

# Village of Bolivar

## Regular Council Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2026

### I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

### II. Approval of Minutes & Financial Reports

- **Minutes:** A motion was made by Conley and seconded by Lawver to approve the regular council meeting minutes from February 5, 2026. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes
- **Payment of Bills:** Council reviewed the March bills totaling **\$72,002.10**. A motion to approve payment was made by Conley, seconded by Oberlin. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes
- **Receipts:** March receipts totaled **\$70,803.58**, which included **\$1,718.03** in total interest (\$258.02 from Huntington and \$1,460.01 from Star Ohio).
- **Additions/Correction to the Agenda.** None

### III. Public Speaks (limited to 3 mins per guest unless approved in advance)

- Resident Loretta Diveley was present to observe;
- no public comments or concerns were brought before the council.

### IV. Old Business

- **Stick Pickup:** Oberlin confirmed that weekly yard waste/stick pickup is scheduled to begin this coming Monday.
- **1976 Class Time Capsule:** Dan Oberlin, a representative from the class of 1976 requested permission to locate and temporarily unearth a time capsule buried near the old high school flagpole for their 50th reunion. Council noted that because the former Tusky Valley Intermediate School property has not yet finalized its quitclaim deed transfer to the village, it remains school property. It was suggested the applicant contact the school district directly for clearance.

## V. Mayor's Report

The Mayor highlighted several key upcoming village events and announcements:

- **Yard Waste:** Weekly stick collection officially starts Monday, April 6, 2026.
- **Shred Day:** The Towpath Rotary Annual Shred Day & Recycle event will take place Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Ohio Billing parking lot (\$5 per banker's box; electronics/battery backups accepted).
- **Hydrant Flushing:** Scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2026.
- **Arbor Day:** Rescheduled to Wednesday, May 13, 2026, to allow warmer weather for Hennis Care residents to view the tree planting.
- **Proclamations:** Signed May Motorcycle Awareness Month and National Police Week (May 10–16).
- **Vacancies:** A reminder that a vacancy remains on the Zoning Board. Letters of intent should be submitted to Mayor@villageofbolivar.com.

## VI. Committee & Officer Reports

### Finance Committee (Chair, Conley; Lawver & Yonally)

The following items were presented, motioned, and voted upon:

1. **Police Pay Adjustment:** Approved a retroactive pay adjustment for current part-time employee Robert Sterling dating back to March 5, totaling 52.5 hours (\$78.75). Conley moved, seconded by Yonally. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes
2. **School Property Survey:** Conley moved, seconded by white to approve obtaining two quotes for a land survey of the former school property to finalize the quitclaim deed. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes
3. **Recycling Donation:** Conley moved, seconded by Yonally to approve naming the Humane Society as the village's designated charity for its recycling tonnage donation program through Kimble. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes
4. **Water Bill forgiveness and payment Plan:** A resident made a request to seek a one time forgiveness of 300.00 per our water rules and regulations due to a severe underground tank leak. Conley moved, seconded by Lawver to approve the request. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes

Yonally moved, seconded by Lawver to extend up to six months for the resident to pay the remaining balance. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes

5. **Police Cruiser Tires:** Melissa moved, seconded by Yonally to approved a quote from Elite Tire for four new tires for the cruiser totaling \$768.00. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes
6. **Water Meter Parts:** Conley moved, seconded by White to approve a quote from Core & Main for replacement meter parts totaling \$564.06. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.
7. **Street Signs:** Conley moved, seconded by White to approve two quotes from Kleem Incorporated for new street signs totaling \$2,244.36. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes
8. **Fiscal Officer Flex Time:** Lawver moved, seconded by White to approve a requested payout of 50 accrued flex-time hours at straight-time pay, leaving a remaining balance of 26.5 hours. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, White yes; Yonally abstained
9. **Municipal Building Shutters:** Conley moved, seconded by Strauss to approve the purchase of two sets of black shutters for the municipal building totaling \$89.00. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes
10. **Cruiser Laptop:** Lawver moved, seconded by Conley to approve a replacement laptop, keyboard, and mouse setup for the police cruiser totaling \$3,004.00. A \$2,000 donation from last fall will be used to offset the cost, bringing the net village expenditure to \$1,004.00. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes
11. **Body Cameras:** Yonally moved, seconded by White to approve a quote for two new body cameras totaling \$3,530.40 which has already been budgeted in the police fund. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes
12. **Storm Drain Cleaning:** Strauss moved, seconded by Lawver to approve spending up to \$2,000.00 for localized storm drain cleaning. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes
13. **Full-Time Police Posting:** Lawver moved, seconded by Yonally to approved publicly posting for an open full-time officer position with a broad advertised pay range of **\$22.00 to \$24.00 per hour** to allow flexibility for hiring either a standard patrol officer or a sergeant candidate. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.
14. **ACH Resumption:** Strauss moved, seconded by White to approve allowing the Bolivar Baseball Association to resume automated ACH payments, utilizing an isolated account that preserves village banking security. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes

15. **Cruiser Auction:** Lawver moved, seconded by Yonally to authorize the Chief of Police to list the decommissioned police cruiser on GovDeals with the discretion to set a fair market reserve price (estimated range between \$3,500 and \$4,500). **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes
16. **Security Camera Replacement:** Lawver moved, seconded by White to approve replacing a damaged security camera on the south side of the municipal building facing the parking lot, with an expenditure cap not to exceed \$1,000.00. **Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes

**Planning & Zoning – Oberlin – no monthly meeting to report**

#### **Safety Committee & Chief's Report**

- The Police Department logged **58 total calls for service** in March.

#### **Street & Alley Committee (Presented by Chairman White)**

- Committee met on March 19, 2026.
- Discussed a resident complaint regarding a library light glare; a temporary fix is being evaluated.
- Noted that youth baseball tools are being moved to the village garage to prevent theft,
- Three truckloads of brush were cleared from the cemetery, and two bushes will be planted near the bank.
- Cherry Street infrastructure improvements are slated to begin in April, involving three catch basins and cooperation with the county.

#### **Shade Tree & Parks/Rec Committees**

- **Shade Tree:** Main focus is the Arbor Day crab tree donation to Hennis Care on May 13. Maintenance staff will dig the hole and care for it.
- **Parks & Rec:** Received the required certificate of liability insurance from the Tusky Valley Baseball Softball Association. The committee is looking into placing "No Vehicle" signage and trail cameras at the parks due to recent turf and tree damage caused by local youths on dirt bikes.

#### **Fiscal Officer Report**

- Per recommendations from the State Auditor, the Fiscal Officer entered the following official blanket management statement into the record, which will be standard for all future minutes:
- *"All council members received management reports at the start of the meeting, including fund status, payments, revenue, investments, and cash flow. The finance committee reviewed and approved the monthly bank statement and reconciliation."*

#### **Legal Counsel Report (Steve)**

- **Main Street Lease:** The lease agreement transferring full operational, insurance, and utility responsibilities of the building to Bolivar Main Street is ready. Legal counsel will obtain statutory agent Bob Smith's email to send over the final draft.

## VII. Executive Session

A motion was made by White and seconded by Lawver to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1)** to consider the appointment of a public official and a separate matter to discuss personnel; specifically the compensation of a public employee. **Roll Call to Enter Executive Session:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin yes, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes

*(The public portion of the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:32 pm).*

Came out of executive session at 7:45 PM

Lawver moved, seconded by White to advertise for a part time combined position of Village Administrator and Water Clerk. **In Roll Call:** Conley yes, Lawver yes, Oberlin No, Strauss yes, Yonally yes, and White yes.

## VII. Adjournment

Conley moved, seconded by White to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled council meeting on **Thursday, May 7, 2026**, at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at **121 Canal Street SE, Bolivar, OH (formerly the American Legion)**

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

Adjourned at 7:48 PM

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Mayor, Curtis Strauss

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Fiscal Officer, Maria App