

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2026

The Bolivar Village Council met in a regular session at 121 Canal Street SE on Thursday January 8, 2026. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order by Mayor Curtis Strauss at 7:00 pm. White opened with prayer.

Solicitor Babik administered the oath of office to newly elected members of council, Taylor Yonally, Anne Strauss, Tim White, and Cindy Lawver.

Conley, Lawver, Oberlin, Strauss, Yonally, and White all answered yes to roll call.

Mayor Strauss opened the floor requesting nominations for President Pro Tempore. Mayor Strauss recommended Tim White for the position. Dan Oberlin nominated Tim White to be appointed as President Pro Tempore, and the nomination was seconded by Anne Strauss. Roll Call: Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, A Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.

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

A motion to approve the bills for the month of December 2025 totaling \$111,266.23 was made by Lawver and seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, A Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.

Receipts for the month of December 2025 totaled \$71,279.13 which includes interest of \$1,792.68 from Huntington (278.83) and Star Ohio (1,513.85).

Additions/Correction to the Agenda. None

Public Speaks – None.

Old Business – None.

MAYOR –

Mayor Strauss announced that an open seat still remains on the zoning board. Please send letters of intent/interest to mayor@villageofbolivar.com.

Mayor Strauss scheduled the representative from the Tuscarawas County Economic Development office to provide a brief presentation at the February 5, 2026, regular council meeting. She will discuss options for the use of the land at the former elementary school site. The Iron Resistance Foundation will also present their interest

in the use of the land. Mayor Strauss plans to form a short-term committee to include village residents to discuss the future use of the former school site.

Mayor Strauss announced the appointment of the following positions:

Street Superintendent – Scott Baker

Village Administrator – Patty Smith

Water Operator – Nate Perks

Tax Administrator – Heather Lecce

Mayor Strauss announced the following committee appointments:

Finance Committee – Chair Conley, Lawver, Yonally

Safety Committee – Chair Yonally, Conley, Lawver

Street & Alley Committee – Chair White, Oberlin, A Strauss

Parks & Recreation Committee – Chair A Strauss, Oberlin, White

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE –

Conley made a motion to approve \$195.00 for 2 rifle slings for the police department. The motion was seconded by White. Roll Call: Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, A Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.

Lawver made a motion to approve \$130.25 forgiveness in water use due to a service line leak at 625 Wilson Street. The motion was seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, A Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.

Conley made a motion to allow for the cost of a survey for village owned land on west and water streets. The Zoning Inspector would like to get clarification as to where the property lines/pins are located. The motion was seconded by Lawver. Roll Call: Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, A Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.

Conley made a motion to eliminate the 10-hour weekly allowance for the position of Village Administrator making the hours up to the discretion of the mayor. The motion was seconded by Lawver. Roll Call: Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, A Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.

Conley made a motion to allow the disposal of village equipment having no useful life and no value: Dell printer, 3 laptop computers, HP 404DW printer, and old office phones. Chief Hilty will pull the hard drives in the laptops. Motion was seconded by

White. Roll Call: Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, A Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.

Conley made a motion to approve annual bulk mailing for Tax Administrator with PPI Graphics in the amount of \$1,650.00. The motion was seconded by White. Roll Call: Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, A Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.

Planning and Zoning – Oberlin said the next meeting will be held on February 2, 2026, at 5:30, village hall. Dan said in the future the committee will not meet if there are no permits or business to discuss. Cancellation of a meeting will be announced at the council meeting to allow reporting in the bargain hunter. Village staff will also announce on the village sign in front of Village Hall.

Safety- None.

Chief Hilty –

Chief Hilty reported a total of calls for the month of December 2025.

Street & Alley-

White reported the committee met on December 18, 2025, with himself, Mayor Strauss, Loretta Diveley, and Scott Baker in attendance. Topics discussed were:

Leave East Street and Delaware signage as it is posted.

Brief discussion on the back lot paving project.

Reported a contract with the library has been accepted.

Discussion of cars parked in the snow zone. Recommending citations be issued and the snow ordinance enforced. Post snow events have been made more difficult to plow because of the cars parked in the snow zone. Concerns in area of Water to Poplar.

It was reported that 10 tree stumps were removed in the village.

Shade Tree – None

Parks and Recreation – None

Street Superintendent – Defer to VA

Village Administrator – Patty said there were two Water leaks this week. She will bring costs to the February council meeting. Scott and Nate are working to trim trees in the Village and at the water reservoir this winter.

Fiscal Officer – None

Zoning Inspector – None

Legislation:

Solicitor Babik briefed council on the status of the Olivar and Proper cases. He stated he will need a representative to sign for the damages incurred and suggested Zoning Inspector Michela Huth would be a good match for this requirement.

1st reading of an Ordinance to engage with GovDeal.com for the sale of items for the Village of Bolivar.

1st reading of an Ordinance for:

Approval and granting consent to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation Authority to, apply, maintain and repair standard longitudinal pavement markers and erect regulatory and warning signs on state highways inside the village corporate limits, and

Giving consent of the village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to remove snow and ice and use snow and ice control material on state highways inside village corporate limits, and

Giving consent of the village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to perform maintenance and/or repair on state highways inside the village corporation.

2nd reading of an Ordinance to establish and adopt the Village of Bolivar's Policies and Procedures for vacation of unimproved streets and alleys.

A Resolution to amend Resolution R-24-2025 making temporary appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Bolivar; and declaring the same to be an emergency. Motion made by White and seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, A Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.

R-1-2026.

A Resolution to enter a contract with Stephanie Long for services related to utility billing and training on a temporary and intermittent basis; and declaring the same to be an emergency. Motion made by Oberlin and seconded by Lawver. Roll Call: Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, A Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes. **R-2-2026.**

An Ordinance to authorize the position and hiring of a water utility clerk/office assistant; and declaring an emergency. Motion made by A Strauss and seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, A Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.

O-1-2026.

An Ordinance to approve a lot split/replat application for Parcel 37-00657-000; and declaring an emergency. Motion made by White and seconded by Lawver. Roll Call: Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, A Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.

O-2-2026.

An Ordinance to authorize a contract/lease agreement with the board of trustees of the Tuscarawas County Public Library; and declaring an emergency. Motion made by

Lawver and seconded by Conley. Roll Call: Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, A Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes. **O-3-2026.**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 7:00 PM at 121 Canal Street SE, by Conley and seconded by White. Roll Call: Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, A Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Mayor, Curtis Strauss

Fiscal Officer, Maria App