

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 2024

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session at 121 Canal Street SE on Thursday, July 11, 2024. 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, Diveley, Nussbaumer, Oberlin, Pancoe, and White all answered yes to roll call.

A motion to approve the June 13, 2024, regular meeting minutes was made by White and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

A motion to approve the June 2024 bills totaling \$85,643.33 was made by Pancoe and seconded by White. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Receipts for the month of June totaled \$61,881.88.

Additions/Correction to the Agenda – None.

Public Speaks –

George Workman stated his concern about a drain in front of his home that needs a riser. He said it is difficult to mow around the drain. He also requested someone look into a badly needed repair along the alley north of his home saying a drain was installed some time ago and erosion is causing his sidewalk and driveway to sink down. George said he suspects there may be a pipe below this area that has collapsed. Mayor Lloyd said he would take a look at the property.

Chris stated that Staci and Piper have finished painting the 3 ways stop, Welcome to Bolivar, and the Library signs. She said they did a wonderful job and the signs look great.

Chris asked why the Police Banners were not displayed for Police Awareness month. If they are tattered, torn, or faded, she understands, but if they are in good repair they should be displayed. Dan Oberlin said the lift rental is very costly.

Chris thanked Nathan and Wyatt for their hard work keeping the Village looking good.

Dale Duerr suggested to Chris that more benches around the Village would be nice.

Chris Berens said her yard is flooding and it has been a problem all the way back to the Hubble administration. She said the problem is that the catch basin is too high to catch the water runoff. Mayor Lloyd will take a look at the problem.

Chris commented that Nate and Wyatt are doing a great job, and that the village is looking good. She requested all to encourage their neighbors to report concerns to the council so they can be addressed.

Chris encouraged the council to provide additional auxiliary police to assist Chief Haugh and Patrolman Minor.

Emmabelle Taylor stated she has concerns about 3 very large trees in the curb strip at the very end of Canal that are getting extremely tall and would like to see them trimmed back. She also said she wants to know what will be done when the compost program ends in 2025. Oberlin and Lloyd stated the village is discussing alternative/replacement programs and that continuing the program is a priority. Lloyd stated the program will continue for the next 24 months, which allows plenty of time to figure out a replacement program.

Carl Beatty said since the meter project was implemented the water system has been a total nightmare for him to deal with. He requested the village implement the required 60-day shutoff period. He stated his tenants have substantial arrears and he will be held responsible and feels that if the village had provided shut-off notices promptly the amounts may not have grown so large. Carl said he cannot evict his tenants because they are current on their rent. Bellinger suggested Carl build the cost of water into the rent. Mayor Lloyd and Maria App, Fiscal Officer are working on a solution.

Old Business – None.

MAYOR –

Robert stated the village has received the new zero-turn mower. Staff say the mower is a smooth ride and does a good job. The new mower has a good suspension system and is an easier ride than the John Deere.

Robert talked with the Erie Canal Bicycle folks, and they would like to put up temporary signs to direct cyclists for their annual event in September 2024. Will Bellinger said he thought the village passed an ordinance or resolution giving the mayor authorization to allow temporary signs for not-for-profits. Mayor Lloyd and Matt Bailey will look into the matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE - Bellinger stated a total of \$2,214.87 interest was received for the month of June.

Fiscal Officer Maria App requested forgiveness for a resident who experienced a water leak this past month. She said the leak has been repaired and the resident is requesting forgiveness of \$293.83 which resulted because of the leak. Diveley made a motion to forgive the amount of \$293.83, the motion was seconded by Oberlin. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Bellinger stated most of the ARPA dollars have been designated and suggested the remaining amount of undesignated be used for the outfitting of the new police cruiser. He stated the new cruiser was ready for delivery.

Planning and Zoning – Bellinger reported the board met on July 1, 2024. Nothing to report to the council.

Safety – Diveley reported 64 total calls for the month of June. She stated the safety committee received a resignation letter from crossing guard Rachel Tolley. Rachel will be retiring and will return the sign and vest to the village office.

Diveley stated additional assistance is warranted to help with police coverage. She said we do not want to wear out the two officers we have. Bellinger stated both officers are working 40 hours per week and that the past attempt for an increased levy failed. Oberlin said staffing issues with the Sheriff's Department covering the township have been a concern. He suggested that the council may want to revisit placing an additional police levy on the ballot.

Diveley reported that there are dead trees in the cemetery posing a safety concern with limbs falling. She said, it was reported, that shortly after the guys finished mowing the limbs fell.

Oberlin commented that the Street Superintendent's position needs to be filled soon.

Chief- None.

Street & Alley- White reported the committee met last on June 20, 2024. Committee members present were: White, Nussbaumer, and Oberlin. Also present were Lloyd, and Don Baad. White said there will not be a July committee meeting for Street and Alley, and Parks and Recreation. Next meeting August 15, 2024.

White reported the John Deere zero turn was traded in and a new Skagg mower has been received.

Currently in progress is crack filling and sealing of the bicycle trail walking path.

Bushes are growing over onto Strawberry Alley at Yant Street. Some removal/cleanup is done but more is needed.

White reported that hydrant flushing will occur either late July or early August.

Shade Tree- Oberlin said the best time for tree planting is the first 6 weeks of early spring. He wants to replace some of the trees that were removed in the village with smaller trees that are more manageable. He proposed a survey in the spring to develop a plan for tree replacement.

Parks and Recreation – None

Street Superintendent – None

Village Administrator – Chuck Williams stated that purchasing water from the county will begin soon and that all vaults and delivery lines are ready for transfer. Fluoride is added to the county water system so residents will need to be notified of this.

Chuck said the TCWSD would like the wells at the village to remain operational when the transfer to purchased water begins. Mike Jones of TCWSD will discuss with the EPA to determine their requirements. The Village of Bolivar well water is active as a county backup.

Fiscal Officer – Maria said the Consumer Confidence Report CCR has been mailed to all residents as required annually by the EPA.

Robert welcomed Zoning Inspector Matt Bailey saying we all look forward to working with him to revise the zoning regulations for the village.

Law Director- Solicitor Steve Babik

Legislation:

A second reading of a Resolution to grant temporary permission to place two (2) picnic tables and four (4) benches on the sidewalk area of 157 Canal Street, Bolivar, Ohio between April 1, 2024 and October 31, 2024. Bellinger asked if this Resolution would require renewal each year. Steve said yes it will require renewal but village council does have the ability to terminate at any time.

A second reading of a Resolution to amend the Annual Permanent Appropriations.

A second reading of an Ordinance to grant Bolivar Main Street Association permission to place and maintain an 8' x 12' shed on Village property known as parcel No. 37-00160-001.

Third reading for an Ordinance to appoint two (2) council members to sit on the Board for the Police Dependents Fund pursuant to revised code section 143.02. Motion to approve made by Bellinger and seconded by White. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. **Ordinance 15-2024.** Motion to appoint Pancoe and Bellinger made by White and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance 14-2024 and authorizing a contract with G-works for water billing software services and declaring an emergency. Motion made by Bellinger and seconded by White. **Ordinance 16-2024.** Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Maria briefed the council that the remaining ARPA funding of \$11,606 combined with a current appropriation of \$3000 in the police vehicle budget could support the cost of outfitting the new police cruiser. If additional is needed, she suggested the capital fund could be used.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 1, 2024, by White and seconded by Nussbaumer. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Mayor, Robert Lloyd

Fiscal Officer, Maria App