

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

COUNCIL MEETING

September 8, 2020

(Teleconferenced as advertised in the Times Reporter due to COVID-19)

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session via GoToMeeting teleconference on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:01 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Lloyd opened the meeting with a prayer. Gettan, Lang, Lawver, Lloyd, Oberlin and Vincent all answered to roll call.

Vincent 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 **August which totaled \$49,449.75**. Lloyd moved, seconded by Vincent, to approve the bills. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

There were no corrections and/or additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC SPEAKS – Jodie Salvo with Tuscarawas County Anti-Drug Coalition was in attendance to speak to council about several events happening in the county during the month of October. Ms. Salvo explained to council that the coalition seeks to provide substance abuse prevention involving drug abuse and suicide. Salvo advised overdose deaths in the county for 2020 has increased 283%. Between October 1 – October 24 an awareness effort titled the “Hope Project” throughout the county. Ms. Salvo is asking community leaders to join in the project by participating with the coalition by installing three silhouettes representing death (black figure), struggling (grey figure), and hope (yellow figure) between 10/1- 10/16/2020. Ms. Salvo advised the coalition will provide these silhouettes along with literature and is asking community leaders to help distribute the info. The Mayor suggested putting up the silhouettes at the three way stop for the most exposure but needs council permission to do so. Franks agreed with the Mayor and advised a permit would need to be filed but the permit fee would be waived. Gettan agreed with both the Mayor and Frank’s request and made the motion to allow the silhouettes to be installed at the three way stop and the permit fee be waved; Vincent seconded the motion. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – no, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes.

Chief Shawn Lynch and Matt Seward were in attendance to answer any questions regarding the levy that is on the ballot in November. Chief Lynch advised the levy will be a five year - 3 mill additional levy which if passed will be a total of 7 mills. Mr. Seward advised the department has a 10-year plan for the use of the funds and requested council to reach out to the fire department board if they have any questions. Flyers will be distributed about the same time as when the absentee ballots are sent out. Chief Lynch announced an open house during fire prevention week will be October 5, 2020 from 5 – 8pm. Social distancing and masks required.

OLD BUSINESS –

The reservoir cleaning with Liquivision has been postponed until 2021.

Welcome packet status – The Mayor advised she has not received any other input on the packet and will proceed with the project. The Mayor will include COVID-19 and cybersecurity information in the packet. Lang and Oberlin stated the packet looks great.

The Mayor advised she still needs pictures taken for the ID badges; she is requesting everyone who has not done so yet to set up a time with her to get your picture taken at Village Hall.

MAYOR – Advised a drug buy back event will be at the Giant Eagle on 9/12/2020.

The Mayor reported she attended the Tuscarawas County Mayors Association virtual meeting where the topic of conversation was on how to spend the COVID-19 funds. Another meeting will be held at the end of September.

Advised the Village has an 80% response rate for the 2020 census and would like to see a 100%. The Mayor stated it only takes a minute and can be done via phone call or online.

Advised there is an ordinance regarding the posting of political signs in the village. The ordinance allows political signs can only be posted on personal property 30 days before and 3 days after the election.

The Mayor asked for council approval for a resident to put up a “free library” box on her property where people can give and/or take books out of the box. Franks advised since it was on their personal property there would be no need for a permit but suggested to call 8-1-1 for a line locate if needed. Gettan advised if there are no zoning issues the liability will fall on the resident since it will be on their personal property. Council approved the request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – committee Lawver deferred to App

App reported the combined interest for STAR Ohio & STAR Plus for the month of August was \$89.21 and bank interest of \$5.61.

App recommended amending appropriations in **Resolution R-10-2020** in the amount of \$1,580.00 Gettan made the motion to amend the appropriations by \$1,580.00 seconded by Lang. In a roll call vote Gettan -yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

App presented **Resolution R-11-2020** to allow Assistant Fiscal Officer Nikki Moore to be a signer on the bank account. Lloyd moved, seconded by Vincent. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – no, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes.

App suggested that due to all the open projects going on now and with all the COVID-19 issues going on she is requesting to stay with Huntington Bank at this time. Lang agreed with App’s request. Council agreed.

App presented council with a quote from Wood Electric to install four illuminated exit signs for \$971.00. Lang moved, seconded by Vincent. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – no, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes. Franks will get the project scheduled.

App requested an expenditure approval for \$125.00 for the Ethics Law training. App advised both the Mayor and her will attend the virtual training class. Lang moved, seconded by Vincent. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – no, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes. Franks will get the project scheduled.

Lang requested council approval for repairs on the International dump truck for \$3978.00 with Bleiningers. Lang moved, seconded by Lloyd. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – no, Vincent – yes: motion passes. Franks suggested increasing the approval amount by \$1000.00 incase additional repairs are needed. Lang moved to increase the quote to a max of \$5000.00 with an itemization of repairs.

Lang requested council approval for the purchase of six “Children at play” signs for Pine, Poplar, and Cherry Streets totaling \$297.69. Lang moved, seconded by Lloyd. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes. Franks will order the signs.

App requested council’s opinion on the color of shingles on the Santa Claus house. After a brief discussion council agreed to let that decision be solved between App and Franks.

Solicitor Timberlake submitted **Ordinance O-36-2020** to amend annual appropriations to increase the Enterprise improvement fund #5701 by \$1,047,708.51. Lang moved, seconded by Vincent to Suspend the rules and pass by emergency measure. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes. Lang moved, seconded by Vincent to approve Ordinance O-36-2020 to amend annual appropriations to increase the Enterprise improvement fund #5701 by \$1,047,708.51. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes.

