

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

COUNCIL MEETING

October 2, 2025

The Bolivar Village Council met in a regular session at 121 Canal Street SE on Thursday October 2, 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, Pancoe, Strauss, and White all answered yes to roll call.

A motion to accept and approve September 4, 2025, regular meeting minutes as written was made by Diveley and seconded by White. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

A motion to approve the bills for the month of September totaling \$148,057.58 was made by White and seconded by Diveley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Receipts for the month of September totaled \$90,947.85 which includes interest of \$1,980.18 from Huntington (300.75) and Star Ohio (1607.43).

Additions/Correction to the Agenda. None

Public Speaks –

Chris Berens asked if anything had been done to get the “No trucks” signage for East Street she requested.

Chris stated the formal school zone remains very dark while kids are assembling for pickup. She requested council entertain bringing the crossing guard back for ½ hour each morning. Patty said the school contacted her asking if Bolivar still has a crossing guard and she told them no asking if there was a problem. The school did not indicate that there were issues. Patty will call the school to see if anything has changed. Chris said the flashing signs are not helping.

Chris asked if a public service announcement could be sent out when the siren is tested. Maria said the siren has been tested on the first Monday of the month for several years and people are aware of the testing.

Chris said they are done watering the plants at the park for the season.

Matt Seward of the Bolivar Fire Department stated they have been approached about the possible sale of land behind the department. He said if the fire department would ever expand, they would expand toward Water Street and the land behind has no current or future use to the department. The real estate agent stated the Village of Bolivar would have to approve the sale of the land. Solicitor Steve Babik said there may

be an issue as to when and how the land was purchased. If it were purchased with public monies, there may be stakeholders to satisfy. Matt will investigate and report back to the Village. Matt stated a lot split will also be required. Steve will send Matt the procedures for a lot split.

Old Business – None.

MAYOR –

Trick or Treat will be held October 31, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Mayor Lloyd requested a motion to allow for the purchase of candy for the police department and the Bolivar Lions Club for Trick or Treat night in the amount of \$400.00. Motion was made by Oberlin and seconded by White. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Compost pickup will end on October 7, 2025.

Leaf pickup will begin the week of October 13, 2025, and continue as long as possible, weather permitting. Please place leaves only, rowed along curb strip and clear of catch basins, mailboxes, and street signs.

Mayor Lloyd reminded all that signs in the curb strip, including the 3 way stop, are not permitted.

Loretta Diveley said the Bike Hike and Brew will be held on October 11th from 10am to 2pm. This is a Ohio Erie and Canalway event. She did not know if they would be displaying directional signs in the Village but would like council to authorize them in case they do. Pancoe made a motion to allow directional signs for the event, and it was seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE –

Diveley made a motion, and it was seconded by White to approve \$8000.00 to contract with Kinsey Excavating for the repair of the water leak at the reservoir. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Pancoe made a motion to approve the cancellation of the Frontier line to the pumphouse for a savings of \$1,800 per year. Fiscal Officer Maria App stated when the Village contracted with Staley to connect with the 911 call center for siren use, the line was no longer needed. She also contacted Great Lakes and Mission Communications who both confirmed they use cell cards and do not need the line. The motion was seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

White made a motion to allow for the payment of \$809.00 to GPD group for work done assessing the land use where the school was torn down. The motion was seconded by

Strauss. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Motion made by Diveley and seconded by Strauss to allow \$2,000.00 to D&N tree service to remove the tree at the reservoir so the excavator can begin repairs. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Motion made by Pancoe and seconded by White to approve (2) two sidewalk contracts in the Village. Patty explained the contracts direct that the homeowner is responsible for the materials and the village will provide labor. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Motion to approve the purchase of a Mack Truck through a Sourcewell contract in the amount of \$172,673.00 was made by Strauss and seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Motion to approve the tax budget prepared by Fiscal Officer Maria App made by Pancoe and seconded by White. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, Strauss yes, and White yes.

Planning and Zoning –

Next meeting is Monday October 6, 2025. Mayor Lloyd stated there will be discussion about the possible vacation of paper alley and the fire department land. A lot split between Mr. Davis and Mr. Beatty will also be discussed. The zoning board will also continue discussions on the proposed revision of the zoning code.

Safety- Steve stated there were a total of 51 calls for the month, with 12 traffic stops, 4 citations, and one traffic crash.

Chief Hilty stated he received the new badges and all the items ordered from Axon. He will get trained on use of the Tasers and then train the village officers. He said he can also train officers from other departments for a fee the village council could determine.

Chief Hilty stated the antenna on the police station has been repaired.

Chief Hilty – See Safety

Street & Alley- Tim stated that street and alley committee met on September 18, 2025. The following items were discussed:

Manhole cover at corner of Tuscarawas and Pleasant Alley is 1" below pavement.

Bolivar Main Street would like to begin discussion of the paving of the Village Back Lot by the Santa Claus House. Proposing the village maintain the paved area after completion.

