

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

May 11, 2023

The Bolivar Village Council met in a special session at Village Hall on Thursday, May 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 5:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. White opened the meeting with a prayer. Bellinger, White, Oberlin, and Diveley all answered yes to roll call. Lawver was absent.

Mayor Finlayson read the notice in the paper. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the hiring of Levi Kaser as street superintendent, increasing the mayor's spending limit, and the water rates.

- Second reading to hire Levi Kaser
 - Suspend the rules and vote to approve with a second reading. Motion to suspend the rules made by Dan and seconded by White. In a roll call vote – all voted yes.
 - Motion to vote to hire Levi by Diveley and second by Oberlin. Roll call vote – yes.
- Second reading to increase the mayor's spending limit from \$500 to \$1K.
- Will reviewed the water spreadsheet created and provided by Matt Judy. Will then asked those in attendance if increasing the water rate by \$5.00 a month is not enough? Would we want to increase it more than that or would the \$5.00 a month be a maximum amount to consider increasing the rate. Everyone agreed that \$5 a month is the max we would want to increase the rate. Dan stated that most of the residents are probably not aware of the need to replace and improve the current water lines. Dan believes we need to keep in mind the need to do so. Will agreed with Dan and stated the question is how much we should increase the rate. Tedd asked why Matt had an increase for 2023 if we haven't started buying the water yet. Will stated the spreadsheet indicates that we start paying on the debt from the meter project starts this year. Tedd stated we started paying on the debt last year. Will stated that we may have but it wasn't included in the budget. There was a discussion regarding the need for the replacement of lines and the EPA requirement to identify all lines made of lead. Barb recommended to help with both projects, the lead identification, and the identification to determine which water lines need replaced in what order that we use the ARPA funds we have that must be used by the end of 2024 to hire an engineer to determine both. Will asked if we had to use it or just allocate the funds by end of 2024. Barb is to go back and get the clarification. Tedd said that may be overkill but he agrees. Tedd went on to state that he keeps reading into the rules and regulations and said the engineer would have to dig holes into every meter pit and take pictures of the water lines and pictures of where it goes into the house. They will also need to mark where it goes into the house. The pictures inside the house must be 2' x 2' to ensure we can determine the type of line and we can give the homeowners the option to let us enter to take the photos or they can take them and provide them to us. Will requested data from Barb on usage by 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 6+ and

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include average and median usages. Barb explained that she will be out of town and may not have the opportunity before the 18th meeting. Will asked if not by the 18th to please have them by the June 1st meeting. Mutual agreement that we continue the conversation at the next street and alley meeting that is scheduled for next Thursday, May 18th at 5:30 in the town hall.

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn until the next regular council meeting on June 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Motion to adjourn by White and seconded by Bellinger. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. The meeting adjourned.

Mayor Tedd Finlayson

ATTEST: Barb Kline, Fiscal Officer

Approved: