

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
Friday, March 2, 2018
6:30 PM

Mayor Judith Foureman opened the meeting by asking everyone to join her in the Pledge to the Flag, with the Mayor concluding "In God We Trust".

Mayor Foureman asked that the minutes reflect that the Council Meeting of February 27, 2018 was cancelled due to lack of a quorum, and the meeting was rescheduled for this date, Friday, March 2, 2018 at 6:30PM.

Council members Vanessa Delk, Blaine Vencill, Greg Baumle, Eric Van Hoose, and Jerry Boolman answered roll call. Mayor Foureman asked for a motion to excuse Millard. A motion was made by Boolman to excuse Bonnie Millard. Van Hoose seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed. Also present were Village Administrator Bill Kessler, Fiscal Officer Darcy Woodall, Erik Martin from the Daily Advocate, and residents Bruce Shank and Wayne Stutz.

Council Minutes: Mayor Foureman asked for approval of the minutes of February 13, 2018. A motion was made by Delk to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018 Council meeting. Boolman seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed.

Expenditures: Mayor Foureman asked for a motion to approve the properly appropriated and funded expenditures. A motion was made by Boolman to pay the properly appropriated and funded expenditures. Delk seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to the Agenda:

Comments from the Public:

Mayor Foureman made some changes to the order of the agenda due to a member of council needing to leave early. New Business was moved to the next item on the agenda for this reason followed by Committee Reports and then Administrative Reports.

New Business:

Ordinance No. 2018-14 – Mayor Foureman read by title only an Ordinance adopting a new income tax code of the Village of Arcanum, Ohio effective January 1, 2018 and declaring an emergency. Woodall explained that the amendments to the income tax code in this ordinance need to be adopted immediately despite the fact there is still a court case/appeals pending concerning the State wishing to implement a centralized processing/collection system for all towns, villages, cities, etc. in the State of Ohio, thereby essentially eliminating the need for a tax administrator and allowing the State to retain a portion of each town, village, or city's local income tax and redirect it to fund efforts to fight the opioid epidemic. Baumle added that later this year, he would like to revisit the subject of offering credits to those residents who pay the full 1% Village income tax as well as the full income tax percentage in the city they work in. A motion was made by Baumle to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 2018-14. Delk seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed. Baumle made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-14. Delk seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed. Baumle made a motion to declare an emergency on Ordinance No. 2018-14. Delk seconded. All present voted yea. Legislation passed.

Ordinance No. 2018-15 – Mayor Foureman read by title only an Ordinance providing for an amendment to the 2018 appropriations of the Village of Arcanum, Darke County, Ohio and declaring an emergency. (General & Arcanum Community Ballpark Fund) Funds set aside in 2017 to be used in conjunction with 2018 funds to purchase a new lawn mower in the Street Department. A motion was made by Van Hoose to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 2018-15. Baumle seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed. Van Hoose made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-15. Baumle seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed. Van Hoose made a motion to declare an emergency on Ordinance No. 2018-15. Baumle seconded. All present voted yea. Legislation passed.

Resolution No. 2018-07 – Mayor Foureman read by title only a Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to submit an application for funding through the United States Department of Agriculture and declaring an emergency. VA Kessler briefly explained the PAR (preliminary architectural report) in order to have Council's acceptance of the PAR along with this authorization to proceed with an application for funding from the USDA. A motion was made by Delk to waive the three reading rule on Resolution No. 2018-07. Baumle seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed. Delk made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-07. Baumle seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed. Delk made a motion to declare an emergency on Resolution No. 2018-07. Baumle seconded. All present voted yea. Legislation passed.

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Resolution No. 2018-08 – Mayor Foureman read by title only a Resolution approving a legal services agreement for the construction of a new municipal administrative and police department facility and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Baumle to waive the three reading rule on Resolution No. 2018-08. Van Hoose seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed. Baumle made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-08. Van Hoose seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed. Baumle made a motion to declare an emergency on Resolution No. 2018-08. Van Hoose seconded. All present voted yea. Legislation passed.

Committee Reports:

Service & Leisure Committee: Next meeting is Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 5PM at 1 Pop Rite Drive.

Safety Committee: Nothing at this time.

Utility Committee: Delk informed council authorization is needed for a non-cash adjustment on a sewer bill that exceeds \$100 due to water pipes that froze during the recent cold spell – sewer costs are being forgiven – credit amount is \$536.14 – A motion was made by Baumle authorizing the Utility Clerk to complete a non-cash adjustment on a sewer bill in the amount of \$536.14. Vencill seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed.

Planning Committee: Next meeting is Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 7PM at 1 Pop Rite Drive.

Personnel Committee: Nothing at this time.

Finance & Audit Committee: Next meeting is Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 6PM at 1 Pop Rite Drive.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Foureman asked that when a council member is unable to attend a council meeting that an email be sent to the Mayor or Fiscal Officer to let them know. A phone call to the office to either the Mayor or Fiscal Officer would also be acceptable.

Solicitor: Absent

Village Administrator: Bill will report anything he has to the upcoming committee meetings.

Fiscal Officer: Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

Announcements:

- Resident Wayne Stutz asked what the proposed new building would do to residents' taxes. In other words, how is the Village planning to pay for the construction of the new building? The Mayor responded that the building would be paid for via a loan from the USDA, and the loan would be paid back through the General Fund. Property taxes would not be affected, and the Village income tax rate will also not be raised.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Boolman to adjourn. Delk seconded. Meeting ended at 6:53 PM.

Fiscal Officer, Darcy Woodall
*Transcribed by Darcy Woodall (clerk to Council)

Mayor Judith F. Foureman