

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

COUNCIL MEETING

June 7, 2021

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session at the Bolivar Fire Department on **Monday, June 7, 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, Finlayson, Lawver, Lloyd, Oberlin, and Vincent all answered to roll call.

The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2021. Bellinger moved, seconded by Lloyd. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

The Mayor read the bills for the month of **May 2021 which totaled \$46,051.82**. Lloyd moved, seconded by Vincent, to approve the bills. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

The Mayor advised of corrections to ordinance numbering were as follows: Ordinance O-06-2021 to edit the policy and procedures manual (April); Ordinance O-07-2021 to approve the Village Administrator (April); Ordinance O-08-2021 to hire full time Street Superintendent Kyle Porter (May); Ordinance O-09-2021 to approve the Newton Asphalt paving project (May); and Ordinance O-10-2021 to approve the purchase of John Deere equipment from Ag Pro Companies (May). Lloyd moved, seconded by Vincent to approve the correction to Ordinance numbering. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

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

PUBLIC SPEAKS – Dean Brillhart, resident of 464 Park Avenue, was present to inquire who was responsible for landscaping the “Welcome to Bolivar” sign. Village Administrator Hubble advised it is the Village’s responsibility but have been behind in landscaping due to the change of personnel on the Street Department. Mr. Brillhart asked about the hole in the sidewalk in front of his residence and Ms. Hubble advised Spano Brothers will be repairing the sidewalk as weather permits. Mr. Brillhart advised he put up a sign warning pedestrian of the hole. Mr. Brillhart asked if the grass will be re-seeded, and Ms. Hubble advised that it would be re-seeded.

Chris Berens was present to ask if an advertisement was posted for the open summer help positions. Mayor Lang advised that Council hired the two applicants they already had so no advertisement was posted. Ms. Berens inquired about the Tuscarawas Art Partnership monument and if this will be open to anyone. Mayor Lang advised that anyone in the Village may apply for consideration. Ms. Berens requested a committee be set up to communicate with other communities and to have this opportunity advertised. Mayor Lang advised this project is in the preliminary stages and there are grants available to pay the artist who designs the monument. Lang also stated that this project is eighteen months out, but an advertisement can be put on the website announcing the project.

Ms. Hubble announced the Bolivar Strawberry Festival will be held June 17 -19, 2021 from 4pm – 11 pm on Thursday and Friday and 12pm -11pm on Saturday. There will be entertainment all three nights and the parade will be held at 4pm on Saturday. All are welcome to participate in the parade but advised that no candy can be thrown from vehicles or floats. Candy may be handed out alongside the vehicles or floats. The Queen’s pageant will be Friday at 6pm on the south

stage and at the time of this meeting there are three applicants: Loretta Dively, Karen Addington, and Brenda Symons. Applicants must be 65 years of age or older. The strawberry eating contest will be on Saturday at 5pm at the south stage. There will be a beer garden, amusement rides, arts and crafts vendors, various food vendors, and live music by the Liverpool Lads, a Beatles tribute band. Shuttles will be available from St. John's Church and Lebold-Smith Funeral Home. Bolivar Idol will once again be held, sponsored by Slick 31 – applications can be found on the Village's Facebook page, the Village's website - Bolivar Mainstreet page.

OLD BUSINESS – none

MAYOR – Announced Eleet Cryogenics will be hosting a cookout August 4, 2021, from 11am to 1pm inside building 4 at 11749 Strasburg Bolivar Road. Village employees are invited to attend the cookout celebrating their 25th anniversary but need to RSVP to attend the event.

Thanked Ms. Hubble, Bellinger, Oberlin, and the Bolivar Mainstreet Committee for all their hard work in planning the Strawberry Festival that will be held 6/17 – 6/19/2021.

Announced the resignation of Megan Gettan, chairman of the zoning committee effective immediately. Will Bellinger will be the new chairperson for the committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – Vincent reported the combined interest for STAR Ohio & STAR Plus for the month of May was \$24.99 and bank interest of \$7.12.

