

Accepted in
7.5.22 Meeting

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR
COUNCIL MEETING

May 2, 2022

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session at Village Hall on Monday, May 2, 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 April 4 & April 21, 2022 Special Meeting. Oberlin moved, seconded by White. In a roll call vote all voted yes.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the bills for April 2022 which totaled \$53,269.67. Finlayson 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 – Chris stated that Arbor Day was a success and that she will make sure that the school gets the pictures so that they can be uploaded to the website. The Mayor thanked her for organizing this event.

OLD BUSINESS – None

MAYOR – The Mayor stated that Arbor Day was a total success. There were 300 kids in attendance and he was able to explain the importance of trees. The Mayor thanked Chris for organizing for the kids and said she did a great job. She is going to make sure that the pics get put up on the schools website.

The Mayor stated that there were 19 kids and 6 teachers in attendance for Community Service Day. They cleaned up around the ballfields and next to the trail on the west end of town. They also cleaned up around the library, and spread mulch around several of the trees and bumpouts along canal street. He expressed his thanks for the help from the kids for making this little town look better.

Mayor Lang declared a proclamation making the week of May 15th-21st Police Week for the Village of Bolivar. Mayor Lang will decorate with 10 police flags up on 212.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – Bellinger stated the bills for April totaling \$53,269.67. StarOhio interest was \$128.58 and Huntington interest was \$7.61.

Concrete sidewalk work 2022- \$Up to 15,000 approved from the Capital Fund. Motion made by White, 2nd by Bellinger. In a roll call vote all voted yes.

Light post purchase for Cherry Street parking lot was approved at \$5,200 and will need to be increased by \$1000, for a total of \$6200. Motion to approve by Bellinger and seconded by White. In a roll call vote, all voted yes.

Recommendation to increase Fiscal Office Krystal Christensen's hours to 32 per week with leave and holiday benefits. Effective May 2, 2022. Motion to suspend the rules and regulations was made by White and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: All yes. Motion to pass as an emergency made by Bellinger and seconded by Finlayson. Roll Call: All yes. **Ordinance O-16-2022 passed.**

Recommendation to authorize Village Administrator \$.50 end of probation period raise. 1st reading by title only.

Street Superintendent requests approval of a not to exceed \$600 for the purchase of street paint from Kleen. Motion to approve was made by Bellinger and seconded by Finlayson. Roll Call: All yes.

Bellinger stated work will begin on the records retention policy.

Bellinger spoke on the need for the hiring of part-time police officers for the 24 hours of patrol lost when Alex resigned. Mayor Lang requested formal acceptance of Alex Thomas's resignation dated April 6, 2022. Finlayson moved to accept the resignation, the motion was seconded by Lawver and in a roll call vote, all voted yes.

Bellinger briefed council on a small parcel of land that may be available for purchase on Canal and Bolivar. He said there is a great deal of back taxes due and the Village may want to pursue the possible purchase.

Planning Commission: Bellinger stated the Commission has a recommendation on the zoning change for parking recreational vehicles in the Village. He said they would like to offer the residents more input before taking the recommendation to council. A work session of all of council will be held at 6:30pm, directly after Street & Alley, to allow the public another opportunity to voice concerns over this proposed zoning change. Discussion and voting are tabled until the special work session.

Safety- Lawver briefed council on the staffing issues with the Police Department. He would like to hire part-time officers to fill the void in patrol hours for up to 24 hours per week. Lawver expressed the need for additional patrol during the Strawberry Festival. Mayor Lang will seek support from the County Sheriff's Office.

Chief- None

Street & Alley- Finlayson briefed that the limestone in the Village parking lot is complete and looks very nice. He said the Reservoir will require extensive gravel and cleanup work but this is on hold until the International truck is available.

Finlayson said the pathway at Delaware is almost complete and look very good as well. Kyle is waiting on rain and will tamp the mulch one more time to finish this project.

A discussion on the removal of public trash cans located at the post office and in front of Barnhart TV specialty. Kyle said residents are dumping trash into the cans and the garbage runoff is staining the concrete. Finlayson asked if anyone opposes the removal of these trash cans. There was no one opposed. Kyle will remove.

Discussed contacting the Health Department for mosquito spraying. Matt stated he sent an email to them requesting the Village of Bolivar participate in mosquito spraying this season.

Finlayson the committee is working on recommendations for changes in the water rules and regulations. He said with the meter installation and metered billing the rules and regulations are in need of revision. The committee will look into a policy for forgiveness if a resident has a major water leak. Matt stated the county offers a 3 month average for forgiveness.

