Ohio Erie Canal. They agreed to pursue the tree removal project on the trail through the Ohio Erie Coalition. They will handle the waivers and insurance that will be submitted to the Village and will perform a safety training ahead of time with their volunteers. The project will begin on Saturday, April 2, 2016 and will return two weeks later to systematically take out trees that need to come down. Limbs and brush will be removed and the wood will be stacked for people to take. A dozer will remove stumps once the construction begins.

Lebold also stated the Trail will be a little shorter than anticipated. Still working on the last easement from the Rhinehart property. The next step is to contact Mr. Wenger.

Lebold presented to council that the Ohio Erie Canal in Akron is having a bike ride on May 14-15, 2016. He is requesting council to allow directional signs to be placed in Village curb strip for the ride. Signs would be placed on May 13 and removed on May 15. Lebold motioned, seconded by Lloyd to approve the sign placement for the event. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

CLERK/TREASURER – none

LAW DIRECTOR – Chief Haugh announced the Police Department can no longer perform background checks in the Village. OLEG told the police

they will no longer be able to do them. Haugh reported that the Clerk suggested that the solicitor should be responsible for providing the background check at their expense. Franks suggested eliminating solicitors, which the Clerk also supported. Discussion amongst council took place in regards to possible solutions. The Solicitor said she will provide a list to Haugh regarding accepted agencies to perform the checks.

In other news, a 150' tall pole is being proposed to install in the Village of Bolivar. It would be a Hybrid transport network pole which provides high speed bandwidth. The company, Ohio Exchange Facilities Network, LLC, is looking to have it placed in the Village right away at the west end of town. The solicitor discussed ORC 4939 and limitations of the village allowing or disallowing consent. Armstrong stated the village has 60 days to accept or deny. She will review the Villages options and present at the next council meeting in April.

The solicitor presented a second reading by title AN ORDINANCE TO HIRE MARIA APP AS VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER. Her term as Clerk/Treasurer ends on March 31, 2016. The Ordinance would have to be approved prior to April 1, 2016. The next council meeting is on April 4, 2016, therefore the ordinance would need approved as an emergency. Lang moved, seconded by Lapp to suspend the rules to hire Maria App as the Fiscal Officer. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Lang moved, seconded by Lapp to approve **AN ORDINANCE, O-11-2016, TO HIRE MARIA APP AS VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER; ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY**. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

There was a third reading for **AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE PAY SCALE FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR**. Council discussed the current and proposed pay scale. The Clerk noted Council has not had a raise since 2008. Lang and Vincent had reservations. Lebold motioned, seconded by Lapp to approve **ORDINANCE O-12-2016**. In a roll call vote, Cochran, Lapp, Lebold and Lloyd voted yes; Lang & Vincent voted no.

In other business, Lloyd motioned, seconded by Lang to go into a brief executive session to discuss pending litigation. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. The time council went into executive session was 8:01pm.

Council came out of executive session at 8:22 p.m.

There being no further business, Lebold moved, seconded by Cochran to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday, April 4, 2016. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Mayor Rebecca S. Hubble

ATTEST: _____
Maria A. App, Clerk Treasurer

Approved: _____