

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

COUNCIL MEETING

February 6, 2025

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session at 121 Canal Street SE on Thursday February 6, 2025. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order by Mayor Robert Lloyd at 7:00 pm. White opened the meeting with prayer.

Bellinger, Conley, Oberlin, Pancoe, and White all answered yes to roll call. Diveley was absent.

A motion to approve January 2, 2025, regular meeting minutes as written was made by Pancoe and seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

A motion to approve the January 2025 bills totaling \$83,745.44, which include the annual premium for PEP of \$20,585.00, was made by White and seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Receipts for the month of January totaled \$72,083.59 which includes \$1,940.81 of interest from Star Ohio and Huntington.

Additions/Correction to the Agenda

Public Speaks –

Ann Ackerman, Fiscal Officer for Lawrence Township, presented the annual Fire Contract with Lawrence Township, Village of Bolivar and the Village of Zoar, and the Bolivar Fire Department. She said the total requested for the 2025 budget was \$805,919 which is slightly higher (approximately \$28,000) over 2024. Ann stated the total breakdown represents 86% or \$693,000 from Lawrence Township residents, 11% or \$88,600 from the Village of Bolivar, and 3% or \$24,319 from the Village of Zoar.

Old Business – None.

MAYOR –

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – Maria stated there are two actionable items: Schneider Computer and the selection of the Bicentennial Banners.

Bellinger made a motion to allow for the month-to-month services for IT services from Schneider Computer at a monthly fee of \$1,214.10. The motion was seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Chris Berens presented the selection of the Bicentennial Banner in the Finance meeting. White made the motion to approve the banner selection presented to the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Bellinger. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Planning and Zoning – Nothing to report.

Safety- Pancoe reported a total of 40 calls for the month of January, which is lower than December. He stated the Tahoe brakes are still squealing and will have to be fixed. Maria will call Dover Mazda and resolve the matter.

Chief- Nothing additional to report.

Street & Alley-

Street and Alley met on January 16, 2025. Those attending were Tim White, Dan Oberlin, Loretta Diveley, Rod Tusing, Chris Berens, and Mayor Lloyd.

Tim stated the biggest need currently is the purchase of the hot water pressure washer.

Tim reported that the blade shield for the snowplow is on order.

The following streets and alleys were identified as needing attention:

Wilson Avenue west of Fairview

Eberley has two manhole covers that are at least 1" below the surface of the pavement.

Park Avenue north of Poplar

Lovers Alley between Bolivar Street and the tennis court

Alley along the tennis and basketball courts to Strawberry Alley

Lovers' Alley south of Tuscarawas Street

Johnson Alley between Water and Poplar Streets.

Shade Tree- Oberlin stated he received the advertisement for 2025 tree sales from Tuscarawas County Water and Soil. He is researching the best pricing for smaller trees, such as flowering cherries, to replace the trees that have been removed in the Village. Oberlin said that most of the trees listed in the advertisement are all too large which makes removal in future years costly. Oberlin stated planting will need to be done in April for the best results.

Parks and Recreation – Oberlin will obtain the necessary insurance documents from the Baseball and Football leagues before they have access to the Village fields for games or practices.

Street Superintendent – Tusing stated the month has been interesting with all the snow and ice.

He reported that there was a water leak on Canal Street and that it had been repaired.

Tusing stated the repair work approved by the council at the January meeting for Lovers Alley is complete. Both Mayor Lloyd and Tusing have received several compliments from residents in the area saying they like the improvements.

Tusing is preparing a plan for spring cleanup, mulching, and planting.

Tusing would like to see the hot water pressure washer ordered soon.

He requested the word get out that if anyone sees something in the Village that needs the Street Superintendent's attention to please call. He will be renting a lift soon to remove the angels, install the bicentennial banners, and trim several small river birch trees.

Tusing had the international truck in the shop for an emergency hydraulic cylinder repair to continue plowing.

Tusing is researching grants availability for the replacement of the Village trucks.

Village Administrator – Nothing to report. Oberlin asked why the water main breaks seem to occur when the weather is not freezing. Chuck stated the ground is moving all the time and many of the old cast iron water lines break when this happens. Oberlin requested an update on the grant's status for water line replacement and wanted to know if the lines that broke recently are on the grant's replacement list. Mayor Lloyd said the brakes have been temporarily tapped on the funding, but he will give an update when he has new information. He said he is not certain if the recent line break lines are on the replacement list, but said it is highly likely that they are.

