

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
May 28, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

Mayor Baumle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance along with all present members of council.

Roll Call:

Council Members Jerry Boolman, Bonnie Millard, Rick Genovesi, Tim Philpot, Eric VanHoose, answered to roll call. A motion was made by J. Boolman to excuse B. Vencille. R. Genovesi seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed. Also present were Bill Kessler, Toni Stanley, Beth Royer DeLong, Kurt Troutwine, Jim Piel, David Kessler, Jean Yeomans, Jeff Yeomans, Thomas Kessler, Sam Pankratz, Angela E Pankratz, Linda Pease Brown, Donovan Brown

Minutes – Corrections and Approvals:

Mayor Baumle asked for approval of the minutes of May 14, 2019. A motion was made by J. Boolman to approve the minutes from May 14, 2019. R. Genovesi seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed.

Approval of Properly Appropriated and Funded Expenditures:

Mayor Baumle asked if there were any questions regarding the approved expenditure list. The Fiscal Officer added one additional item to the list. A motion was made by B. Millard to approve the voucher register with amendment voucher received through May 24, 2019. T. Philpot seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda:

Mayor Baumle asked for any amendments to the agenda. None were made.

Comments from the Public: Mayor Baumle asked for comments from the public.

David Kessler stated he had a concern regarding the way information was getting to the public regarding the progress of the municipal building construction and the status of the old municipal building. Mr. Kessler believes the new building should not be located in the planned location. He asked whether or not the village has a plan in place to prepare for a natural disaster like the tornadoes that hit Brookville Ohio on Memorial Day. Village Administrator B. Kessler stated that the village does have contingency plans in place for mutual aid from other local municipalities. Both, he and Mayor Baumle, have copies of the contingency plan.

Jim Piel asked whether or not the contingency plan was coordinated through FEMA. Village Administrator B. Kessler stated that the coordination is now done at the county level through Darke County EMA.

Jeff Yeomans stated that he had a concern regarding the future of the old municipal building. He would prefer that someone restore it.

Thomas Kessler stated that he would like to see the new municipal building placed near the middle of the village, if possible, and asked to have a vote of the people.

Sam Pankratz stated he has a concern regarding the location of the new municipal building and hoped that it would be built somewhere near the center of the village. He believed the article in the newspaper was misleading. He also expressed that he believed the location should be put to a vote.

Linda Brown stated that she hoped to attend more council meetings to keep up on what is going on in the village. She also stated her concern regarding whether or not new taxes will be put in place to pay for the new municipal building.

Donovan Brown asked if the village owned the natural gas or was it Vectren. Village Administrator B. Kessler stated that the gas is generated by Vectren. He suggested that in the event of an emergency, like the Memorial Day tornadoes, a specific set of directions be drawn up as guidelines for those who wish to volunteer to help in the recovery effort. Mayor Baumle asked that the residents sign up for Code Red which is a system the Village utilizes to notify residents of emergencies and outages.

Jean Yeomans, 301 W. George Street, Arcanum, asked how many people were paying property and payroll taxes in the village. Village Administrator B. Kessler stated there were roughly one thousand property tax payers in the village.

Jim Piel stated his concern that village meetings and the mayor's newsletter were not sufficient methods to get information to the public. He stated that social media should be utilized better to get information out to the village residents.

The Mayor responded that the newspaper article presented the facts and they are working on building the Village.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Baumle stated that he reached out to the new mayor of New Madison and asked if they needed any help. The mayor of New Madison stated that they were fine, but she would pass on to their Street and Utilities Departments the offer from Arcanum. The Mayor stopped in to speak with the owners of the Main Street Carryout and it is now open. A ribbon cutting ceremony is in the works to celebrate their grand opening.

The Cruise-In Café in the center of downtown has submitted their menu to the county for approval.

The mayor reached out to local nursing homes to see if he could get them to come into town. He has not received any response yet.

The mayor thanked the council members who worked with booth with him at Old Fashioned Days.

The mayor stated that a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the wastewater treatment plant is tentatively scheduled for July 16, 2019.

Village Solicitor: Nothing at this time.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator, B. Kessler, stated there was one power outage due to

tree limb from the storm. Power has been restored.

The veteran's banners were dedicated on Monday.

The Code Red system worked very well during the recent storms. The storm sirens also worked well. B. Kessler stressed that if anyone does not have the app, they should get it to help stay informed in the event of emergencies.

ODOT will close Alternate 49 for 14 days starting June 3, 2019 to conduct bridge repairs. They will then close Main Street at Seminole Drive for 14 days starting June 17, 2019.

The Arcanum Industrial Park has been posted on the "Ohio Means Jobs" website and one possible tenant contacted B. Kessler this week.

A utility payment for \$232.00 was accidentally posted twice for Scott Anderson. B. Kessler asked that a motion be made to refund the overdraft to the village resident. A motion was made by B. Millard to approve the refund of \$232.00 to village resident Scott Anderson for a utility overpayment. T. Philpot seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, T. Stanley, stated that the audit has been wrapped up and a link where the results will be posted by May 31, 2019. T. Philpot was at the meeting with the auditors and stated that the requirement for an annual audit was somewhat unusual. B. Kessler stated that an annual audit is a requirement from the USDA. T. Philpot stated that the state auditors recommended that the village CDs not be allowed to go longer than five years.