Leaf machine is fixed and ready for the season. Requesting residents do not park near rowed leaves, and do not row the leaves up near catch basins, mailboxes, or posts.

Street maintenance continues tree trimming. Several leaning stop signs throughout the village are also getting corrected.

Suggesting alternate between angels and bells on street poles for the season. Also alternated between bicentennial and Christmas banners.

Tim stated Christmas on the Canal will be held November 8, 2025.

Shade Tree

Dan said tree planting remains scheduled for the spring.

Parks and Recreation –

Dan Oberlin said he is still working on getting the necessary insurance documents from the football association.

Street Superintendent – Defer to VA

Village Administrator –

Patty said the approval of the Mack Truck is much needed for the street department. She thanked council for approving.

Patty stated the paving contractor agreed to a total reduction of invoice amounting in savings for the village of \$3,960.

She said water leak repair at the reservoir is scheduled to begin Monday morning October 6, 2025. She hopes this to be a one+ day repair with an estimated cost of \$8,000. She said there is really no way to know what will be found and have to be done to correct the problem until the area is opened. She will bring details to the council meeting on November 6, 2025, if additional work was warranted.

Owner of Ivy Tree on Water Street has agreed to remove the tree and cover the entire cost. There was discussion as to whether the village should be responsible for a portion of the removal.

Patty said Scott and Nate are on schedule to complete two resident requested sidewalk repairs.

Patty reported the Bobcat hydraulic cylinder has failed. Scott is getting estimates and will attempt to fix in-house for significant savings.

Patty stated the following priorities for the Street department through year end:

Complete two owner requested sidewalk replacements

Hydrant Flushing

Stump Grinding (a total of 10)

Reservoir final clean up in tank area behind fencing.

Storm Drain jetting/cleaning. Curb cleaning.

Fiscal Officer – Maria reported a total savings of \$4,100 annually for cell phones, desk phones, pumphouse cancel or frontier, and only needing one firewall as opposed to two.

Maria gave a brief history of the silence (ghosting) of the current audit. She said the audit will resume as soon as possible.

Maria received a request from a group to use VOB property, the former school site, for Truck or Treat. She deferred to the Solicitor who stated the village can allow groups use of the property, but likely cannot pick and choose who will be allowed. He cautioned council of the potential risks involved with allowing use of VOB property. Pancoe stated he has a safety concern with allowing use of village property and believes it is better to error to caution and protect the village.

Zoning Inspector – Mayor Lloyd and Zoning Inspector Michela Huth continue assessing village violations. Next zoning meeting will be held October 6, 2025, at 5pm, Village Hall.

Legislation:

Steve talked about the process and requirements to gain approval of a lot split.

Solicitor Babik stated the Proper lawsuit has been filed in the Tuscarawas Court of Common Pleas. He checked yes on the filing pertaining to whether this issue would be a good case for mitigation. He also placed a courtesy call to Mr. Olivar in an attempt to avoid litigation.

Solicitor Babik made the following comments concerning the Zoning Commission.

It is important that individual members of the Zoning Commission understand that they are a member of a body. No one member has decision making authority outside of the body. The inspector who is designated -they are the point of contact, and they report back to the commission and then the commission has decision making authority. But even if you look at Section 15 of the Zoning Ordinance there is section J for the Zoning Inspector that lays out all of her duties and there is also a section creating the zoning commission as a whole, as a body –no individual decision making or discretion. The Zoning Inspector has the discretion, so it is important that there be that chain of communication.

3rd reading on a Resolution supplementing and amending the 2025 annual permanent appropriations. Motion to pass made by White and seconded by Pancoe. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, Strauss yes, and White yes. **R-18-2025.**

1st reading of a Resolution to authorize the Mayor and two councilpersons of the Village of Bolivar to execute an agreement for indigent services with the Tuscarawas County Public Defender Commission.

1st reading of a Resolution to enter into a contract with Stephan P. Babik of Babik, LLC for legal services pursuant to R.C. 733.48 & R.C. 705.11.

An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 1986-393 and implement policies and procedures for eliminating noxious weeds and litter within the Village of Bolivar, Ohio. Pancoe made a motion to suspend rules and regulations which was seconded by White. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, Strauss yes, and White yes. Pancoe made a motion to pass as an emergency which was seconded by White. Roll Call: Conley yes, Diveley yes, Oberlin yes, Pancoe yes, Strauss yes, and White yes. **O-26-2025.**

1st reading of an Ordinance authorizing a contract with Fitzpatrick, Zimmerman, & Rose Co., L.P.A. as police prosecutor for the Village of Bolivar, Ohio, effective January 1, 2026, establishing a rate of compensation.

Steve stated he emailed the attorney for the library on September 5, 2025. He did get a replay back, but when he attempted to reply again, the chain of communication ceased. Council discussed the need for a new contract and their willingness to negotiate with library officials. Councilman Pancoe requested Steve reach out again and stress that the Village would certainly like to negotiate a new contract.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for November 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM at 121 Canal Street SE, by White and seconded by Pancoe. 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