

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

COUNCIL MEETING

May 1, 2025

The Bolivar Village Council met in regular session at 121 Canal Street SE on Thursday May 1, 2025. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order by Mayor Lloyd at 7:01 pm. White opened with prayer.

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

A motion to approve April 3, 2025, regular meeting minutes as written was made by Pancoe and seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

A motion to approve April 17, 2025, special meeting minutes was made by White and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

A motion to approve the April 2025 bills totaling \$73,997.02 was made by Bellinger and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Receipts for the month of April totaled \$100,125.22 which includes \$1,606.16 of interest from Star Ohio and \$289.02 interest from Huntington.

Additions/Correction to the Agenda. Maria stated the agenda has a correction. The amounts were entered incorrectly for April receipts and April payments, indicating payments were \$100,125.22 and receipts were \$73,997.02. Motion to clarify the correct amount of payments as \$73,997.02 and receipts as \$100,125.22 was made by Pancoe and seconded by Bellinger. Roll call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Public Speaks –

Mike Hauter of Bolivar Main Street thanked council for approving the AEP additional pole to help with the electricity shortage experienced with the festival each year. The pole will provide electricity to the bands. Mike requested council allow him to install a concrete box and conduit between the Santa Claus House and the Insurance Adjuster business to allow additional power for the food truck vendors. He said the conduit will be buried and will not pose a tripping hazard. The box would be permanent, and Mike would do the work through his landscaping company so all insurance requirements would be met. Council requested additional information and stated this would be added to the May 15, 2025 special meeting agenda.

Chris Berens requested picnic tables be placed in the park next to village hall. She also stated she requested two trash cans for the park and doesn't agree with council approving one.

Chris reported the sign at the 3-way stop has been removed for repair and painting.

Chris remarked on the Police Chief resumes going to Patty's email rather than the mayors.

Old Business – None.

MAYOR –

Robert read a Proclamation Declaring May as Motorcycle awareness month in the Village of Bolivar.

Robert read a Proclamation declaring the week of May 11, 2025, to May 17, 2025, as National Police Week in the Village of Bolivar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE –

Bellinger stated the Village received funding from both the Reeves Foundation and PEP for two solar lighted pedestrian signs to be placed on SR 212 where the school was torn down. Total cost is \$1,959.26. Motion to approve made by Bellinger and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

A discussion of the excess hours billed by zoning inspector Matt Bailey. The total invoice for the month was \$2,600. Ordinance allows for no more than \$1,000 (10 hours) per month. Bellinger stated this was due to 2 zoning meetings in the month of April and on-going work needed to revise the zoning regulations. Bellinger noted the amount was within the total budget of \$12,000. Bellinger stated the Ordinance stated the restriction of \$1,000 per month will be corrected but presented a motion to allow for the April invoice of \$2,600. White seconded the motion. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Bellinger stated that the Water Operator was cutting back to his contracted time of 3 days per week. This requires village employees to complete chlorine testing 4 days per week at village hall and the pumphouse. Motion to allow for weekend testing to be treated as a scheduled callout with a 2-hour minimum made by Bellinger and seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Bellinger stated the paving estimate received from the Tuscarawas County Engineer would be approved in the Legislative section tonight.

Bellinger made a motion to approve the amount of \$7,200 to D&N Tree Service from the tree and sidewalk budget. The motion was seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

A motion to allow \$4,100 for crack sealing with T&G Sealcoating for the crack sealing bid for Canal and all tributary street to Park was made by Bellinger and seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Bellinger said there will be a first reading on wage increases at 2% tonight.

Bellinger made a motion to allow for \$690 to purchase a new Water Chlorine tester. The motion was seconded Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Planning and Zoning – Bellinger reported the two meetings for zoning in April were long sessions reviewing the proposed changes to the zoning regulations. Next meeting will be Monday where the committee will review the second half of the zoning regulations for possible changes. The proposed changes will then be presented to Steve Babik for review prior to being brought to council for approval. Public meetings will follow.

