

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
7:00 PM

Gregory Baumle opened the meeting by asking everyone to join her in the Pledge to the Flag.

Council members Eric Van Hoose, Jerry Boolman, Vanessa Delk, Blaine Vencill, and Greg Baumle answered roll call. 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, Acting Fiscal Officer Darcy Woodall, Solicitor Nicole Pohlman, many residents of the Arcanum community, a representative from the Early Bird, and Erik Martin from the Daily Advocate.

Vanessa Delk made motion accepting Judith Foureman's resignation as Mayor effective January 8, 2019 following the adjournment of the Organizational Meeting. Boolman seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed. As a result of this resignation, the Solicitor announced that President of Council Gregory Baumle would now fill the office of Mayor. The Solicitor then performed the swearing in of Gregory Baumle as the new Mayor of the Village of Arcanum.

Mayor Baumle's first order of business was to elect a new council president for 2019 now that he took over the office of Mayor. He opened the floor for nominations. Van Hoose made a motion to nominate Bonnie Millard for Council President Pro-Tem. Boolman seconded. Before taking roll call, Delk asked if Millard is able to be nominated and accept since she is currently in Florida and not present to accept the nomination. Pohlman confirmed that is acceptable. Roll call was taken. All present voted yea. Motion passed. Bonnie Millard was elected Council President Pro-Tem for 2019.

Council Minutes: Mayor Baumle asked for approval of the minutes of December 4 and December 11, 2018. A motion was made by Delk to approve the minutes of the December 4 and December 11, 2018 Council meetings. Boolman seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to the Agenda: Add approval of properly appropriated and funded expenditures after approval of council minutes.

Expenditures: Mayor Baumle 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.

Comments from the Public:

There were congratulations for the new Mayor, and then there were various questions from those in attendance about the reasons for Judy's resignation. Mayor Baumle responded that would be a question for Judy, and that there had been quite a bit of press surrounding her resignation. Vencill also added that the Council hadn't been told any more than what was in the paper, and they were all caught off guard the day she announced her resignation. Boolman stated that the time and service Judy gave to the Village, she did a good job, and why she resigned is her business. The public knows as much as Council does.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Baumle thanked Judy for her years of service on Council and as Mayor, and he said that he and the rest of Council wish her a happy and healthy retirement. Baumle also reported the following:

- Salary range for the new fiscal officer – Boolman said he was of the opinion to wait and see what type of applications are received (depends on talent pool) – he added we know what we pay the current fiscal officer, but we know what her skill set is, and he doesn't feel we should start there when we don't know what the next person's skill set will be – Vencill suggested putting a range in to give candidates an idea where they might be based on their skills versus the current fiscal officer's skills – Boolman then threw out a range of \$40K-50K – Delk made a motion to set the salary range for the fiscal officer/clerk to council applicants at \$40-50K. Vencill seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed.

Solicitor: Nicole explained filling the empty council seat now that Baumle has taken over as Mayor. She started out by stating that initially Judy resigned effective December 31, 2018, which would have meant on January 1, 2019, the existing Council President's (Vanessa Delk) seat would have been vacant as she would have become Mayor. Therefore, the initial advertisement for the open council seat was for a 1-year term as Delk only had one year remaining on her council term. However because Judy extended her resignation to the adjournment of the Organizational meeting, the vacant seat is Baumle's seat, who has three years remaining on his council term. Pohlman suggested reaching out to those who have already sent in letters of interest in the council seat to make sure they are still interested knowing the term is now three years and not just one.

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Village Administrator: Kessler reported on the following:

- **Council Committees** – Kessler just wanted to stress the importance of establishing the new committees now that the organizational meeting is over because a Planning Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 14th with Garmann-Miller pertaining to the new building – setting up a utility meeting will also be important so Bill can get next year's generation charge set
- **WWTP Electric** – after talking with Darcy and Susan at Mote, no funds will be moved around relating to the current debt reduction distribution – the electric will be paid for out of the sewer fund for the next 5 years – in five years, some of the other debt payments coming out of the sewer fund will be paid off, which alleviate some of the money going out of the sewer fund
- **North Street** – if anyone has received any calls, they have been drilling some test holes to see the condition of the base
- **Last Power Outage** – was due to issues at the DP&L substation

Fiscal Officer: Darcy just asked for patience while she is only able to come in limited hours since she is at a new job. She did inform Council of her plan to come in on Martin Luther King Day and process W2's and 1099's.

Committee Reports:

Service & Leisure Committee: Nothing at this time.

Safety Committee: Nothing at this time.

Utility Committee: Nothing at this time.

Planning Committee: Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6PM at 1 Pop Rite Drive with Garmann-Miller.

Personnel Committee: Nothing at this time.

Finance & Audit Committee: Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

New Business:

Ordinance No. 2018-68 – Mayor Baumle read by title only an Ordinance providing for adoption of new job descriptions for certain Village Utility employees. This is the second reading.

Resolution No. 2019-01 – Mayor Baumle read by title only a Resolution authorizing the purchase of a police cruiser and declaring an emergency. Because there were not five council members present, the three reading rule could not be waived. Therefore, this became a first reading.

Announcements: Boolman recognized Jim Deis, who was present at the meeting, as a model citizen for going above and beyond to keep Ivester Park clean. Jim is responsible for the new volleyball net on the court, various things at the basketball courts, pulling weeds around trees, taking Christmas lights down, etc. He is in the park almost every day. Boolman went on to say is an example for all residents. Mr. Deis responded by saying he is "retired with a lot of time".

Mayor Baumle announced it was nice to have such a large audience. He said it is great to have so many involved, and he hopes the increased attendance continues. Boolman added that this is their community, so they should be engaged and involved because there are no secrets that go on. It's all above board and out in the public. The more people that get involved, the better our community is.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Boolman to adjourn. Vencill seconded. Meeting ended at 7:26 PM.

Acting Fiscal Officer, Darcy Woodall

*Transcribed by Darcy Woodall (acting clerk to Council)

Mayor Gregory T. Baumle