

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 17, 2025

The Bolivar Village Council met in special session at 121 Canal Street SE on Thursday April 17, 2025. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order by Mayor Lloyd at 6:05 pm. White opened with prayer.

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

The sole purpose of this meeting is to discuss and take action on the following items submitted to the newspaper.

This special meeting was advertised within the time limits required.

The Village of Bolivar will be holding a special session of the Council on Thursday, April 17 at 6:00pm for the purpose of discussing an opening in the police department and the departmental operations. There will also be a short executive session to consider the appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee or official. Action may be taken. The special meeting will be held at 121 Canal Street SE, Bolivar, formerly the American Legion, immediately following the regular street and alley committee meetings that begins at 5:30. Note: this is a one-time location change for street and alley (normally held at the Town Hall at 117 Canal St NE)

The council discussed the resignation of Chief Randy Haugh, effective April 25, 2025. Chief Haugh briefed the council on the qualification/certifications they would need to seek to fill the position. Chief Haugh presented a list of these to Mayor Lloyd.

Chief Haugh stated it is important in the interview to ask hard questions and suggested a panel of interviewees.

Chief Haugh stated that Randy O'Connor has offered to step up as Part-time Interim Chief for the next six weeks. He recommended council appoint Randy O'Connor as Interim Chief stating he currently holds the position of Sargeant at the Waynesburg Police Department and qualifies.

Chief Haugh briefed council on the resignation of Patrolman Michael Frame stating Michael will be applying for a full-time position with the Village of Strasburg.

Bellinger made a motion to appoint Officer Randy O'Connor, as Part-time Interim Police Chief at a rate of \$26.00 per hour. Hours are to stay below 32 per week with a April 26, 2025, start date. The motion was seconded by Oberlin. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Attorney Babik stated he will have legislation at the May 1, 2025 regular council meeting which will reflect retroactive to today for the appointment of Randy O'Connor as Part time Interim Police Chief as an emergency.

Mayor Lloyd swore Officer Randy O'Connor in as Part time Interim Police Chief.

The council discussed the advertisement for the open Chief position and the rate of pay. It was determined that the open Chief position would be advertised in the Bargain Hunter for 2 consecutive weeks; the April 25th and the May 3rd editions.

The rate of pay for the open Police Chief position will be a range of \$26 to \$30 per hour.

Bellinger said for all to be aware there may be a need for a special meeting tentatively May 15, 2025, immediately following Street and Alley committee meeting. It will be announced and advertised.

A motion for a voice vote for the purpose of advertising the Police Chief position was made by Bellinger and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for May 1, 2025, at 7PM, at 121 Canal Street SE, by Bellinger and seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Mayor, Robert Lloyd

Fiscal Officer, Maria App