Vincent presented Resolution R-03-2021 to amend appropriations in the General Fund for \$16,784.00 for police ammunition and police vests: the ammunition will be reimbursed 100% and the vests will be paid with a 75/25 grant. The 25% match will be paid by a donation from Eleet Cryogenics so there will be no out of pocket funds spent. Vincent moved, seconded by Oberlin to approve **Resolution R-03-2021 to amend appropriations in the General Fund** for \$16,784.00 for police ammunition and police vests. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes. Lang requested authorization to pay Kiesler Police Supply for the ammunition for \$7271.00 that will be 100% reimbursed. Vincent moved, seconded by Lloyd to approve the authorization to pay Kiesler Police Supply for ammunition for \$7271.00. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes. Lang requested authorization to pay Safe Life Defense for the police vests that was fully funded by a 75/25 grant in the amount of \$9,513.00. Vincent moved, seconded by Bellinger to approve the authorization to pay Safe Life Defense for the policy vests for \$9,513.00. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

Vincent presented **Resolution R-04-2021 requesting the Tuscarawas County Auditor to certify the current tax valuation of 2.9 mills in the Street Improvement Fund** which is a renewal levy. Vincent moved seconded by Bellinger to approve Resolution R-04-2021 requesting the Tuscarawas County Auditor to certify the current tax valuation of 2.9 mills in the Street Improvement Fund. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

Vincent presented **Resolution R-05-2021 requesting the Tuscarawas County Auditor to certify the current tax valuation of 1.8 mills in the General Fund** which is a renewal levy. Vincent moved, seconded by Lloyd to accept Resolution R-05-2021 requesting the Tuscarawas

County Auditor to certify the current tax valuation of 1.8 mills in the General Fund. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

Solicitor Timberlake presented an Ordinance allowing reimbursement of health insurance premiums at 80% if a full-time employee has an outside health insurance plan equal to or better than the village's current plan. Lloyd moved seconded by Bellinger to suspend the rules and pass by emergency measure. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes. Vincent moved, seconded by Bellinger to accept **Ordinance O-11-2021 to allow reimbursement of health insurance premiums at 80% if a full-time employee has an outside health insurance plan equal to or better than the village's current plan.** In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes. Mayor Lang requested authorization to reimburse Kyle Porter, Street Superintendent for health insurance premiums retroactive to May 2021 and all subsequent payments. The amount being reimbursed is equivalent to the Village's share at 80% of healthcare supplied by the employer. The amount saved by the Village will be \$6,040 per year. Vincent moved seconded by Lloyd to approve the requested authorization to reimburse Kyle Porter, Street Superintendent for health insurance premiums retroactive to May 2021 and all subsequent payments. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

Lang requested an annual donation to the Township for continued support of the composting bay at the Township in the amount of \$1,250.00 for the village's share of use. Vincent moved, seconded by Finlayson to authorize an annual donation to the Township for continued support of the composting bay at the Township in the amount of \$1,250.00. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

Lang announced that Liquivision will arrive on June 26, 2021, to perform reservoir cleaning that was approved in 2019 for \$5,240.00 plus \$430.00 per hour for sediment in excess of 4". The original purchase order includes the first 6". Liquivision will be honoring the 2019 quote that was postponed by them in 2020 due to the pandemic.

PLANNING- Bellinger advised the June meeting was cancelled.

SAFETY – Bellinger reported Lawver and Chief Haugh will be preparing a COPS grant.

Bellinger moved, seconded by Lloyd to purchase three to six keypad door locks for the police department and village hall doors up to \$800.00. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

Bellinger reported the fire department will be coordinating with the county water department to begin hydrant flow testing.

Bellinger advised requested council approval to hire part time police officer Eric Minor. Starting wage will be \$13.00 per hour with no benefits. Contributions will be made to OPERS. There will be a six-month probationary period. Bellinger moved, seconded by Vincent to suspend the rules and pass by emergency measure. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes. Bellinger moved, seconded by Vincent to approve **Ordinance O-12-2021 to hire part time policy officer Eric Minor.** Starting wage will be \$13.00 per hour with no benefits. Contributions will be made to

OPERS. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

Chief Lynch advised he needs to meet with Kyle Porter to instruct him on how to set off the tornado siren.