Safety- Pancoe reported a total of 30 calls for the month of April. Pancoe stated the auxiliary and part-time officers are stepping up and covering additional shifts. Chief Randy O'Connor said 2 of the calls were domestic, and there were two accidents. The Chief reported a property line dispute stating he advised the owners that it is a civil issue. The Chief requested approval to order 3 batteries at a cost of \$78 each for the police radios. Motion made by Pancoe and seconded by Bellinger. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

The Chief reported the cruiser will need an oil change soon. Discussion of status of Tahoe—Mayor Lloyd will follow up and report next month. Reported the auxiliary officers are working their required shifts. Mayor Lloyd is working on two requests to vacate alleys. This is currently in discussion with zoning. Steve Babik briefed council on the steps to vacate alleys and said he will research more for the next council meeting.

Chief- See Safety

Street & Alley- White said Street and Alley met on April 17, 2025. Present were White, Mayor Lloyd, Dan Oberlin, Loretta Diveley, Will Bellinger, and Patty Smith.

White said the committee re-visited the request to make Plains Street and Strawberry Alley two way where the school was located. Steve Babik will prepare Ordinance if approved by council. Steve will research process and bring to next council meeting.

Discussed the camera proposal to determine the location of the tank leak.

Discussed trees and sidewalk repairs.

AEP Pole ordered for Bolivar Main Street.

Shade Tree- Nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation – Nothing to report.

There was a brief discussion of the electric service presented by Mike Hauter of Bolivar Main Street for the Strawberry Festival. Steve Babik will draft legislation for a decision at the Special meeting on May 15, 2025.

Street Superintendent – Hiring of Scott Baker in legislative section.

Village Administrator – Patty reminded council that an ODNR representative will visit the village on May 16, 2025, at 9:30am to conduct a tree assessment. She invited all to join if they would like.

Patty stated the pay it forward day was a great success, applauding the kids for all their hard work. She said a picture of the kids is up on the Bolivar website.

Patty thanked Loretta Diveley for her work weeding and pruning the area in front of Village Hall, and the cemetery.

Robert and Scott will remove a large dead tree in the cemetery this summer.

Patty said a call came in concerning a tree on the power lines at the King property. She contacted AEP and they agreed to remove the tree off the power lines. She said they completed this the next day. Scott and Nate will bring the remaining part of the tree down.

Fiscal Officer – Maria stated there will be a special meeting on May 15, 2025, for the purpose of hiring a Police Chief. The meeting will be held at 6pm following the Street and Alley committee meeting. Maria said the Bolivar Main Street request for electrical work for the festival will also be discussed.

Zoning Inspector – None.

Legislation:

Steve provided an update on the status of the library concerning the village paying most of the utility expenses resulting in a budget deficient for the village. He also briefed council on the discrepancies within the current library contract. After several productive conversations with library officials, it was agreed that the contract requires revision. Steve stated while the contract is being revised, the library was asked to pay the entire cost of the utilities. He received a letter from the library council stating they could not assume additional costs for any utility amounts for this current year. They currently pay a total of \$3,000 toward utility costs. Steve said as it stands now, work will continue on the contract revision. He presented possible options that council could impose. Bellinger said the library funds are subject to be cut from the state level, and this is where there is concern on their part. He suggested the village move forward with a

contract revision through December 31, 2025. Bellinger said this will put the library officials on notice that the village may not be able to absorb these cost in the future.

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance to authorize the hiring of Scott Baker as Street Superintendent; and declaring an emergency. Motion made by Bellinger and seconded by White. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

O-13-2025.

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance O-24-2023 and establishing salaries, hourly rates of pay, and benefits for certain positions in the service of the Village of Bolivar; and declaring the same to be an emergency. Motion made by Bellinger and seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. **O-14-2025.**

An Ordinance to accept the Tuscarawas County Engineer's 2025 paving estimate for the Village of Bolivar; and declaring an emergency. Motion made by Bellinger and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. **O-15-2025.**

A first reading on an Ordinance for a 2% wage increase for all employees.

A Resolution to appoint Randy O'Connor to the position of Interim Chief of Police; and declaring an emergency. Motion made by Bellinger and seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

R-10-2025

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting until the special meeting scheduled for May 15, 2025, at 6PM at Village council chambers and the next regular meeting on Thursday May 29, 2025, at 7:00PM, at 121 Canal Street SE, by Pancoe and seconded by White. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Robert announced an Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled for May 13, 2025, at 10AM. A tree will be planted at Hennis Care Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Mayor, Robert Lloyd

Fiscal Officer, Maria App

