

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
July 9, 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, R. Genovesi, Bonnie Millard, Tim Philpot, Eric Van Hoose, answered to roll call. A motion was made by B. Millard to excuse B. Vencill. T. Philpot seconded. Voting as follows: R. Genovesi – yes; T. Philpot – yes; E. Van Hoose – no; J. Boolman – no; B. Millard - no. Motion failed. Also present were Nicole Pohlman, Bill Kessler, Toni Stanley, Bruce Shank, Tim and Angela Herron, Taylor Somers, Sarah Billenstein, Kurt Troutwine, Missie Shilt, Ruth Collins, Dave Kessler, and Jim Piel

Minutes – Corrections and Approvals:

Mayor Baumle asked for approval of the minutes of June 36, 2019. A motion was made by E. Van Hoose to approve the minutes from June 11, 2019. B. Millard seconded. All others present voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda:

Mayor Baumle stated there was an amendment to the agenda and the meeting would move directly to New Business and asked for any other amendments to the agenda.

New Business:

Ordinance 2019-28 – An ordinance providing for an amendment to the 2019 appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Arcanum, Darke County, Ohio and declaring an emergency (WWTP Improvements Proj Fund, Electric Fund, and Police Pension Fund). A motion was made by B. Millard to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2019-28. J. Boolman seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed. A motion was made by B. Millard to adopt Ordinance 2019-28. J. Boolman seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed. A motion was made by B. Millard to declare an emergency on Ordinance 2019-28. J. Boolman seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed.

Approval of Properly Appropriated and Funded Expenditures:

Mayor Baumle presented the register of the vouchers received for July 9, 2019 and asked if there were any questions. J. Boolman asked about a fee paid to Choice One Engineering. Village Administrator explained that was the engineering firm who did the topographical survey for the new municipal building. A motion was made by B. Millard to approve the voucher register through July 9, 2019. J. Boolman seconded. All present voted yea. Motion passed.

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

Missy Shilt asked if she would be responsible for the removal of a tree on her property after the sidewalks were finished. Village Administrator B. Kessler stated that if the tree begins to raise the new sidewalk the property owner could be liable for the cost of removing the tree. M. Shilt also asked about having the street sweeper come down East Street and the repair of potholes. Village Administrator B. Kessler explained that East Street needed extensive repairs and the steps taken at the present time are to prevent further deterioration until those repairs can be scheduled.

Chief Kurt Troutwine presented a report from the Fire Department for the first half of 2019. The department added four new volunteers this year and they are in the process of getting certified. The department went on 86 runs so far this year which is up from the average of 70 runs in the previous year. The department has experienced an increase in the number of needed repairs to equipment this year. Mayor Baumle asked about staffing numbers and K. Troutwine stated that the department is at 25 out of 30 allotted.

Dave Kessler stated that he spoke with a person from Columbus regarding the possible restoration of the Village Opera House in the old municipal building. The possibility of using private funds for the restoration was discussed. The next meeting to discuss the future of the building will be held on July 18th at 7:00 pm. The layout/floor plan of the building is needed as part of the next step.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor: The mayor has been in discussions with Jason Blackburn regarding the Horse Parade which is scheduled for December 14, 2019.

The agenda for the groundbreaking of the new is in process. The ceremony will be held on July 16, 2019 at 1:30 pm, 309 Albright Street.

The mayor and council member R. Genovesi are in the process of reviewing applicants for the police chief position. Interviews should begin within the next few weeks.

The mayor met with the owner of “Little University” which is a new daycare opening soon in the village.

Village Solicitor: Nothing at this time.

Village Administrator: The village has broken ground on the new building. AMP is addressing the problems seen in providing electric service for the village. A meeting is scheduled with DP&L to discuss the issues and ways they can be resolved. Some changes may need to be made to plan for the reliability of service and future growth of the village.

Fiscal Officer: T. Stanley reported that she is working on the budget for 2020 and has requested an extension to get it completed.

Committee Reports:

Service & Leisure Committee: The next Service and Leisure Committee meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2019 at 6:30 pm. It will be open to the public and will cover the rebuilding of the sidewalks and curbs on West North Street.

Safety Committee: Nothing at this time.

Utility Committee: Nothing at this time.

Planning Committee: Nothing at this time.

Personnel Committee: B. Millard stated that the new personnel manual is completed. Copies will be passed out to Village Administrator B. Kessler and all the department supervisors. When distributed, those who get a copy will sign that they received it.

Finance and Audit Committee: Nothing at this time.

Old Business: None at this time.

Unfinished Business: None at this time.

New Business cont’d:

Ordinance 2019-29 – An ordinance providing for an increase in salary for certain elected officials of the Village of Arcanum, Ohio. This is the 1st Reading.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: J. Boolman made a motion to adjourn. E. Van Hoose seconded. Meeting adjourned.