

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR COUNCIL MEETING Special Session October 27, 2015

The Bolivar Village Council met in a special session on **Tuesday, October 27, 2015**. Mayor Hubble called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Lloyd opened the meeting with a moment of prayer. Cochran, Lang, Lapp, Lebold, Lloyd & Vincent all answered roll call.

Mayor Hubble turned the agenda over to the Clerk/Treasurer, Maria App, to discuss items as advertised in the newspaper.

The clerk distributed an agenda to each of the council members, listing verbatim each of the items to be discussed as advertised. First on the list that needs approval by Resolution is an amended certificate for estimated resources. This certificate is dated September 24, 2015, acknowledging the Village received more resources than initially anticipated.

Lloyd motioned, seconded by Vincent to approve **Resolution R-11-2015, a resolution amending the certificate of estimated resources, certificate #4**. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Next up for discussion will actually tie into what council formerly approved last month in regards to the lights for the Christmas angels. Initially the expenditure was going to be coded to the recreation line item within the general fund. After careful review, then contacting Local Government Services, it was determined the expenditure for the lights needs to come out of the general government line item instead of recreation. After looking up the new account code, the clerk then contacted the County Auditor's office to submit a request for amended appropriations to the new line item 1000-790-690. The lights in the amount of 1869.80 would be appropriated to that line item. In addition, the shared flag expense with the American Legion would also be appropriated to the same line item in the amount of \$1,657.35. Previously council approved the flag expense up to \$2,000.00.

The Clerk reviewed other miscellaneous line item transfers within the general fund to cover year end expenses. (See Resolution R-12-2015 for breakdown of additions and transfers within the fund).

Lloyd motioned, Lang seconded to approve **Resolution R-12-2015 to amend appropriations** as discussed in detail. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

An additional certificate for estimated resources also needs passed from a former deposit received. When the Village sold the Ford pick-up truck, the money was receipted to the street and water department equally. To be formal, we need to pass a Resolution for certificate number 5, which is **Resolution R-13-2015 amending the certificate of estimated resources**.

Lang moved, seconded by Lapp to approve Resolution R-13-2015. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

There are two items on the agenda under "general expenditures". Last week the Clerk and Mayor attended an Ohio Municipal League conference in Columbus. The Clerk requested that Council reimburse the mayor for her round trip mileage expense. Lang motioned, seconded by Lloyd to approve the mileage. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

The second item is also under general expenses. It is something council already approved a couple months ago regarding the Income Tax reform ordinance. After going to the OML conference and receiving a sample income tax ordinance, there is a likelihood the village will be able to save money by not having a consulting firm edit and update the ordinance. The clerk said there are several updates to the new ordinance so she will need to discuss with the solicitor first and see what may be involved with this project. The Clerk will advise at the regular November council meeting of our options. Until further review, the clerk cannot what may be involved with the updates.

The Clerk directed to the reporter an announcement needs made, correcting the income tax email address. When the newsletter went out earlier this month, the wrong email address was submitted to the printer, therefore all the income tax inserts are incorrect. The actual email is: incometax@villageofbolivar.com.

Next, we have a second reading by title only for a lot split. It's an Ordinance to approve the petition of the Bolivar Wesleyan Church for a lot split.

There is another second reading by title only for an Ordinance to edit section 4.4 of the policies and procedures manual.

Last but not least is the issue that came up regarding the proposed sale of a portion of Sassafras Alley; the small portion of property behind Rocky's. After the last meeting, the solicitor drafted up a legal notice for the advertisement for the land sale. The Clerk obtained a price from the Times Reporter. The solicitor advised the ad needs to run for five (5) consecutive weeks since it involves the sale of property. Having to advertise for five weeks will create a big problem because the ad will cost \$640.00 and the minimum bid for the sale is only \$500.00. With that said, council will have a decision to make since the price of the ad creates a loss.

Discussion amongst council was initiated. Lebold asked if there are additional legal fees that need factored in. The Clerk stated, legal fees weren't previously considered when establishing the sale price. Regardless, council will need to make a decision as to whether to rescind, accept or modify the bid. Modifying actually means rescinding and starting over. Cochran asked if they modified it, would the minimum bid need to be \$1140.00? The Clerk stated, that's what council needs to decide. If it is rescinded, it would remove the offer and council can discuss at the next council meeting.

Lebold asked if there would be a legal fee and deed price. He feels that needs factored in as well because the village shouldn't take a loss. The Mayor stated there needs to be discussion about specifics. She went on to say, proper procedure would be to rescind it so council can have further discussion, or council can accept it and keep it the way it is. Vincent asked questions about the unknown costs. Lebold said it would be easier to rescind, get all the facts and figures, then come back with a modified minimum price.

Lang reviewed with council all the additional fees involved with the sale process. Council members continued to brainstorm potential expenses involved in an effort to establish a potential minimum bid.

Vincent asked if all sales are required to advertise for five (5) weeks. The Clerk clarified, that all legal notices would have to run for five (5) weeks. Since this ad is for the sale of property, it would be classified as a legal ad.

Since there was a lot of questions and concerns amongst council, the Clerk suggested not making a quick decision and to rescind the ad until the regular council meeting next week. It will allow everyone a chance to give it more thought, and for the clerk to contact the solicitor and get more insight.

Council just needs to rescind the former vote and at the next meeting there will be additional discuss as to how to proceed.

Lapp motioned, seconded by Vincent to rescind the minimum bid price of \$500.00 to sell a portion of Sassafra Alley. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

There being no further business, Lebold motioned, seconded by Cochran to adjourn until Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Mayor Rebecca S. Hubble

ATTEST: Maria A. App, Clerk Treasurer

Approved: _____