Street Superintendent- Kyle stated he has been working on asphalt patching, the path on Delaware, cleaning up around the Village, and catch basins. He said tree work is on hold due to weather.

Kyle requested council decide whether the 25 MPH speed limit sign on West can be removed. He has received numerous requests from residents in the area. The sign has been hit by several trucks and Kyle has repaired it 3 times. The residents voiced to him that with such a short distance on this road, the sign is not warranted.

Mayor Lang was contacted by Bob Smith, president of Bolivar Main Street. Bob would like permission to put a kiosk in the bumpout in front of Oberlin Antiques just outside the post office. Motion to authorize made by White and seconded by Bellinger. Roll Call: All yes.

Bob also requested permission to run electric from the Santa Claus house to the Welcome to Bolivar sign. They will install lighting so traffic can see the sign better. Motion to authorize installation of electric and lighting was made by White and seconded by Finlayson. Roll Call: All yes.

Shade Tree – Mayor Lang said the Village received their 30 year plaque as member of tree city USA for 30 years.

Finlayson stated he was not able find a permit document for resident tree removal in the Village documents. Mayor Lang asked that this be deferred to the Zoning Commission.

Recreation – Oberlin briefed that baseball and softball is running smoothly. He said the fields are in good shape. Meeting will be held soon for the upcoming football season.

Fiscal Officer – None.

Village Administrator – Matt requested council approve the document he presented to purchase water from the county in case of a catastrophic event. He said this is part of the required contingency plan for the EPA. Tara said this will be an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute an agreement with County Water and Sewer and the County Commissioners to purchase water at a rate of \$3.00 per 1000 gallons. Motion to suspend rules and regulations was made by Finlayson and seconded by Lawver. Roll Call: All yes. Motion to pass as an emergency was made by White and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: All yes. **Ordinance O-17-2022 passed.**

Matt said he received final determination along with a check in the amount of approximately \$2,100 for tax relief on Village owned property.

The County Engineer has not yet responded with paving bids for 2022.

Matt briefed council on the leaning light pole in the Canal Street parking lot stating he has met with Frontier, Spectrum, and AEP with not one claiming ownership of the pole. As this is a hazard, he requested Tara send a letter to each Frontier, Spectrum, and AEP stating the pole will be removed by the Village on a specified date giving them one more chance to claim ownership and with Specturm remove their lines.

Matt filed the required reporting for the Village ARPA funds on 4/4/2022.

Law Director- Solicitor Timberlake

1st reading: An ordinance, by title only, to grant a \$.50 increase end of probation period raise for the Village Administrator.

Ordinance allowing the increase of Fiscal Office Krystal Christensen's hours to 32 per week with leave and holiday benefits. Effective May 2, 2022. Motion to suspend the rules and regulations was made by White and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: All yes. Motion to pass as an emergency made by Bellinger and seconded by Finlayson. Roll Call: All yes. **Ordinance O-16-2022 passed.**

Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute an agreement with County Water and Sewer and the County Commissioners to purchase water at a rate of \$3.00 per 1000 gallons. Motion to supend rules and regulations was made by Finlayson and seconded by Lawver. Roll Call: All yes. Motion to pass as an emergency was made by White and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: All yes. **Ordinance O-17-2022 passed.**

Ordinance to edit the Policies and Procedures manual pursuant to the recommendation of the committee. **PLUG sections. Ordinance O-18-2022 passed.**

2nd reading: An ordinance, by title only, to replace the continuing Police Levy with an increase.

2nd reading: An ordinance, by title only, to amend appropriations.

2nd reading: An ordinance, by title only, to contract for 2022 paving.

2nd reading: An ordinance, by title only, to amend the Income Tax allocation ordinance.

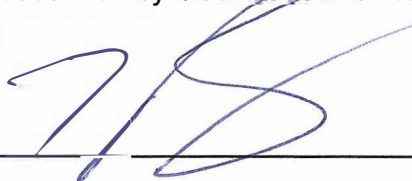
2nd reading: An ordinance, by title only, to amend Water Rules and Regulations.

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. Tabled for May 16, 2022 working session.

Finlayson tallied the votes received for the alley renaming/naming. Popular names were Fort, Simon, Patriot and Ohio. Mayor Lang deferred discussion to June council meeting.

Mayor Lang said a special work session will be held on May 16th at 6:30pm directly following Street and Alley for discussion on the proposed zoning changes for recreational vehicles.

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



Mayor Tim Lang

ATTEST: Krystal Christensen, Fiscal Officer

Approved: