

# VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

## COUNCIL MEETING

February 7, 2022

Mayor Tim Lang administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Tedd Finlayson.

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session at Village Hall on Monday, February 7, 2022. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. White opened the meeting with a prayer. Bellinger, Finlayson, Lawver, White, Oberlin, and Diveley all answered yes to roll call.

The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes of January 3, 2022. Oberlin moved, seconded by White. In a roll call vote, Lawver, White, Oberlin, Diveley, and Bellinger all voted yes. Finlayson abstained.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the bills for January 2022 which totaled \$68,581.31. Bellinger moved, seconded by Lawver, to approve the bills. In a roll call vote, Lawver, White, Oberlin, Bellinger, Finlayson, and Diveley all voted yes.

Mayor Lang asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. There were no corrections.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKS –**

Anne Straus stated she sent the request to ODOT for the barrier sound wall certified mail and that it has arrived in Columbus.

George Workman asked if the water bills would go down once the meters were paid for. Mayor Lang said they would not go down as the Village will need to put money back for necessary repairs and upgrading of the water lines in the Village. George expressed concern over the increase in water rates.

### **OLD BUSINESS – None**

### **MAYOR –**

Mayor Lang thanked Kyle Porter, Matt Judy, and Randy Haugh for all the hard work at managing snow removal through the two winter storms. He said everyone really came together to help each other during the recent snowstorms reminding him of what he loves about this Village and its' people. He asked that all continue to watch out for everyone as the winter causes stress and people to struggle.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE** – Bellinger stated that the Finance committee held a work session just prior to this regular council meeting this evening.

Bellinger and Mayor Lang said due to the winter storms current expenditures are more than expected. Mayor Lang said the Permanent Appropriations will need to be passed as an emergency at this meeting. See Ordinances for passage.

Bellinger reported total bills for the month of January were \$68,581.31. StarOhio interest was \$33.78 and Huntington interest was \$7.22.

Bellinger asked for a motion to approve Huntington National Bank as depository for the Village, explaining the current contract has lapsed. Diveley made the motion for a Resolution approving Huntington as Depository, the motion was seconded by White. In a roll call vote, all answered yes. **Resolution 1-2022 passed.**

There was a discussion on the water meter rates for Homestead and Regular customers. The discussion led to a recommendation by Finance Committee to implement the following rates: Homestead: Flat rate of \$38 per month for first 2000 gallons and a rate of \$5.75 per 1,000 gallons above the 2000. All other customers: Flat rate of \$43 per month for first 2000 gallons and a rate of \$5.75 per 1,000 gallons above the 2000. See Ordinances for passage.

Bellinger reported the Village International truck needs substantial repairs. An estimate of approximately \$14,000 was received just prior to this meeting from JTA Express Services. Bellinger asked for a motion to approve the repairs with a not to exceed \$14,000. Kyle Porter reported that he spoke with JTA and expects this estimate to be lower as some items may not be needed. Finlayson made the motion to approve the repairs and it was seconded by Bellinger. In a roll call vote all members present voted yes.

Bellinger stated that because of the truck breaking down, Mayor Lang approved as an emergency measure to allow for the rental of a plow truck. The cost is \$500 per day and the Village is only charged if the truck is used. Mayor Lang and Kyle Porter reported the truck has been used 2 days and that they expect to use it possibly more days depending on weather. Lawver made a motion to approve up to \$3000 for the use of the rental snowplow. The motion was seconded by Bellinger. In a roll call vote all members present voted yes.

Finance Committee recommended tabling the ordinance to donate sick leave until more research is complete.

**Planning Commission-** Bellinger reported the meeting for January was cancelled due to weather.

**Safety-** Lawver stated the Police are doing a very good job in the Village and have kept up with the increased calls due to the weather. The committee has finalized an equipment list and will present it to the council after final review.

Mayor Lang reported a grant request was submitted to the Reeves Foundation requesting funding for four (4) Street Speed Monitors, two for Park and two for Poplar streets.

