

**VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 5, 2024**

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session at 121 Canal Street SE on Thursday September 5, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Lloyd at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. White opened the meeting with a prayer. Diveley, Nussbaumer, Oberlin, Pancoe, and White all answered yes to roll call. Bellinger was absent.

A motion to approve the August 1, 2024 regular meeting minutes was made by Diveley and seconded by White. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

A motion to approve the August 2024 bills totaling \$108,200.61 was made by Pancoe and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. Maria noted this amount includes the purchase of the new police cruiser.

Receipts for the month of July totaled \$120,815.34 which includes \$2,305.03 of interest from Star Ohio and Huntington.

Additions/Correction to the Agenda – None.

**Public Speaks –**

Chris Berens stated she his highly concerned over the lack of evening police patrol coverage. She stated she fears someone is going to get hurt if the additional coverage does not happen soon. George Workman said there are 15 or so motorcycles racing past his house in the evening. Chris noted that she observed the motorcycles at 7pm on Saturday evening.

Chris asked how much longer before the Village is able to hire a Street Superintendent. She said Nathan is absolutely great but he needs help especially with the leaf vac season coming soon. Maria said the advertisement period to submit resumes ends on September 8<sup>th</sup> and it is expected to have interviews very soon. Chris asked if any interviews are planned now. Robert stated no.

Chris was also concerned that a review of the advertisement is needed stating it is not correct. Maria said the bargain hunter advertisement was correct but the website was not. She said this has been corrected.

George Workman again respectfully requested the village place a riser on the drain in front of his property. Robert did inspect the problem at George's home and does see a need for a riser but states a lot more will need to be done to completely resolve the issue. Robert said the village budget is limited for the current year. George asked if there was a safety committee for the village that he could talk to about this problem stating it has gone on too long with no resolution. George said he has been asking council for help with this for years. Robert and George agreed the drain is catching some of the water runoff but will do better with a riser. Maria asked that Robert obtain a price to fix the problem and bring to the October meeting. She said appropriations can be amended allow funding for this project. George said he would sure appreciate if something could get done soon.

Courtney Wallace stated she has been the Bolivar Branch Library Supervisor for the past 3 years and just loves her job. She thanked everyone for supporting the Library's 25 birthday celebration, which had 180 attending. Courtney said the grounds looked fantastic and that she received many compliments. Courtney applauded the fantastic job Piper and Stacy did repainting the sign. This year the library had 2740 hours of reading logged in the months of June and July. They hosted 43 programs where 1073 people attended.

Loretta asked if there was still an issue with people not cleaning up after their dogs on the library's grounds. Courtney said the problem still exists but it has improved some. Loretta asked if there was an outside trash can people could use. Courtney said yes. Loretta said the village will need to install signage and let the people know they will need to clean up after their dogs. Maria said the sign could also site the ordinance code to encourage people to do so.

Curtis Strauss asked why the fire department does not come to the council meeting and brief statistics on calls received. Robert said they did in the past and does not know why it was discontinued. Curtis said they are the Bolivar Fire Department and should be reporting to the people of Bolivar. Dan Oberlin said he has requested they come twice but they have not responded.

Curtis requested council look into the property at Parkview and Park Avenue saying the Rose of Sharon bushes are impeding the view and need to be trimmed back. Maria said there is a similar problem at Cherry and East Streets. Robert will talk with the property owners to trim the bushes back.

**Old Business – None**

## **MAYOR –**

Robert said the Village will soon begin purchasing water from the county and that residents will need to be informed that the water contains Fluoride.

Robert said the Street Superintendent position remains open and he hopes to have it filled as soon as possible. Maria said a full corrected job description is on the website.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE** - Maria reviewed the appropriations and found the funding to support the additional 60 hours per month for police patrol. This will be addressed in legislation at tonight's meeting.

Maria said council approved a total of \$3,100 in ARPA funds for village hall lock replacement. She said there was a couple changes that resulted in an additional \$274.35 needed to complete the replacement. She requested a motion to allow for the additional funds. White made the motion and it was seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Maria requested approval for the Fiscal Officer to attend the Auditor of State training in Twinsburg on October 24, 2024. Pancoe made the motion to allow and it was seconded by White. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Maria stated she received a zoning inspector invoice which was \$50 over the council approved threshold. She requested a motion to allow payment with the excess. Diveley made the motion to allow and it was seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

## **Planning and Zoning –**

**Safety** – Diveley reported that 39 calls were received for the month.

**Chief**- None

**Street & Alley**- White reported that the committee met on August 15<sup>th</sup> with himself, Nussbaumer, Oberlin, Lloyd and Diveley present. Rick Wakefield attended.

White said there was a discussion to possibly make Strawberry Alley and Plains Street a two way again. The committee will re-visit this in the spring.

White reported there were 3 interviews for the Street Superintendent opening.

White and Lloyd said they will begin taking the sidewalk replacement contract to interested residents for discussion.

**Shade Tree-** Dan Oberlin said he is looking into the purchase of smaller trees to replace the removed trees in the village. He said this will be done in the spring.

**Parks and Recreation – None**

**Street Superintendent – None**

**Village Administrator –** Chuck reported that he spoke with Mike Jones at County water and sewer. Necessary parts to repair the valves that connect to the village have been ordered. Technicians are on site and will install as soon as the parts arrive. They anticipate the valves will be repaired and operational by the end of the month. Chuck said flushing will have to be done when the connection is complete. Signs will be posted to alert residents of the flushing.

**Fiscal Officer –** Maria said she connected with FEMA to promote emergency preparedness and safety awareness for all in the village. She will provide all notices to the residents when FEMA sends.

**Zoning Inspector –** Matt said the zoning committee is working to strategically and methodically amend the zoning code. Once change recommendations are completed they will be presented to council for consideration and approval. Matt said this is not going to be a complete revision all at once. The committee intends to methodically recommend changes as review continues with the intent of making the code easier for residents and all to use.

Matt received two complaints for the same address. He is working on the best way to handle notifications and violation notices if needed.

Matt received a call asking if the Fox Avenue properties will be developed in the future. Zoning districts will be discussed at the committee level and if recommendations are needed they will be presented to council. Matt stated that the zoning meetings are open for anyone to attend and encouraged all to do so. Robert said over the next few months the zoning committee will be meeting twice a month. He said this is because there is a lot of material that requires review. Maria will ensure the additional meetings are advertised. Next zoning meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Town Hall.

**Law Director- Solicitor Steve Babik**

**Legislation:**

A fourth reading of a Resolution to Supplement and Amend the 2024 Annual Permanent Appropriations. Motion to approve by White and seconded by Oberlin. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. **R-9-2024**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a subdivision participation and release form to settle the Village's claim and participate in a settlement agreement

against Kroger Co. in the national opiate prescription litigation; and declaring the same to be an emergency. Diveley made the motion and it was seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. **R-10-2024.**

A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor; and declaring an emergency. Motion made by White and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. **R-11-2024.**


A first reading on the Public Defender's Indigent Services Agreement.

Steve requested a motion to amend the agenda to include an Ordinance to authorize 15 additional hours per week for police patrol hours and declaring this as an emergency. White made the motion and it was seconded by Nussbaumer. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

An Ordinance to authorize additional police patrol hours at 15 hours per week and declaring an emergency. White made the motion and it was seconded by Nussbaumer. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. **O-19-2024**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 121 Canal Street SE, by White and seconded by Nussbaumer. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Nussbaumer yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.



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Mayor, Robert Lloyd



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Fiscal Officer, Maria App