

# VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

## COUNCIL MEETING

February 02, 2023

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session at Village Hall on Thursday, **February 02, 2023**. 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 05, 2023. Finlayson moved, seconded by White. In a roll call vote all voted yes.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the bills for month of January which totaled \$55,572.16. 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 –**

- Chris Berens provided an update on the monument project. Donations are now up to \$2,903.10. The monument project is being highlighted tomorrow, Friday February 03 on Facebook for the Bolivar participation of the Tusc project. The monument parts are on back order pushing the completion date to September. Chris is good with the new date because it gives the students more time to complete. There is a meeting Monday night with the students with a walking tour of Canal Street Bolivar. Barb Berens and Becky Hubble will be leading the tour and the tour will begin in front of the police station. Chris said she will be picking up the template for the foundation of the monument for Kyle to put in the cement work.

### **OLD BUSINESS – None**

### **MAYOR –**

- In the letter to the residents last year when the water rate increase went in that we would need to review the water funds from 2022 and whether or not the water rates were effective or not and if we need to make adjustments.
- Because of issues within the fire department the Bolivar Village meetings will need to move back to the council chambers at the Village Hall. Due to the size if there are health concerns, please wear a mask. The move will be posted to the village office door, the Bargain Hunter and Barb will order more letters for the gray sign.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE –**

- Tedd provided the payment of the bills for January was \$55,572.16. The interest for the month of January was as follows: Huntington \$265.73, Star General \$1,051.63, Star Water \$409.85, Star Capital \$43.64 for a total of \$1,770.85.
- Ordinance authorizing permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Bolivar ending December 31, 2023 by emergency. Motion to pass ordinance by emergency by Finlayson and a second by Lawver. In a roll call vote, all voted yes.
- Request to approve a resolution for the intra fund transfers between unrestricted funds for the month of January. Motion made by Diveley and seconded by Bellinger. In a roll call vote, all voted yes.
- Resolution to approve the amended certificate of estimated resources for the year 2023 and declaring an emergency. Motion made by Finlayson, seconded by White. In a roll call vote, all voted yes. Assigned Resolution 2023-03.
- Barb will be researching for a better electric rate and attempt to consolidate.
- Barb and Kyle to work on creating a list of items to be decommissioned and present to council.
- Purchasing a new laptop for council members to use as needed in the council chambers. We will move around existing printers once the new printer is installed and then determine if there is a need for any additional printers. Mayor requested a motion to spend up to \$600.00 on a new laptop. Motion made by white and seconded by Finlayson. In a roll call vote, all voted yes.
- Tedd brought up the possibility of hiring a part time temporary person to assist Barb with office duties. It has been determined at this time to wait until after year end/year start up tasks end to see if still needed.

#### **Planning Commission-**

- Next meeting will be Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at the town hall.

#### **Safety-**

- Bruce stated there were 45 police calls for the month of January.
- The Tahoe was returned from repairs and is back in service.
- There will be an audit of the police department started on 2/28/23. The audit is determined randomly so it is simply a routine audit.
- Instructor training was requested and approved by the mayor.
- Zoar was able to hook up their tornado siren into dispatch 911 so it will always be activated when needed. They were able to obtain full funding by the Reeves Foundation so Mayor Lang requested everything Zoar used to obtain the grant and provided that information to Matt. Matt put together a packet and took it down to the Reeves Foundation and was told we need a quote on how much it will take to update the current system. When Mayor Lang spoke with the company they weren't sure the current tower

was tall enough so requested to use to the fire department equipment to reach the top of the tower and test it to determine if it is tall enough or if we need a new tower. He spoke with the fire department and they said to have Staley contact them to work with them on the testing. Maria App asked who was responsible to activate the siren in the event of an emergency. Mayor Lang stated it is the fire department to active it. There was one incident last year where the siren wasn't activated during a weather system due to the department being out on a call. It would be safer if we had it hooked up to dispatch because dispatch is open 24/7 and they are the first in the county to receive all the national weather alerts. It will be quicker and more fail proof.

