

**VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 20, 2025**

The Bolivar Village Council met in special session at 121 Canal Street SE on Thursday March 20, 2025. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order by Mayor Lloyd at 6:30 pm. White opened with prayer.

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

Purpose of special meeting:

The Village of Bolivar will be holding a special session of the Council on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 6:30PM for the purpose of discussing and acting upon the following items: passage of ordinances; 2025 paving project, identifying spending needs vs wants; Library contract, review the appropriation and revenue budgets; fund status report. There will also be a short executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Action may be taken.

This special meeting was advertised within the time limits required.

An Ordinance authorizing a contract between the Village of Bolivar, Ohio and the Village of Zoar, Ohio for the provision of police protection to the Village of Zoar, by personnel of the Bolivar Police Department and declaring an emergency. Motion made by Bellinger and seconded by White. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. Ordinance **O-9-2025**.

There was a discussion concerning the mayor's required work hours for the Village with council agreeing to set the standard number of hours to be 50 per month, whether in person or by remote electronic means, and establishing flexibility as needed from month to month as demand is needed. Fiscal Officer, Maria App briefed council on the discrepancy between the Villages' Policies and Procedures stating 32 required hours, and the Mayors' Ordinance, passed in 2023, stating 50 required work hours per month. The council had requested, and Maria introduced comparisons of council and mayor pay rates with surrounding villages. She had obtained information from Baltic, Beach City, Brewster, Malvern, Mineral City, Navarre, and Zoar.

A third reading on an Ordinance amending Section 3.1.2 of the Policies and Procedures for the Village of Bolivar. Bellinger made the motion to amend the Policies and Procedures section 3.1.2 for the Village of Bolivar to read the mayor's required work hours be 50 per month. The motion was seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. Ordinance **O-10-2025**.

Shannon, Kimble representative, presented the council with an extension to the existing contract for a period of one year (May 2025- May 2026) for trash collection services. Steve Babik stated that the Village should not extend but rather have a new contract with Kimble for a period of one year with the same specifications contained in the existing contract. The Village will then obtain bids for the garbage disposal services for a contract with a term of five years when the one-year contract ends. Steve explained that village officials in 2018 had lengthy discussions on the need to solicit for bids for the garbage disposal services contract which has created precedent. Therefore, to avoid violation of the requirements of dollar thresholds and of ORC section 3707.43, a precedent has been established that requires the Village of Bolivar to solicit bids for the garbage disposal services contract for a five year period. Shannon will speak with Kimble legal representatives to see if a new, not an extension of the existing contract, is possible and report back to the council.

Third reading of an Ordinance authorizing the mayor and/or Fiscal Officer to advertise for public bid the 2025 garbage disposal services contract for the residents of the Village of Bolivar. The motion was made by Bellinger to withdraw this ordinance from consideration and the motion was seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. **Ordinance withdrawn.**

The council held a lengthy discussion on the existing tree ordinance 1985-368, and shade tree commission requirements, in relation to the partial removal of 3 river birch trees on canal street. Mayor Lloyd will increase participation of the shade tree commission per ordinance and review. Steve will research and discussions will be held at the regular meeting on April 3, 2025.

Steve Babik briefed council on the status of his discussions with the Tuscarawas County Library's attorney concerning the negotiation of the contract with the Village of Bolivar. Steve feels the discussions are moving in a positive direction. The library did request, and were given, copies of the utility bills for the past year. Maria stated the estimated utility costs for this year to be \$7,044.35. Steve said he has made it clear that the Village only needs to stop the gap of loss concerning the utilities but will remain responsible for all capital costs and maintenance of the building. He remains hopeful that a resolution can be reached. Steve stated the library board meets the third Monday of every month and suggested that a representative of the Village may want to attend.

Patty Stevens was present and stated that the library means a lot to many in this Village. She supports the library and attended this meeting because she heard some things and wanted clarity as to what the council is doing.

A motion to enter executive session to consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official was made by Bellinger and seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

The council entered the executive session at 7:48PM. All present stayed for the executive session.

The council adjourned the executive session at 8:34PM.

Bellinger discussed the paving estimates received from the county engineer's office. He spoke with Fiscal Officer, Maria App, prior to this meeting and established a budget. The budget was established at approximately \$84,000. Bellinger made a motion to accept a portion of the county engineer's 2025 paving estimate for the Village of Bolivar, and declaring an emergency involving the following:

Lovers Alley at Tuscarawas Street – Full Rebuild to Subgrade

Dietrich Alley – Beculer Ave to Poplar

Dietrich Alley – Poplar to Water

East Street – Water to Poplar

East Street – Poplar to Wilson

Pine Street - Park to Canal

Bellinger stated that if the county engineer allows the bidding process for the other estimates it would be helpful, but the above are the sections the village is aiming to complete this 2025 season. The motion was seconded by White. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes. Ordinance **O-11-2025**.

Bellinger stated Park to Corporate limit would be priority on the 2026 paving budget.

Fiscal Officer, Maria App, stated the budget discussions can be held over to the April 3, 2025, regular meeting. She would however like to get an update/action plan, at this meeting, on the Reservoir leak. If no update is available at this meeting, no later than April 3, 2025, meeting is necessary because the village is losing money every month.

Robert stated Chuck Williams, Village of Bolivar Water Operator is talking with Mike Jones at Tuscarawas County Water and Sewer concerning the leak. He said the water level will need to be dropped to pinpoint exactly where the leak is located. Robert said the water supply could bypass the reservoir and supply directly from the county to the point of service if necessary. The reservoir remains in operation as a back up to county water. The council discussed the obstacles to finding a contractor to come and access the problem so a resolution can be made. Robert will attempt to bring additional information to the April 3, 2025, regular meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for April 3, 2025, at 7PM, at 121 Canal Street SE, by White and seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Bellinger yes, Conley yes, Diveley yes, Pancoe yes, and White yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Mayor, Robert Lloyd

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Fiscal Officer, Maria App