

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

COUNCIL MEETING

August 7, 2025

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

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

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

A motion to approve the bills for the month of July totaling \$63,389.06 was made by White and seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Receipts for the month of July totaled \$69,582.18 which includes interest of \$1,979.80 from Huntington (307.29) and Star Ohio (1672.31).

Additions/Correction to the Agenda. None

Public Speaks –

Chris Berens stated the pergola will be installed in the spring at the park.

Chris said the East Street paving looks very nice. She also commented that the building next to the park has been painted making the park look even better.

Chris asked about the decision to place a flag on the pole at the former school site. Mayor Lloyd decided this will not be done as no decision has been made about the future of the site.

Chris questioned council on proposed pay raises for part-time police when services to residents may be cancelled. VA Patty Smith said nothing has been cancelled and every effort to extend these programs, which is the goal, is being explored. Discussions have been going on for some time now on the composting program as the grant has been terminated, but no decision has been made to cancel any program.

Old Business – None.

MAYOR – Mayor Lloyd stated he had a teams meeting with OMEGA concerning the water line replacement grant and any new opportunities for grant funding that may have been announced. Patty asked him to check when the next submission for the water line replacement project will be reviewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE –

Conley made a motion to allow \$2,191.63 for the replacement of brakes (both front and rear) for the Internation truck. The motion was seconded by White. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Conley made a motion to approve \$3,500-\$4,000 for necessary repairs and parts on the leaf vac. The motion was seconded by White. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss no, and White yes.

White made a motion to engage in an agreement with the Tuscarawas County Water & Sewer District to jet and clean several storm sewer drain throughout the village. The agreement is for 8-hour equipment and labor rate at an approximate amount of \$2,000.00. The motion was seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Conley made a motion to add to the contract with MIDCO dive team to clean the tanks when they arrive to investigate leaks as the tanks are due for cleaning this spring. She stated this will save the village money with mobilization fees. Total cost is \$4,360.00 added to existing amount for the addition of cleaning. White seconded the motion. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

White made a motion to allow for \$1,644 to renew the firewall agreement with Schneider Computer. An additional \$270 for an outside access point was included in the motion. The motion was seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Strauss made a motion to allow for \$2,091.50 to Occupational Medicine for the required OP&F medical review of the Police Chief upon hire. The motion was seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Conley made a motion to pursue FirstNet as a provider for the village cell phones. She stated they may have better coverage and pricing. Fiscal Officer App stated the estimated cost of this service is \$262 per month for all phones plus applicable taxes, compared with the current cost of \$325. The motion was seconded by White. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Conley made a motion to allow \$295.00 for the Police Chief dues to OACP. White seconded the motion. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Motion made by White to allow a total of \$1,280,00 for the purchase of new police badges, a power supply, base mount, and computer mount for the police cruiser. The motion was seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Motion to allow \$5,199 over a five-year payment period (\$1040 annually) for the purchase of a new taser package for the police department was made by White and seconded by Strauss. Chief Hilty stated this includes certification, warranty, and training in a five-year plan period. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Planning and Zoning – Resignation of Matt Bailey announced. Final revision review has been completed and sent to Solicitor Babik for review.

Safety-

Conley reported a total of 62 calls for July. Several needs were identified by Chief Hilty. Some are approved in Finance, and some will be reviewed further.

Chief Hilty – See Finance and Safety.

Street & Alley-

White reported the July meeting was cancelled. White said he is still noticing grass clippings being mowed into the streets/alleys creating a hazard. Mayor Lloyd thanked Curtis for all his help and equipment clearing the water tank area. Mayor Lloyd stated the paving is complete and work continues with risers and catch basins.

Shade Tree- None.

Parks and Recreation – None.

Street Superintendent – Defer to VA

Village Administrator –

Patty said the diving team from MIDCO will be mobilizing the week of the 11th. The access road to the reservoirs has been cleared. Scott and Nate did a super job with the assistance of Curtis Strauss who donated his time and equipment to help with the clearing. Lawrence Township also assisted by mowing the roadsides with their equipment.

Patty said she and Scott are reviewing budgets, working to decide the most critical tree needs, sidewalks, and crack sealing, through the end of year.

Patty reported Superior paved on August 6, 2025. She said they were very nice to work with and did a great job.

Patty reported the water leak detected turned out to be a county line. Bolivar Street and Water Operator assisted with the repair.

Fiscal Officer –

Maria stated the appropriation and revenue status are on pace at this time of the year; with 58.3% being the marker for year to date. She said most budget line items fall at or below the threshold. Maria said nominal changes will need adjusted for amending appropriations and that most relate to utilities and water costs.

Maria will begin Tax budget preparation at the beginning of September.

She currently is working on several projects to include replacement of desk phones, internet and fiber costs, first net cell phones, and IT.

Maria said she would like to recognize the Street and Police departments for doing a nice job. She said the village has a great team in place, and she has received many compliments from the community.

Zoning Inspector – None.

Legislation:

Solicitor Babik stated HB 96, a State Budget Bill, is requiring all units of government to adopt a cyber security response. The bill requires annual training through the State Auditor or other agency the legislature designates. Steve will have a draft that meets all the requirements ready for the September meeting.

1st reading on a Resolution supplementing and amending the 2025 annual permanent appropriations.

1st reading on an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance O-14-2025 and establishing salaries, hourly rates of pay, and benefits for certain positions in the service of the Village of Bolivar, Ohio; and declaring the same to be an emergency.

3rd 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. Motion to pass made by White and seconded by Strauss. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes. **O-21-2025.**

A motion was made by Strauss and seconded by Conley to enter executive session, pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1), to consider the dismissal and compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of complaints against a public official, licensee, or regulated individual. Action may be taken. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Executive session entered at 7:28PM.

Executive session ended at 7:53PM.

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Matt Bailey, by Oberlin and seconded by Strauss. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes. Resignation was effective July 31, 2025.

A motion was made by Oberlin and seconded by Strauss to reduce the final invoice received from Matt Bailey from \$1,000 to \$800.00. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for September 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM at 121 Canal Street SE, by Oberlin and seconded by White. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Mayor, Robert Lloyd

Fiscal Officer, Maria App