

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

COUNCIL MEETING

February 1, 2021

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

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session via GoToMeeting teleconference on **Monday, February 1, 2021**. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Lloyd opened the meeting with a prayer. Bellinger, Lang, Lawver, Lloyd, Oberlin, and Vincent all answered to roll call.

Lang 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 **January 2021 which totaled \$76,629.74**. Lloyd moved, seconded by Lawver, 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 – Christina Stump, new Librarian for the Bolivar branch of the Tuscarawas County Library introduced herself and announced the summer reading program “Tails & Tales”.

OLD BUSINESS – none

MAYOR – Expressed her condolences on the sudden death of Police Chief Haugh’s mother last week.

Advised she attended the monthly Mayor’s meeting in New Philadelphia. This month’s topic was the COVID-19 vaccine. Starting February 1st people age 70 and up and employees in K-12 schools are eligible for the vaccine; February 8th ages 65 and up are eligible, and February 15th those with medical disorders are eligible.

Advised she met with the representative from PEP to resolve the insurance claim with the valve exercising project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – **Lang** reported the combined interest for STAR Ohio & STAR Plus for the month of January was \$33.84 and bank interest of \$6.14.

Lang presented Council with the 2021 Annual Appropriations in the amount of \$1,367,467.98. Lang moved, seconded by Lloyd to suspend the rules and pass by emergency measure. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes. Motion passes. Lang moved, seconded by Lloyd to accept **Ordinance O-3-2021** for the 2021 Annual Appropriations in the amount of \$1,367,467.98. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

Lang presented Council with Ordinance O-4-2021 to increase the rate of pay of 50 cents per hour for Nikki Moore when probation period ends in February 2021. The pay increase will be from \$14.00 to \$14.50 per hour. Lang moved seconded by Bellinger to suspend the rules and pass by emergency measure. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes. Motion passes. Lang moved, seconded by Bellinger to approve **Ordinance O-4-2021** to increase the rate of pay of 50 cents per hour for Nikki Moore when probation period ends in February 2021. The pay increase will be from \$14.00 to \$14.50 per hour. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

Lang requested council approval to purchase four pit radios reads for the downtown project at a cost of \$185.02 each, totaling \$740.08. This equipment transmits water usage to the meter reader. One of the pit radios is damaged, the other three will be back up. Lang moved, seconded by Bellinger to purchase four pit radio reads for the downtown project at a cost of \$185.02 each, totaling \$740.08. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

Lang requested council approval to purchase additional conduit and switches for increased lighting in the garage from Wood Electric for \$924.00. Lang moved, seconded by Lloyd to approve the purchase of additional conduit and switches from Wood Electric in the amount of \$924.00. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

Lang requested council approval to purchase a new 15-gallon water heater with expansion tank for the library at a cost of \$755.00 from Weathermakers. Lang moved seconded by Bellinger to approve the purchase of a 15-gallon water heater with expansion tank for the library at a cost of \$755.00 for the library. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

Lang requested council approval to repair a bent cylinder rod on the bobcat from Complete Hydraulics at a cost of \$863.06. Lang moved, seconded by Lawver to approve the repair of a bent cylinder rod on the bobcat from Complete Hydraulics at a cost of \$863.06. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

Lang advised the insurance claim with PEP insurance for damages sustained during the County valve exercise project was approved in the amount of \$21,222.35. App advised the village was deemed negligent when the high-pressure valve was left open and the claim will most likely impact the 2022 premium.

Lang advised he submitted a grant application with PEP Insurance for \$1000.00 to replace the timing mechanism in the school zone lights. Wood Electric provided a quote for \$974.00 to replace the timing mechanisms.

