

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

COUNCIL MEETING

November 7, 2024

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session at 121 Canal Street SE on Thursday November 7, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Lloyd at 7:01 pm.

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

Acceptance of the resignation of Zachary Nussbaumer. Diveley made the motion to accept the resignation and Pancoe seconded. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

A motion to approve the October 3, 2024, regular meeting minutes was made by Pancoe and seconded by White. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

A motion to approve the October 2024 bills totaling \$89,653.84. was made by Diveley and seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Receipts for the month of October totaled \$61,216.30 which includes \$2,175.61 of interest from Star Ohio and Huntington.

Additions/Correction to the Agenda

Public Speaks –

Chris Berens stated the Dietrich property will need to be assessed before snow flies as the plow will not be able to get on the street.

Chris again requested the drainage problem on her property be investigated. She said she has brought this to the attention of the last 4 administrations and would like the problem resolved.

Chris replaced the bows on the signage at the 3 way stop. She said signage remains a problem. Stacy and Piper have two signs completely done and will start on third one. The third sign was taken down so work could be done indoors. When removing the sign, Chris said significant rotting of the wood was found. She will get quotes to fix the sign. Chris said the two signs that are complete are not made of wood and are in good shape.

Chris suggested Rod, Street Superintendent, put the lights on a timer, stating they are on all the time.

There was a discussion on the parking of a limousine in the village. Chief Haugh is aware that the vehicle uses two parking spots.

Old Business – None

MAYOR –

We will announce in the paper that the Village is seeking applicants for the open council seat. Anyone interested can send a letter of interest to the Mayor, PO Box 117, Bolivar Ohio 44612 or the letter can be put in the drop box at Village Hall. Deadline for interest letters is November 25, 2024. Interviews will be held the first week of December, and appointment will be made at the December 5, 2024 regular council meeting.

The week of 11/11/2024, RCAP representatives will be canvassing the Village, going door to door to assess the type of material the water service line to the home is made of. They will, if granted permission by the homeowner, enter the home to assess the service line and determine the material. If homeowners are not at home, RCAP will leave a survey to fill out. Residents can drop the survey in the drop box at Village Hall.

Robert stated that as of 11:00 today the Village is hooked up and purchasing water from the county. In approximately one week the hydrants will be flushed. Signs will be posted to make residents aware of the flushing. Chuck said there are some issues that need to be addressed prior to hydrant flushing. He said a more realistic timeline for flushing would be the week of November 18th. A one call alert will also be issued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE –

Bellinger absent. Maria presented the following:

Frame cleaning and salt guard undercoating on dump truck. Total of \$500 estimated. Committee recommends using ARPA funds. Motion to approve made by White and seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Approval of amended quote for office furniture for Mayor. Total current amount needed is \$1,396. Motion to approve was made by Pancoe and seconded by White. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Disposal of outdated/obsolete equipment. Steve stated the statute is 721.15. If an item is deemed obsolete, unfit or unneeded, and has no value the item may be disposed of without legislation. Steve prepared a draft template for an ordinance that will detail the definition of the item, including serial number, explanation as to why it is being disposed of, and value if any. This would allow for a detailed presentation to council of each item for disposal. Maria suggested a voice vote on the items that are not electronic allowing

these to be disposed of now. She suggested all other electronic items be logged on the ordinance and brought to council for a roll call vote.

Motion to discard all items that are obsolete or unfit for use except for electronics made by Diveley and seconded by White. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

There was a brief discussion on the \$1,000 allowance for the mayor to make purchases when necessary outside the council vote. Council will brainstorm the issue and bring back to December meeting if deemed necessary.

Mayor and Street Superintendent request for \$2,200 allowance to renovate village hall bathroom. Total line item quote presented was \$1,815.20. Motion to approve \$1,815.20 was made by Pancoe and seconded by White. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Planning and Zoning –

Robert reported that Matt Bailey is working on 12 to 14 current zoning violations. Steve is reviewing as Matt submit the violation paperwork. The review and revision of the zoning regulations is on hold until the current violations paperwork is complete and presented.

Safety – Loretta reported 54 calls were received for the month of October. Reported the resignation of Zachary Nussbaumer from his council seat, and reported all police officers have successfully qualified on firearms. Chief Haugh is working to bring in auxiliary officers or increasing part time patrolman hours if needed while Officer Minor is out on medical leave.

Reported the new cruiser has been taken for outfitting.

Chief Haugh is working on Lexipol policies.

Chief- See Safety

Street & Alley-

White reported the committee met on October 17, 2024. Present were White, Oberlin, Nussbaumer, Diveley, Bellinger, Tusing, Wigfield, and the Mayor.

The committee discussed a need for street lighting to be replaced at 149 Bolivar Street and near 672 Ladyne Avenue. White suggested a notice on the next water bill go out stating to notify Village office if residents see street lights that are not working.

White briefed council on the street closing for Christmas on the Canal. These closings were voted on and approved by Ordinance earlier in the year.

White said asphalt patch is needed for Park Avenue north of Poplar.

White said work continues for the lighted stop signs.

The Bolivar Main Street Association will have AEP install a power pole on the northeast corner of Sassafras and Cherry prior to the Strawberry Festival. This will allow temporary power when needed for any events or festivals.

Shade Tree- None

Parks and Recreation – None

Street Superintendent –

Rod said he will get the dump truck in for the undercoating approved by council. He also presented a bid for Petraca Landscape Inc. to remove four trees in the Village at a cost of \$2,225.00. Pancoe made a motion to approve the expenditure and it was seconded by White. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Rod is working on getting the lighted stop signs installed and will need to purchase some 2” piping to get the signs installed. Cost will be minimal.

Village Administrator – See Mayor’s notes.

Fiscal Officer – None

Zoning Inspector – None

Law Director- Solicitor Steve Babik

Legislation:

A third reading of a Resolution to allow the Mayor and two council persons of the of the Village of Bolivar to execute an agreement for Indigent Defense Services with the Tuscarawas County Public Defender Commission. Motion to pass made by Pancoe and seconded by White. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

R-14-2024.

A second reading to enter into a contract with Stephan P. Babik of Babik LLC for legal services pursuant to R.C. 733.48 and R.C. 705.11.

A second reading of a Resolution to make 2025 Temporary Appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Bolivar as provided by R.C. 5705.38.

A second reading of an Ordinance authorizing a contract with Fitzpatrick, Zimmerman, & Rose Co., L.P.A. as police prosecutor for the Village of Bolivar, Ohio Effective January 1, 2025, establishing a rate of compensation (from 80.00 to 90.00 per hour) for a two year period ending December 31, 2026.

Steve to prepare legislation for the disposal of obsolete equipment/property and legislation for county auditor certifying ballot material for renewal police levy to December meeting.

Steve and council recognized Monday coming as Veteran’s Day and thanked all present and past who have served.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 7 PM, at 121 Canal Street SE, by Diveley and seconded by White. Roll Call: Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Mayor, Robert Lloyd

Fiscal Officer, Maria App