Fiscal Officer – Maria requested an update on the status of Tree City USA required reporting documents. Mayor Lloyd and Oberlin will investigate this and get scheduled for any scheduled seminars or events. Maria asked that they also check into when Arbor Day will be scheduled for the Village this year. Rod said he is working on cataloging all the trees in the Village.

Maria stated she submitted the levy information to the Board of Elections for placement on the May ballot for the Police renewal levy.

Maria and Patty have completed year end 2024 requirements. Maria will officially close 2024 in the UAN tomorrow.

Maria said she would like to attend the State Auditor training in March 2025. She said it is a 3-day event located in Columbus.

Maria requested a special work session (meeting of council) to be held on March 20th, 2025, at 6:30pm, following Street and Alley and Parks and Recreation meetings. She will brief the council on the financial position and budgets of the Village. The meeting will be held at 121 Canal Street SE, Bolivar.

Zoning Inspector – None.

Law Director- Solicitor Steve Babik

Steve briefed the council on his discussions with Travis Haglock concerning his request for an easement at the 3-way stop Bolivar sign adjoining Mr. Haglock's property. He said Mr. Haglock has been very receptive and is 100 % on board to provide the easement but would like a drawing of the layout with dimensions; a footprint of his property in relation to where the Village sign is located. Steve requested a Village representative measure the square footage of the entire area showing measurements, locate Mr. Haglock's pin so he can see where the sign is located on his property. Tusing said he will locate the property pins and measure these distances to include total square footage of the area.

Steve stated he prepared a rough draft of the trash hauling contract for potential bidding. He said the specifications will need updated as they are almost 20 years old.

Steve asked that the council make a motion to amend the agenda to include a first reading on an ordinance authorizing the mayor and/or the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bolivar to advertise for public bid the 2025 garbage disposal services contract for the residents of the Village of Bolivar if they choose to address this matter in legislation.

Bellinger made the motion to amend the agenda to include the garbage disposal services contract first reading. The motion was seconded by White. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Legislation:

A first reading on an Ordinance authorizing the mayor and/or the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bolivar to advertise for public bid the 2025 garbage disposal services contract for the residents of the Village of Bolivar.

A third reading of an Ordinance to authorize the disposal or salvage of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit personal property belonging to the Village of Bolivar having no remaining value. Motion to pass ordinance made by Pancoe and seconded by White. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. **O-3-2025.**

A third reading of an Ordinance to grant Bolivar Main Street Association consent to place and maintain an electric utility pole at the corner of Cherry Street and Sassafras

Alley. Motion to pass made by Pancoe and seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. **O-4-2025.**

A second reading of an Ordinance authorizing permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Bolivar, State of Ohio, during fiscal year ending December 31, 2025. Motion to suspend rules and regulations made by Pancoe and seconded by White. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. Motion to pass as an emergency made by Bellinger and seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. **O-5-2025.**

An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the Village of Bolivar and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bolivar to execute an agreement with Lawrence Township for Fire Protection Services; and declaring an emergency. Oberlin made the motion seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. **O-6-2025.**

An Ordinance to authorize a contract with and appoint Matthew Bailey of Legacy 5 Development Company, LLC as Zoning Inspector for the Village of Bolivar; and declaring an emergency. Motion made by Pancoe and seconded by White. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. **O-7-2025.**

A first reading of an Ordinance amending Section 3.1.2 of the Policies & Procedures for the Village of Bolivar.

A Resolution to authorize the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bolivar to pay an invoice to Tuscarawas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency in an amount not to exceed \$250.00 and declaring an emergency. Motion made by White and seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. **R-7-2025.**

Steve said the last item introduced in the Finance meeting is the Police Contract with the Village of Zoar. The Village of Bolivar council passed Ordinance O-1-2025 at the January meeting, increasing the rate of police services to \$40 per hour. It is Steve's understanding that the Village of Zoar has not approved this contract and may be seeking a less expensive alternative. Steve said currently there is no contract as they have not accepted, and the Village does not know if they intend to continue to use these services. There is also no clarity whether they continue to use the services under the old or new rate. Steve prepared a resolution to cancel the service at the March meeting if they have not returned the contract or had any discussions with the Village of Bolivar. Steve asked the council for clarity of their wishes on this matter for the Police Chief and Police Department. The council discussed the matter and determined that the rate charged for any services after January 2, 2024, will be at the new rate of \$40.00 per hour. The council also determined that the contract will be terminated at the March regular council meeting if nothing has been received from the Village of Zoar.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 7PM, at 121 Canal Street SE, by White and seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Oberlin no, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Mayor, Robert Lloyd

Fiscal Officer, Maria App