Lang advised the Village finances for 2020 ended better than expected. Considering the positive financial news, Lang requested council approval for a 2% pay increase for all Village employees except for those employees who recently received a probationary period pay increase. This pay increase would be retroactive to January 1, 2021. Solicitor Timberlake advised the employees who recently received the probationary period pay increase and would not be eligible for the 2% pay increase would be Alex Thomas and Nikki Moore. Lang moved,

seconded by Lloyd to suspend the rules and vote by emergency measure. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes. Motion passes. Lang moved, seconded by Vincent to approve **Ordinance O-5-2021** for a 2% pay increase for all Village employees except for Alex Thomas and Nikki Moore, who recently received the probationary pay increase. This pay increase would be retroactive to January 1, 2021. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

Lang advised the safety committee and finance committee have discussed the purchase of a new police cruiser. Chief Haugh provided the committees with four quotes and the committees decided on a quote for a 2021 Chevy Tahoe from Tim Lalley Chevrolet in Warrensville Heights, Ohio. The cruiser will come fully equipped for \$46,679.50. App advised there were funds reallocated in the police fund from the COVID-19 relief funds received in 2020 so funds are available for the purchase of the cruiser. Lang advised he will research grant opportunities from local foundations to fund the purchase of lettering and additional accessories costing approximately \$9000.00. Lang also advised there will be no loan for the purchase of this vehicle. Lang moved, seconded by Bellinger to approve the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe police cruiser fully equipped from Tim Lalley Chevrolet in Warrensville Heights Ohio for \$46,679.50. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Lang – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes, Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

PLANNING- The Mayor advised there was no meeting in January and no meeting is scheduled for February. Meetings will resume in March. Megan Gettan will still be on the planning committee.

SAFETY – Vincent reported the police department received the final certification for the audit through the Ohio Collaborative Attorney General’s Office and the final certification for the Federal Executive Order. Vincent advised these certifications are needed to receive federal grants and that only a few departments in the county have received these certifications.

CHIEF- Thanked everyone for all their thoughts and prayers on the sudden death of his mother last week and donations to the family memorial.

STREET & ALLEY – Lawver – nothing at this time

Lloyd advised the street department has used 16 tons of salt so far this season.

Lloyd advised Dave Franks will be participating in a couple of webinars to include: BWC Ohio Utilities regarding line safety and RCAP’s pavement preservation.

Lloyd advised discussion on replacements for the gator and mowers will be discussed in the next committee meeting. The gator has 430 hours, and the mowers have 430-450 hours logged.

STREET SUPERINTENDENT- Franks – nothing at this time due to his absence.

SHADE TREE – Franks – nothing at this time due to his absence. The Mayor advised a tree at the library was removed and one next to it was trimmed. The Mayor reported if anyone needs a tree planted to contact Dave Franks.

RECREATION – Lloyd – nothing at this time.

FISCAL OFFICER/ADMINISTRATOR –

App advised the ODOT project is finally complete and closed out. She will be utilizing the OPWC loan in the amount of \$31,380.99 of the approved \$35,000.00 will be used to pay the final amount.

App reported the inside meter installation will begin within the week. She will be working with Spano Brothers to clean up some properties with outside meters. App advised she has received some resident complaints on how their properties were left after the outside meters were installed.

App requested that anyone who needs sidewalks replaced to contact the Village so she can get the repairs into the budget.

App advised she received quotes for paving on Sassafras and Water Streets. These quotes will be discussed in the next committee meeting.

App announced her resignation as Village Administrator effective March 1, 2021 but will be willing to assist with the operations until April 1, 2021. She will also assist council in finding her replacement. App will remain as Fiscal Officer.

LAW DIRECTOR – Solicitor presented the following ordinances.

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO EDIT ARTICLE 17 “SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS”, ADD ARTICLE 22 “ETHICS POLICY”, AND ADD ARTICLE 23 “NEPOTISM” OF THE POLIIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL.

The Mayor requested a Finance Work Session on February 8, 2021 at 5:30pm to discuss the responsibilities of the Village Administrator. The platform will be via teleconference.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn until the next regular council meeting on March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The platform will be via teleconference. Lloyd moved, seconded by Vincent to adjourn until March 1, 2021. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Rebecca S. Hubble

ATTEST: Maria A. App, Fiscal Officer

Approved: March 1, 2021