CHIEF- Haugh advised there were 80 calls for May, many calls are getting more serious in nature. His department will continue working with Lexipol.

STREET & ALLEY – Lawver reported the committee discussed getting estimates for improvements to the village hall lot.

The committee began looking for seasonal help for mowing and landscaping last week. Two candidates were accepted by the committee for seasonal help – hourly wage of \$10/per hour with no benefits: Kyle Cecil and Zachary Nussbaumer. Lloyd moved, seconded by Vincent to suspend the rules and approve by emergency measure. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes. Vincent moved, seconded by Finlayson to accept **Ordinance O-13-2021 to hire Kyle Cecil for seasonal help** at \$10/hour with no benefits. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes. Finlayson moved, seconded by Vincent to suspend the rules and vote by emergency measure. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – Abstain, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes. Finlayson moved, seconded by Vincent to accept **Ordinance O-14-2021 to hire Zachary Nussbaumer for seasonal help** at \$10/hour with no benefits. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – Abstain, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

The committee is addressing water meter issues as they arise.

Pothole patching will begin June 9, 2021, weather permitting.

Will address the erosion issue at the Strauss property.

Discussed the truck route for trash pick up on the Paul Simmons property.

STREET SUPERINTENDENT- Kyle Porter – requested to bring any issues to his attention. Lang stated he is very impressed with Kyle’s work thus far and thanked him for a job well done thus far.

SHADE TREE – Mayor Lang advised a tree was planted for the Arbor Day celebration where the Ely’s were in attendance for the event. Lang advised he was sad to say the tree is not doing very well.

RECREATION – Lloyd – nothing at this time.

FISCAL OFFICER – App – Levco will be striping the library and water street. Lloyd moved, seconded by Vincent. In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

App will begin research for an alternative company to replace Star Plus; all Star Plus monies were transferred to Star Ohio on May 27, 2021.

App is continuing to review guidelines for additional Coronavirus Relief Funds.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR - Hubble

Advised she is continuing to work through unresolved issues with the water meter project. There will be a walk thru with the Village Administrator and the Mayor before the project is closed.

Reported the water leak at the park has been repaired.

Paving will begin June 26, 2021; Sassafrass Alley from Plains to Yant will be paved in July.

Mosquito spraying will take place in the near future, hopefully before the festival. Fiscal Officer App emailed the request to the Tuscarawas County Health Department. A post will be put on the village website when the tentative date is set. Spraying is dependent on weather conditions.

Ms. Hubble advised the Bolivar Post of the American Legion may not be active in the future due to falling membership. Hubble requested the Village to hold future Memorial Day parades to honor our veterans. More information on this to follow.

LAW DIRECTOR – Solicitor presented the following ordinances.

. **THIRD AND FINAL READING AMENDING THE LATE FEE FOR WATER AND TRASH BILLING FROM \$25 PER QUARTER TO \$8.00 PER MONTH WHEN MONTHLY BILLING STARTS.** Finlayson moved seconded by Bellinger to accept **Ordinance O-15-2021.** In a roll call vote: Bellinger – yes, Finlayson – yes, Lawver – yes, Lloyd – yes, Oberlin – yes. Vincent – yes. Motion passes.

. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR, VILLAGE OF ZOAR, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY OHIO, AND BOLIVAR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE A LANGUAGE CHANGE IN SECTION 15 OF THE AGREEMENT.** Mayor Lang advised the articles are being amended by legal counsel.

The Solicitor advised the issue with the water meter at the residence of 640 LaDyne is still unresolved.

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn until the next regular council meeting on June 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bolivar Fire Department. Lawver moved, seconded by Finlayson to adjourn until June 28, 2021. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Mayor Timothy Lang

ATTEST: Maria A. App, Fiscal Officer

Approved: June 28, 2021