

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

COUNCIL MEETING

June 3, 2019

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session on **Monday, June 3, 2019**. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hubble at 7:03 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Lloyd opened the meeting with a prayer. Gettan, Lang, Lawver, Lebold, Lloyd and Vincent all answered to roll call.

Gettan moved, seconded by Lloyd, to accept the previous meeting minutes. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

The Fiscal Officer read the bills for the month of **May which totaled \$39,402.67**. Lang moved, 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 – A resident, Gerry Swigert, was in attendance. She was seeking an update on the drain situation because it's been going on for at least two years or more. She stated they are just trying to figure out what's going on because it is still backed up. The Mayor deferred her question to Franks. He stated they are going to work on it. He noted that he had a water tap last week and one to fix this week plus the downtown project going on. He went on to say he will need to jack hammer part of the road up because there is a plug someplace; he doesn't know if it's concrete or what. After that they can jet it.

Swigert reiterated it's been going on for two years. She went on to reference Mr. Taylor's drain. Franks explained where his drain ties in.

The Mayor said, "I understand we have a downtown project going on but that's something new that just happened". She added, "I'm trying to understand what the exact hold up is. Are we waiting for somebody to come with a piece of equipment? Are we waiting for something?" Franks said, "No, because I had a water tap on hold from last year so I had to do that. Then these guys that fly by night snow plow took my valve boxes off so I have to replace these valve boxes because if we have a waterline problem I have to be able to get on a valve. It's not that I have put it on the back burner; it's not that nobody else floods". "We will get to it."

Mrs. Swigert asked, "So it's more than us that has the issue"? The Mayor referenced the bank had a flooding issue last week during the heaving rains. She thought it may have been from the construction because they had large covers over the drains but the water was up to the step of the bank.

Swigert commented that she knows they (Taylors) never had an issue until they built that gas station and Dairy Queen; but after that... The Mayor added that their flow shouldn't be directed this way, it would be directed another route. "To my knowledge, I don't think that has been the problem."

Lebold asked Franks if he could have that done in another month. Franks said yes. Lebold responded, "Good then it will be done by July".

MAYOR HUBBLE – The Mayor extended a special thank you to our Police Department. We celebrated our police week a couple of weeks ago. "I appreciate all that you do and the service you provide to our community". In other news, as everyone knows, the Downtown Project has begun. According to the pre-construction meeting, the goal is to be done by the end of September. Best efforts will be made to keep the road closures to a minimum. The biggest concern to most of the residents is getting to the post office and bank. The goal is to try and make sure there is access. Today the drive thru was unavailable to the public but it should be open tomorrow. It's a process, but we will get through it. It will be beautiful when it's complete.

The Mayor announced she will be attending the Mayor's conference this month on June 12-14, 2019. They will be going over a lot of things at the state level.

FINANCE – Gettan announced the Star Ohio interest for the month of May, 2019 was \$842.45; \$3,879.49 year to date.

Gettan brought forth a Resolution to Amend Appropriations; increasing the line item for income tax refunds in the amount of \$2,600.00. Gettan moved, seconded by Lang to approve a **Resolution as R-7-2019**. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Gettan moved, seconded by Lang to authorize the Fiscal Officer to extend the natural gas contract with AEP Energy at a rate of .435 per CCF for two years. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Gettan moved, seconded by Lang to authorize the disposal of two (2) old desks and one (1) old water fountain. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Gettan moved, seconded by Lloyd to authorize the Fiscal Officer to apply for a Village credit card with a limit of \$5,000.00 for Village purposes. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Gettan moved, seconded by Vincent to approve replacement lighting in the Police Department and Council room in the amount of \$655.84. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Lastly, Gettan moved, seconded by Lloyd to approve \$1,100.00 for new flooring in the police building and council room as well. App clarified the areas that would be carpeted. She noted it would not include the hall area from door to door that has higher traffic. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

PLANNING- Gettan reported there will not be a zoning meeting this Thursday, June 6, or in July. The next regular zoning meeting will be on the first Thursday in August.

SAFETY- Lawver reported there has been positive feedback regarding the Chief and the two newest police officers.

CHIEF- (out of sequence; see below)

STREET & ALLEY – Lebold deferred to Franks. Franks reported he is still waiting to hear from Northstar.

STREET SUPERINTENDANT/ADMINISTRATOR - none

SHADE TREE –

RECREATION – Vincent reported the committee discussed the future of soccer which is currently in limbo. Vincent went on to announce the reminder the 2019 Strawberry Festival was cancelled this year

due to the Downtown Project. Vincent announced the upcoming Class Car Show & Cruise In will be on July 20, 2019 at Ft. Laurens. The location changed this year due to the Downtown Project. The Lion's Club will be having their chicken BBQ from 4-7pm. The Car show is 5:00-7:30pm. The cost of the BBQ is \$10.00 presale or \$12.00 the day of the event.

CHIEF - Chief Haugh announced the Chief's in service training was very good. He also mentioned he is still working on Lexipol. In other news, the flag signage in the foyer of the department was donated by Mayor Rebecca Hubble for Law Enforcement week. Vincent added that the artwork is proceeding.

FISCAL OFFICER – none

LAW DIRECTOR – The Solicitor brought forth an update on behalf of the Income Tax Administrator regarding a letter she received from Lexis Nexis; a program used to look up delinquent tax payers. In the past, the service had cost 0.35 per search. On May 30, 2019, the Tax Administrator received a notice from Lexis Nexis stating there will an increase to their contract in the amount of \$150.00 per month to use their program. The Tax Admin can't justify that sort of fee and brought it to the Solicitors attention. The Village would need to provide a notice in writing within ten (10) days of the receipt of their letter to terminate the contract. Lebold moved, seconded by Gettan to allow the Solicitor to send a letter to Lexis Nexis to terminate the contract. The Mayor interjected some usage stats so Council had a better understanding as to how little Heather used the service. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

The next item for discussion was in regards to the renewal of the library contract. The Solicitor said it's her understanding there are various changes the Village wants to discuss. The Solicitor recommends sending the library a formal notice so it doesn't renew on its own. She is requesting the permission of Council to give notice to the library that we would like to open discussions about making modifications.

Council would like to revisit the libraries offer and discuss new terms. The Solicitor reiterated the first step would be to send the library a notice advising the Village would like changes. There may need to be a committee meeting to discuss the terms. The proper committee to review this would be finance; but first a letter needs sent in order to begin negotiations. .

Lang moved, seconded by Vincent to authorize the solicitor to contact the library. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Lang moved, seconded by Lloyd to approve a **RESOLUTION, R-8-2019, STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS.** The Fiscal Officer noted the Ohio Municipal League recently encouraged municipalities (in their weekly legislative update) to send a supporting resolution to the Governor to increase the Local Government Funds. The Mayor said there will be different representatives of government at the upcoming Mayor's Conference. She is hoping they can be powerful in their stance. Lang agreed it needs to happen. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

The Solicitor read **Resolution R-9-2019; A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE TO BE GENERATED BY A TAX OF 1.5 MILLS.** The Solicitor noted, this is specific to a Police renewal levy.

Gettan moved, seconded by Lang to approve a **RESOLUTION, R-9-2019**. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

The Solicitor read the **first reading** by title only AN **ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE METERED RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR**. The Village has not increased their metered rate since approximately 1999; App will double check the date.

The rate is currently \$45.00 per quarter; Council would like to increase it to \$58.50 per quarter. The Mayor added, the additional occupancy rate will also go up from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per unit.

Before concluding, Lebold asked for permission to erect temporary signs at the three way stop for the car show and cruise-in. Lebold moved, seconded by Gettan to approve the placement of the signs. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

There being no further business, Lang motioned, seconded by Gettan, to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday, July 1, 2019. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Council adjourned at 7:37pm.

Mayor Rebecca S. Hubble

ATTEST: Maria A. App, Fiscal Officer

Approved: **July 1, 2019**