#### **Chief-**

- Nothing

#### **Street & Alley-**

- They discussed the paving and submitting to Tuscarawas County Engineer by February 28<sup>th</sup>. Streets discussed as needing paving were the north and south ends of Canal St., Walnut St., Bolivar St., Brace St., Sassafras Alley (Plain to Poplar), Fox, Lovers and Fort Allies. It was also requested to include the parking lot and the trail head on the list to get a quote. It was requested if there any other streets to please submit as we will submit quotes from the engineers office for quotes. Once we receive the quotes the committee will make their recommendations to council for approval. Dan asked Matt where we are with the trail head project and he stated we haven't received an update from OMEGA. If we are approved it is a two step process and we wouldn't get the funds for the paving until 2024.
- It was reported that the plants in the bump outs on Canal Street have been damaged by the winter salt and may need replaced. They will need to be examined in the spring and determine if they will need to be replaced. Dan also stated that some will need to be removed when the bulletin board is installed. Mayor Lang requested to let him know that we can save those plants and move them to a location where plants need replaced.
- Will asked where we were with the damaged guard rail across from the cemetery by Fort Laurens. Matt stated we are attempting to get the police report to determine whose jurisdiction it is in to determine whose responsibility it is.
- Concerns were raised regarding the drain at Water and East Streets. It sits low and concerns of damage to vehicles. Kyle was to investigate.
- Discussion of the white signs along Park Ave need cleaned or replaced.

#### **Street Superintendent-**

- Kyle said he found a 1951 speed indicator while cleaning out and organizing the garage. He doesn't feel it has much value but is unique and someone might want it.

#### **Shade Tree –**

- Discussed the possibility of bringing someone on later this year to help with inventory

### **Recreation –**

- They are talking about the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bolivar and the desire to create a committee. Mayor Lang to mention this in his next newsletter in hopes of getting participation from the residents.

### **Fiscal Officer –**

- Transitioning of the IT services will begin one week from Friday and will need all village computers provided. You can drop them off Thursday before end of day or bring them in at 10am Friday. IT Secure Now will need to remove their software (anti virus, Microsoft licenses etc.) and then Schneider's will need to load their version of the software packages. If you drop off your pc then you will need to provide Barb with your login password.

### **Village Administrator –**

- We passed the permanent appropriations and once those are signed Matt will get those off to the county auditor so we can get our certificate stating our appropriations do not exceed our amended certificate. Then we will get those input into the UAN system.

### **Law Director- Solicitor Babik**

- Steve stated that what he is bringing up isn't because there is an issue or violation but that it was during the conversation he had with the mayor regarding the formation of the centennial committee and the non profit Main Street Association. He asked if there was anyone on the Main Street Association board that are also on council? No, there are members but not on the board. He said there isn't any issues. He brought copies of the applicable ethics commission advisory. Essentially, ORC 2921.42 statute that prohibits unlawful interest in a public contract. The Ohio Ethics Commission guidance stating that it is okay to serve on the board of a non profit while acting as an elected official in a municipal corporation like Bolivar. The appropriate thing to do is for council to designate you as the representative of the village. That way you are not acting in a private capacity when you sit on a board or making decisions you are acting in your official capacity as a representative of the village. It clears up that unlawful interest in a public contract and the conflict that could exist between the best interest and the fiduciary duties as a member of the non profit and your duties to the village. Steve brought this up as general information.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading:** ODOT ordinance that was handed out for approval granting consent to the director of Ohio Department of Transportation authority to apply, maintain and repair standards inside the village corporation limit. Motion by Lawver and a second by Bellinger. In a roll call vote, all voted yes. Barb and Mayor to determine numbering.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** None

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** None

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn until the next regular council meeting on March 02, 2023, 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.

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Mayor Tim Lang

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ATTEST: Barb Kline, Fiscal Officer

**Approved:**