

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

COUNCIL MEETING

April 4, 2022 Draft

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session at Village Hall on Monday, April 4, 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 March 7, 2022. Finlayson moved, seconded by White. In a roll call vote all voted yes.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the bills for March 2022 which totaled \$53,634.39. White moved, seconded by Diveley 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 – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

MAYOR – Mayor Lang thanked Earl Menges for his dedication and work getting all the flowers ready for the Canal Street baskets. He also thanked Scott Gordon for allowing the use of the Zoar Garden greenhouse to store the flowers until weather conditions are good enough to hang the plants on Canal Street light poles.

Mayor Lang declared through a Proclamation that the Month of May would be motorcycle awareness month for the Village of Bolivar.

Mayor Lang briefed council on a number of positions the Village would need to advertise and fill. Two seasonal positions (no more than 24 hours per week at a rate of \$12 per hour), a part-time laborer for the street department (24 hours per week at a rate of \$17 per hour, and a Fiscal Officer as Patty Smith will be retiring soon. Applications for the Fiscal Officer will be accepted until April 15th while the other positions will remain open until filled. All three positions will be advertised in the Bargain Hunter newspaper this week stating full job descriptions can be found on the Village website. Mayor Lang requested Bellinger and Finlayson assist with on the interviews for the Fiscal Officer position. He said he hopes to have resumes for the Fiscal Officer by April 15th, and interview the following week. Mayor Lang said a special meeting may be necessary to hire the position.

Mayor Lang stated he has received complaints from residents asking for the enforcement of the Ordinance requiring the removal of trash receptacles from the curb when trash has been picked up. He said several residents are leaving trash receptacles out after pickup and that the Village will begin citing residents if they do not comply. Mayor Lang said he hopes citations do not have to be delivered.

The Village of Bolivar will have a community service day on April 22, 2022 which is also Earth Day. Tusky Valley High School students will assist with planting, mulching, trimming, and cleanup of the bump-out areas on Canal Street. Mayor Lang requested a motion to allow for Street Closure of Canal from 8:30 to 11:30am from Poplar to Tuscarawas streets and all adjacent side street to Sassafras Alley to ensure safety of the students while working close to the street. Diveley moved and was seconded by White. In a roll call vote, all members voted yes.

Councilman Finlayson requested meeting dates in July and September be moved due to holidays. Mayor Lang ask for a motion to move July 4th meeting date to July 5th (Tuesday) and September 5th meeting date to September 6th (Tuesday) due to conflict with holidays. Motion was made by White and seconded by Finaleyson. Roll Call" All yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – Bellinger stated the bills for March totalled \$53,634.39. StarOhio interest was \$90.12 and Huntington interest was \$7.47.

Bellinger requested a first reading at tonight's meeting for a revision of the Income Tax allocation ordinance. Mayor Lang said the allocation will not be changed, but wording to support the amount for the Income Tax Fund needs to be included.

Bellinger briefed that the Village received anticipated income tax revenue loss from the closing of the elementary school of \$14,500.

Bellinger reported the following requests for funding received from street and alley, and safety:

\$2,000 for 50 tons of slag for the road to the reservoir with 20 tons of #57 gravel for topcoat , 20 tons of #57 gravel to finish the parking lot at the Village garage and commercial weed stop. Excess will be used for the walkway from Delaware to the bike path. Motion made by Bellinger and seconded by Lawver. Roll Call: All yes.

\$700 for 20 yards of sifted topsoil for planting and various curb locations in village. Motion made by Bellinger and seconded by White. Roll Call: All yes.

\$ 1,000 for plants, flowers, baskets, and mulch for spring cleanup. Motion made by Bellinger and seconded by Finlayson. Roll Call: All yes.

\$ 5,200 for the replacement of the light pole at the Cherry Street parking lot. Motion made by Bellinger and seconded by White. Roll Call: All yes.

\$4,950 to contract with Smitty's tree service for tree removal and \$5,000 to contract with D&N tree service for tree removal. The appropriations approved for tree removal this year were \$14,500. Motion made by Bellinger and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: All yes.

\$1,500 to purchase water meter tester from USA Bluebook. Motion made by Bellinger and seconded by Oberlin. Roll Call: All yes.

\$2,500 for the purchase of two AR15 rifles with accessories for the police cruisers, rifles will be purchased through Dunn's Sporting Goods. Accessories are being quoted. Motion made by Bellinger and seconded by Lawver. Roll Call: All yes.

A discussion of the cost to have the chipper services and asphalt for the Delaware trail connection determined these could be done without motion as they are under \$500.

Planning Commission: Bellinger stated a meeting will be held this Thursday, April 7th at 5:30pm at Village Hall. The commission continues work on zoning for the storage of recreational vehicles.

Safety- Lawver deferred to Sargeant Stearns who reported a total of 55 call for the month. Patrolman Alex Thomas will leave the Village on April 6th as he accepted a position with another police station.

Chief- None

Street & Alley- Finlayson stated composting will begin on Monday April 11th. Compost will be picked up on Monday for the season.

Finlayson and Kyle reported the paving remains on hold with the County Engineers Office. The addition of a lean-to on the Village garage is also on hold.

Kyle said the International will be complete soon. The mechanic is waiting to receive the oil pump.

Finlayson and Lang briefed the suggestion to have community input on the naming of the East to West Johnson alley and the two un-named alley's will be introduced in the next Village newsletter. A map and explanation will be included and residents will be encouraged to submit name recommendations.

Oberlin stated he and Tim White attended the Bolvar Main Street meeting. A discussion to increase/replace the trash cans around the Village and provide additional flowers may be paid for by Bolivar Main Street.

Street Superintendent- Kyle said it is setting up to be a very busy summer schedule. Tree work will begin first followed by concrete sidewalks.

Shade Tree – Arbor Day will be held at the Pine Street Cemetery on April 28th at 10AM. Chris Berens will contact the elementary school to see if the kids would like to participate.

Recreation – Oberlin talked with Tusky Valley Baseball Association and obtained their certificate of liability insurance. The kids will be using the Waterworks and school fields this year. Kyle mentioned that the Baseball Association may want to use sod on their bases rather than sand. He said he receives complaints when they drag the sand which creates a lot of dust. Mayor Lang said he would be willing to help with the Village gator to transport water to wet the sand prior to dragging that would help reduce the dust.

Fiscal Officer – None.

Village Administrator – None.

Law Director- Solicitor Timberlake

2nd reading: of an ordinance, by title only, to edit the Policies and Procedures manual pursuant to the recommendation of the committee.

2nd reading: of an ordinance, by title only, to edit the zoning code regarding 24 hour storage of recreational vehicles, trailers etc, and any necessary fees or permit costs.

3rd reading: Agreement between Lawrence Township, Bolivar Volunteer Fire Department Inc, with Villages of Bolivar and Zoar as additional parties Fire Contract. A motion to pass was made by Bellinger and seconded by White. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Ordinance O-12-2022.

1st reading: An ordinance, by title only, to replace the continuing Police Levy with an increase.

1st reading: An ordinance, by title only, to amend appropriations.

1st reading: An ordinance, by title only, to contract for 2022 paving.

1st reading: An ordinance, by title only, to amend the Income Tax allocation ordinance.

1st reading: An ordinance, by title only, to amend Water Rules and Regulations.

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn until the next regular council meeting on May 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Motion to adjourn by Finlayson and seconded by White . In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. The meeting adjourned.

Mayor Tim Lang

ATTEST: Patty Smith, Fiscal Officer

Approved: