

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
May 22, 2024

The Bolivar Village Council met in a Special session at 121 Canal St, Se Bolivar (former American Legion on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 5:30 PM.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the following:

Upgrades to the security camera system and APC backups using ARPA funds.

Updating electric and gas rates.

Mosquito spraying and preventative measures.

Approval of expenses for the library.

Discuss the open position of zoning inspector and related items.

Software updates to tornado siren.

Status of EPA waterline funding and next steps.

Short executive session to consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Action may be taken.

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. Roll Call: Bellinger-yes, Nussbaumer-yes, Oberlin-yes, White-yes, Diveley-yes, and Pancoe-yes.

Maria stated this meeting was printed in the Times Reporter and posted online for the Times Reporter. This was verified by Jon Baker of the Times Reporter.

Maria presented the council with quotes concerning the upgrade of the security cameras and APC backups from Staley Technologies. She explained each quote in detail. After discussion, Bellinger made a motion to allow \$7,495.50 for the upgrade of the cameras and \$650 to upgrade one-half of the APCs for a rounded total of not to exceed \$8,200.00 using ARPA funds. The motion was seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Bellinger-yes, Nussbaumer-yes, Oberlin-yes, White-yes, Diveley-yes, and Pancoe-yes.

Maria presented options to select an Energy provider for electricity and gas. After discussion, councilman White made a motion to authorize Fiscal Officer Maria App to engage contracts with electric and gas suppliers at the best pricing. The motion was seconded by Oberlin. Roll Call: Bellinger-yes, Nussbaumer-yes, Oberlin-yes, White-yes, Diveley-yes, and Pancoe-yes.

Maria briefed the council on her findings when talking with the Health Department concerning mosquito spraying. She said preventative measures such as eliminating standing water found often in old tires, storm drains, and catch basins. Draining or eliminating water in these areas is key to reducing the mosquito population. Maria said the county will test for West Nile if the Village sends them a letter with specific addresses. She found that spraying only reduces the problem for 1 to 2 days, alternatively, the county prefers larvicide which eliminates the larva and does a much better job of reducing the mosquito population. Maria will continue pursuing the health of the county health department and provide an address' where population testing can be done. Councilman Pancoe suggested putting a note in the next water bill that explains preventative measures residents can do to help eradicate the mosquito population.

Patty explained that a motion and roll call vote was not taken at the May 2, 2024, regular council meeting to approve the amount of \$1,500.00 for mulch, topsoil, and edging for the library cleanup. Oberlin made the motion to allow for \$1,500.00 for expenses at the library. The motion was seconded by White. Roll Call: Bellinger-yes, Nussbaumer-yes, Oberlin-yes, White-yes, Diveley-yes, and Pancoe-yes.

The council had a lengthy discussion concerning the appointment and/or advertising for a zoning inspection. The Zoning Board requires 1 council member and 3 residents of the Village. Matt Ritterback has expressed interest in sitting on the board. Currently, Dan Oberlin is on the board as a council member. Mayor Lloyd would like Bellinger to join the board, but could he join as a resident of Village? Steve commented that the best approach is to have one council member and three residents. A council member sitting in a position as a resident would not be the best approach. Oberlin agreed to resign from the board allowing Bellinger to be the representative from the council. Oberlin stated he will continue to attend as an observer for every meeting. Mayor Lloyd recommended the council approve Matt Ritterback to be appointed to serve on the Zoning Board. Pancoe made the motion to appoint Matt Ritterback to the Zoning Board. The motion was seconded by White. Roll Call: Bellinger-yes, Nussbaumer-yes, Oberlin-yes, White-yes, Diveley-yes, and Pancoe-yes. The Village will continue to solicit a Zoning Inspector.

Robert briefed the council on the upgrade to the tornado siren saying the Village's share in the cost of the upgrade is \$339.00. White made a motion to allow this expense and it was seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger-yes, Nussbaumer-yes, Oberlin-yes, White-yes, Diveley-yes, and Pancoe-yes.

Robert and Maria stated the Village is eligible for an EPA loan to support the \$174,458.00 for the engineering and design fees of the waterline replacement project. They will investigate to see if this is a zero percent interest loan and brief the council at the next regular meeting if the information is available.

Bellinger made a motion to enter the Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official at 6:17 pm.

The council came out of the Executive Session at 7:00 pm.

Bellinger made a motion to call a special meeting of the Council on June 4th, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Location to be determined at either 121 Canal Street SE or Council Chambers. The motion was seconded by White. Roll Call: Bellinger-yes, Nussbaumer-yes, Oberlin-yes, White-yes, Diveley-yes, and Pancoe-yes.

Pancoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by White. Roll Call: Bellinger-yes, Nussbaumer-yes, Oberlin-yes, White-yes, Diveley-yes, and Pancoe-yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Minutes approved June 13, 2024

Mayor, Robert Lloyd

Fiscal Officer, Maria App