

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

COUNCIL MEETING

July 3, 2025

The Bolivar Village Council met in a regular session at 121 Canal Street SE on Thursday July 3, 2025. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order by President Pro Temp Tim White at 7:01 pm. Conley opened with prayer. Mayor Lloyd was absent.

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

A motion to approve May 29, 2025, regular meeting minutes as written was made by Conley and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

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

A motion to approve the bills for the month of June totaling \$81,249.82 was made by Strauss and seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Receipts for the month of June totaled \$78,422.70 which includes interest of \$1,909.90 from Huntington and StarOhio. Actual May receipts were \$100,962.41 which includes \$1,966.08 interest from Huntington and StarOhio.

Additions/Correction to the Agenda. Add title and emergency to Item #4 in legislation. A resolution to authorize the mayor of the Village of Bolivar to execute an independent contractor agreement with Great Lakes Community Action Partnership and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Public Speaks –

Chris Berens told the council of an error concerning the monument plaque. She contacted the Arts Partnership to arrange for a correction.

Chris asked if the pergola had been purchased. Patty stated it was purchased and is in the garage. Patty said assembly is a low priority given the workload, but it will be put in place as soon as possible.

Chris requested the council approval of \$125 to paint the sign at the waterworks/baseball field. She stated she thought Mayor Lloyd had approved of this already. Patty said she will check with the mayor to see if this was authorized.

Chris wanted clarification on who authorized the GPS devices and who has access to review. Maria App said the mayor requested and authorized the purchase of the

devices. The Mayor and the Chief of Police are the only personnel with access to the GPS review software.

Chris again stated she would like to see all employees using the time clock. Maria App stated all employees do use the time clock and have been doing so for a long time.

Chris asked if there is any way the Village could purchase a flag for the pole where the school was torn down.

Old Business – None.

MAYOR – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE –

Conley made a motion to allow \$199.68 for the purchase of 4 Taser cartridges for the police department. The cartridges have a life of 5 years. The motion was seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Chief Hilty stated he will use the expired cartridges for training purposes.

Planning and Zoning – Next meeting will be held July 7, 2025, at 5:30pm at Village Council chambers. Discussion of current violations and continued work on the zoning ordinance are on the agenda. Oberlin stated enforcement must happen for the violations to be effective.

Safety-

Conley said there were 14 calls for the month.

Chief Hilty requested a change in the language of the ordinance for hours and shifts concerning part-time officers, auxiliary officers, and retirement officers.

Chief Hilty stated the police radios have been updated and are now compliant.

Chief Hilty- Eric Minor is working with the Fire Department creating active shooter kits.

Donald Worthy submitted a letter of retirement. The chief said Randy O'Conner has also retired.

Chief Hilty stated that Eric Minor would be on duty on the July 4th holiday. He said in the past, holidays were not covered, but he will begin to cover as many as possible.

Chief Hilty continues work organizing the office and files.

Street & Alley- Tim said the committee met on June 19, 2025. He, Dan Oberlin, Loretta Diveley, and Mayor Lloyd attended.

The committee discussed East Street paving needs. Steve referenced the Ordinance and found that East Street is under contract with Superior for paving this year.

Discussed the timing of when the paving would begin. Patty stated Superior has not given a timeline yet, but she will be calling them next week to check on their schedule. She stated the contract with the County Engineer and the purchase order has been executed.

White said there are still some people blowing grass clippings into the street, trail, and sidewalks, creating a hazard for cyclists. Patty said a statement was attached to the last water billing, asking that everyone to be aware of this hazard.

Shade Tree- Oberlin plans to plant trees in the spring. Currently maintenance is trimming/pruning trees throughout the village.

Parks and Recreation – Discussed GPD proposal of the school area. Oberlin stated the decision on how to use the school land needs to be determined. Dan suggested this money could be better used to repair/replace the playground equipment.

Street Superintendent – Patty reported that the international truck needs new brakes, both front and rear. The estimated cost is \$2,500. She also stated the repairs necessary for the leaf vacuum are expected to cost approximately 3 to \$4,000.

Patty said work continues trimming and pruning trees throughout the village. She said the tree canopy was raised at the library and that D & N did a very nice job.

Curtis Strauss assisted with his equipment to aerate the library grass area. He and Scott aerated, seeded and strawed the entire area. Patty thanked them both for an exceptional job.

Scott repaired the Gator by replacing the carburetor.

Patty stated that Scott will begin attending meetings in September, saying he is chasing weather and trying to get everything caught up.

Village Administrator –

The Village received a quote from Midco Diving to mobilize and assess/repair the water tank leak. She explained the cost structure and scope of work. See legislation for motion.

Midco sent an extensive list of what the village needed to complete prior to their arrival. The list requires the tank area to be accessible. Patty said the tank area has been neglected for several years. Scott will rent a Ventrac with a brush hog to begin clearing the area. Patty said there is an enormous amount of weed whacking and small tree clearing.

Patty stated a call was made to the street superintendent from the fire department saying the trees on water street are hanging low enough to scrap on their ladder truck. Patty and the Mayor authorized a \$800 expenditure to have D & N remove the hanging limbs on water street, so they do not impede emergency vehicles.

Patty talked with Mike Jones from County Water and Sewer about contracting the use of their truck and personnel to jet out and clean the storm sewers. Mike Jones is working on a fee schedule and standard form of agreement for this. Patty will report at the August meeting on the cost of the service.

Fiscal Officer – Maria stated that councilman Pancoe would like the August meeting re-scheduled to July 31, 2025, as he will be on vacation. After discussion, the council decided to keep the August meeting as scheduled on August 7, 2025.

Zoning Inspector – Meeting scheduled for July 7, 2025, at Village Hall, council chambers, at 5:30pm. Matt stated work continues on the current violations with some homeowners responding. He said the zoning revisions have been submitted to the planning commission and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Legislation:

Steve will be sending a letter concerning the encroachment issue at 540 Park Street.

2nd reading on an Ordinance implementing a change to traffic patterns and designating roadways located on a portion of Plains Street and Strawberry Alley within the Village of Bolivar as a Two-Way Street.

A Resolution ratifying and authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Bolivar to execute an agreement with Midco Diving and Marine Services, Inc.; and declaring the same to be an emergency. Motion to pass made by Oberlin and seconded by Conley. Roll call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes. **R-14-2025.**

An Ordinance to authorize the mayor of the Village of Bolivar to execute an independent contractor agreement with Great Lakes Community Action Partnership and declaring the same to be an emergency. Motion to pass made by Conley and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes. **O-20-2025.**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for August 7, 2025, at 7:00 PM at 121 Canal Street SE, by Oberlin and seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Meeting adjourned at **7:40** pm.

Mayor, Robert Lloyd

Fiscal Officer, Maria App