Committee Reports:

Service & Leisure Committee: T. Philpot stated that Arcanum Junior Baseball has requested financial help for grading a drainage issue on diamonds 1 and 2. Due to the large amount of rain they have cancelled 55 games which has put financial setback on their concessions. The total came to \$1000.00 for each diamond. The Service and Leisure Committee initially placed \$8,000.00 in a fund to help cover the cost of repairs on the village pool. Not all that money was needed, so \$2,000.00 was transferred from that fund to cover the cost of the grading of the baseball diamonds. The payment will be made to Arcanum Junior Baseball who has already paid the company that graded the diamonds.

T. Philpot stated that more grading will be needed for next year and an ODNR grant will be applied for to cover 75% of the cost. The village will be responsible for covering 25% of the cost through the grant.

The original vendor chosen to patch and paint the pool negated the contract. The Village Street Department will patch and paint the pool. The pool will be completely painted at the end of the season. Village Administrator B. Kessler stated that the opening of the pool will be delayed by one or two days due to having to order additional epoxy to paint the patches.

The blueprints for W. North Street were gone over with Mike Bruns. The location of the new fire hydrants was discussed. The village has received funding for completing the W. North Street project. T. Philpot stated that public meetings will be held to go over the cost of the project including assessments for new sidewalks and curbs.

The opening of the new grants will be at the County Commissioner's office on June 12, 2019.

Safety Committee: R. Genovesi stated that the condition and safety of the firehouse was discussed at the last meeting. He asked the age of the last Fire Levy. Chief Troutwine stated that it was started in 1983 and it was a 2 mill levy. The levy initially brought in \$23,000.00. Due to new construction, the levy now brings in \$32,000.00 which is an increase of \$10,000.00 over 36 years. He also stated that the

money from the levy is only used for equipment and not for operating expenses.

Chief Troutwine stated that the number of grants for public safety are hard to find and apply for. B. Millard stated that if a new levy is passed, the old levy will no longer be paid on by the village residents. Chief Troutwine stated that the reason for placing a levy on the ballot when one was already in place was to ensure the Fire Department would not go without funding when the old levy expires.

R. Genovesi stated that B. Vencill suggested having a council meeting at the firehouse so the public can see the need for replacing equipment.

A discussion regarding the pay for village police officers at special events for the Arcanum-Butler Local school district was discussed. Mayor Baumle asked Fiscal Officer to look into invoicing the school district instead of the school paying the officers directly.

Utility Committee: Mayor Baumle stated that one of the employees in the Utility Department gave their two-week notice. The mayor would like to have the committee decide which position to post as open by June 4, 2019.

The next Utilities Committee meeting will be June 3, 2019.

Planning Committee: The next Planning Committee meeting will be June 6, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Baumle suggested that the date and time of the meeting be sent out via social media. The plan is to have the old municipal building open for the public to view the condition of it.

Personnel Committee: Mayor Baumle stated that the new personnel policy manual will be read through again at the next meeting and asked that copies of the manual be provided to the employees. Village Administrator verified that the manual was finished and ready to be distributed to the employees. B. Millard verified that it was finished and ready to be distributed.

Finance and Audit Committee: The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for May 29th at 4:30 p.m.

Old Business: None at this time.

Unfinished Business:

Ordinance 2019-14 – An ordinance authorizing the expenditure of funds for various activities and events conducted for and on behalf of the Village of Arcanum, Ohio. This is the 2nd Reading as Amended.

Ordinance 2019-17 – An ordinance providing for adoption of new Village personnel policies. This is the 2nd Reading.

Ordinance 2019-18 – An ordinance establishing a wage scale for the Utility Department. This is the 2nd Reading as Amended. B. Kessler stated that the Utility Department employees had a suggestion regarding the lower end of the pay scale to provide more separation between the Lineman Apprentice and the Lineman 2 pay scales. Discussion of the pay scale will be conducted at the June 3, 2019, 5:00pm, Utility Committee meeting.

Ordinance 2019-19 – An ordinance establishing a wage scale for the Police Department as amended with the full-time Police Officers top out pay is \$19.50/hr and the Police Sergeant starts at \$20.50/hr. The Police Chief top out pay is \$30.29/hr. This is the 2nd Reading as Amended.

Ordinance 2019-20 – An ordinance establishing a wage scale for the Village of Arcanum Tax Administrator. This is the 2nd Reading.

Resolution 2019-14 – A resolution authorizing the village administrator to enter into a lease agreement with Hometown Cable Company, LLC. This is the 3rd Reading. A motion was made by B. Millard to adopt Resolution 2019-14. J. Boolman seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed.

New Business:

Announcements: Mayor Baumle thanked the public for attending the meeting and encouraged them to spread the word to get others to attend in the future.

Adjournment: J. Boolman made a motion to adjourn. T. Philpot seconded. Meeting adjourned.