**Chief-** Randy talked about helping the street department with snow removal. All thanked him for his efforts.

**Street & Alley-** Reported a water main leak occurred on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The committee thanked Kyle Porter and Lanzer Excavating for the quick repair on a very cold day. Mayor Lang stated the leak repair bill will be sent to Spano for payment as it was determined the line break was in a line coupler they had replaced when completing the water meter project.

Finlayson reported the committee has been discussing equipment needs and is considering the purchase of an excavator to replace the Village front-end loader/backhoe. He said the Village could sell the backhoe to support the cost of the loader which is believed will support the work of

the Village more efficiently. He said a Ventrack with attachments would also be a good addition to the current mowing equipment. Tedd said many of these attachments are now rented by the Village.

It was reported that a fence post was damaged during the snow plowing. The Village will repair when weather permits.

#### **Street Superintendent-**

Kyle Porter reported he believes he has found a good place for all the wood chips that have been accumulated. He suggested placing them on West Street where the pine trees were cleaned up.

Kyle stated the bids received from the County Engineers Office for 2022 paving are very reasonable. Kyle would like to install concrete curbing prior to paving the parking lot on Canal Street. He also said there may be a need for a couple catch basins to support water runoff. Kyle and Matt Judy, Village Administrator are working on a plan for 2022 paving.

**Shade Tree – None.**

**Recreation –** Oberlin reported the Strawberry Festival dates have been changed to June 9,10, and 11, 2022 due to booking issues with the entertainment.

**Fiscal Officer –** All reported in Finance Committee.

**Village Administrator –** Matt Judy introduced a spreadsheet detailing the bid costs received from the County Engineer for paving projects in 2022. He said the estimates are very reasonable and he looks forward to working with Kyle to define the paving plan for 2022 determining which projects will be pursued as funding is available. Matt said the bids do not include maintenance of traffic and that a response will be due to the County Engineer by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Matt briefed council on the final ruling for use of ARPA funds. He stated the ruling allows an entity to claim revenue loss up to 10 million without showing any loss.

Matt reported on a very successful meeting with the OMEGA group. He said there is a possibility of securing funding for a trailhead at the Canal Street parking lot.

Matt will be re-scheduling the meetings that were cancelled due to weather with ODNR, and the IT companies for computer support.

#### **Law Director- Solicitor Timberlake**

**3<sup>rd</sup> reading:** An ordinance to increase the rate of pay for Kyle Porter, Street Superintendent by \$1.00 per hour. Motion made by White and seconded by Oberlin. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. **Ordinance 7-2022 passed.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> reading:** An ordinance, by title only, adopting a parking ordinance that would allow council to fine/tow vehicles that are left on village property. **Tabled until further notice.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> reading:** An ordinance, to permit the Village of Bolivar implement metered rates for water billing at the following rates: Homestead: Flat rate of \$38 per month for first 2000 gallons and rate of \$5.75 per 1,000 gallons above the 2000. All other customers: Flat rate of \$43 per month for the first 2000 gallons and a rate of \$5.75 per 1,000 gallons above the 2000. Diveley moved

and was seconded by White. In a roll call vote all members present voted yes. **Ordinance 6-2022 passed.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** An ordinance to approve 2022 Permanent Appropriations and declaring an emergency. Motion to suspend rules and regulations made by Finlayson and seconded by Diveley. In a roll call vote all members present voted yes. Motion made by Finlayson and seconded by White to pass as an emergency. In a roll call vote all members present voted yes. **Ordinance 5-2022 passed.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** An ordinance, by title only, to allow employees to donate accrued sick leave to employees in need. **Tabled until further notice.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** An ordinance, by title only, amend the policies and procedures manual to allow for the purchase of a refrigerator, microwave, and coffee pot for village employees. Use of salary line item in budget for this benefit.

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** An ordinance, by title only, to update the Village credit card policy.

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** An ordinance, by title only, to increase the amount of trash service to \$14.00 per month.

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Agreement between Lawrence Township, Bolivar Volunteer Fire Department Inc, with Villages of Bolivar and Zoar as additional parties Fire Contract.

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn until the next regular council meeting on March 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Motion to adjourn by Bellinger and seconded by White. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

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Mayor Tim Lang

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ATTEST: Patty Smith, Fiscal Officer

**Approved:**