Solicitor Timberlake submitted **Ordinance O-37-2020** to amend annual appropriations to the Cares Act Relief funds #2151 by \$29,492.34 for necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency per section 5001 of the CARES Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 601 (d). Lang moved, seconded by Vincent to Suspend the rules and pass by emergency measure. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes. Lang moved, seconded by Vincent to approve Ordinance O-37-2020 to amend annual appropriations to the Cares Act Relief funds #2151 by \$29,492.34 for necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency per section 5001 of the CARES Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 601 (d). In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes.

Lang suggested to council the police overtime wages and benefits paid but not budgeted between 3/1/2020 to date in the amount of \$2,602.22 that were necessary due to COVID-19 be charged to the Cares Act Relief fund #2151. Lang moved, seconded by Lloyd to charge police overtime wages and benefits paid but not budgeted between 3/1/2020 to date in the amount of \$2,602.22 that were necessary due to COVID-19 to be charged to the Cares Act Relief fund #2151. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes. Lang moved, seconded by Gettan to reallocate \$15,000.00 of the Cares Act Relief fund #2151 to the capital fund to purchase a laptop for the Mayor and Assistant Fiscal officer, a printer for the Assistant Fiscal Officer and a server for the Fiscal Office to enable the Mayor, Fiscal Officer and Assistant Fiscal Officer to work remotely due to the COVID-19 restrictions. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes.

PLANNING- Gettan reported they will meet on 10/1/2020 at 5:30pm.

SAFETY - Lloyd advised here was a total of 70 calls for August.

Advised they are applying for a grant through the Bureau of Workers Compensation and the Attorney General's Office to pay for 75% of the purchase price for five bullet proof vests.

Advised the audit with Lexipol will be completed in the next few weeks.

When asked from council on the performance of Rachel Tolley, the crossing guard for the school, Lloyd advised she is doing a great job.

CHIEF- nothing at this time.

STREET & ALLEY – Lang – nothing at this time.

STREET SUPERINTENDENT- Franks wished Barb Limbacher, reporter for the Times Reporter, a very happy 80th birthday!

Franks advised discussion on the hydro-flushing project and leaf-vac at the September street committee meeting. Other discussions on one Village of Bolivar parking post and sign will be erected within a week.

The Mayor requested an update on the crosswalk signs in the downtown area. Franks requested council approval to remove all the crosswalk signs on Canal Street and adjust the snow signs. Lang moved, seconded by Vincent to remove all the crosswalk signs on Canal Street and adjust the snow signs. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes.

SHADE TREE – Franks advised tree trimming on Park Street needs to be done and is hopeful it will be completed soon.

RECREATION – Vincent - nothing at this time. Vincent asked about the Village's plans for trick or treat and the Mayor advised it will be determined when guidelines from the Governor are released.

Franks advised the Little Trojan Football has been practicing at the soccer field. The president of the program, parents and the kids all expressed their thanks and are very appreciative of the location to practice. They would like to make this opportunity a long-term deal. They would like to re-seed the fields in the spring if council approves.

FISCAL OFFICER/ADMINISTRATOR –

Levco street striping project is complete.

App advised she met with Alex McCarthy with the County Emergency Management Agency to discuss the village's emergency alert system, AED, and generator.

App suggested having training on the GIS notebook.

App recommended a special council meeting to discuss the use of COVID-19 funds, select an IT consultant, and work on the risk management study.

App advised the water department needs safety equipment purchased with COVID funds. App and Franks discussed the brown water issue when new water lines are installed in homes. App stated Franks checks the pressure lines and thinks there is more of a volume issue rather than a pressure issue. With the old galvanized lines there could be pin holes and/or leaks. It is suggested to replace these lines now before the meter project begins. By replacing them before the meters are installed it will be less costly to the homeowner. App advised this will be the responsibility of the homeowner to do this repair. App also advises putting a note on the water bill, but the Solicitor does not agree putting the note on the bill to keep from village liability.

LAW DIRECTOR – Solicitor presented the following ordinances.

. The Solicitor presented an Ordinance to correct Ordinance 20-2020 due to a clerical error that referenced an Opioid pandemic but that ordinance was to accept funds for the COVID-19 pandemic. The solicitor said she neglected to change the emergency language in the bottom paragraph. This ordinance would correct the clerical error, declaring it an emergency. The Solicitor presented **Ordinance O-38-2020**. Lang moved, seconded by Lloyd to suspend the rules to pass as an emergency measure. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes. Lang moved, seconded by Lloyd to pass as an emergency. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes.

• **THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE O-39-2020 FOR LOW SPEED SPECIALIZED VEHICLES IN THE VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR.** Lloyd advised these vehicles are prohibited on SR 212 but can cross at intersections. There will be a one time \$25.00 inspection fee for costs involved in the inspection. Lang moved, seconded by Lloyd to accept Resolution O-39-2020. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes.

. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL.** The Solicitor is editing Article 5 – probation and Article 7 – discipline and will have available for council review.

Franks requested to speak with Solicitor Timberlake regarding a zoning issue with an alley between two residents.

Lang moved, seconded by Lawver to go into executive session to discuss personnel. In a roll vote Gettan-yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes: motion passes. Council went into Executive Session at 8:31pm. Council exited Executive Session at 8:58pm with no action taken.

Committee meetings will be held on September 21, 2020 at 5:30pm followed by a special council meeting at 6:30pm to discuss COVID funds, IT consultant, and the risk management study.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn until the special council meeting on September 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The platform will be via teleconference. Lang moved, seconded by Lloyd to adjourn until September 21, 2020. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Rebecca S. Hubble

ATTEST: Maria A. App, Fiscal Officer

Approved: October 5, 2020