

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
June 29, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order – Mayor Bonnie Millard opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance along with all present members of Council.

Roll Call – Mayor Bonnie Millard and the following council members were present: Jacob Banks, Tammy Bruner, Tim Philpot, Council President Pro Tem Jerry Boolman and Rick Genovesi. Also present were VA Bill Kessler, Fiscal Officer Toni Stanley, Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Solicitor Nicole Pohlman, Daily Advocate Reporter Abigail Miller and Residents Bruce Shank and Missie Shilt and Derrick Robinson. Council President Pro Tem Boolman moved to excuse Taylor Somers. Council Member Philpot seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals – Council President Pro Tem Boolman moved to approve the minutes dates 6/8/2021. Council Member Philpot seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda – There were no amendments.

Comments from the Public – Resident Missie Shilt inquired about the former Suttons building and updates will be provided during the administrative reports.

Administrative Reports

Mayor: The Preservation held a garage sale and there were several Village-owned items which were donated that did not sell. The Preservation Society asked for permission to scrap the remaining items. Council Member Philpot moved to scrap the remaining items and donate the proceeds to the Preservation Society. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Solicitor: There was nothing to report.

Village Administrator: There was a water leak on West North Street and it will be dug up and repaired. VA Kessler is in contact with Mote & Assoc. There has been a 20% failure in connections/fittings so far. Moving forward, standard water tap fittings will be used. Contact has been made with the Double J explaining the Village's expectations.

The former Suttons property has sold to a developer and the south half of the building will be a Family Dollar. The gas station will not be utilized at this point. The other half will be undeveloped. Preliminary drawings have been provided. If a grocer is found, the developer will assist in renovation and development efforts. VA Kessler advised that through his inquiry process, small grocers are struggling and hesitant to expand. Resident Shank inquired about a Co-op. Through AMP, there are resources; however, the property may not qualify.

Fiscal Officer: Check vouchers were in the council packets. Council signed off on accepting properly appropriated and funded expenditures. The Finance Committee met before the Council Meeting to review the preliminary 2022 budget and it is available for public review. Access Engineering has asked if we would like them to represent us and register Arcanum with the OPWC. Council Member Philpot moved to allow Access Engineering to represent the Village of Arcanum and register with OPWC. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Police Chief: Chief Ballinger reported that the new police officer training is going well. The Preservation Society has been contacted by a ghost hunting company and would like to spend an evening in the old city building for observation. They will donate \$200 for allowing them to do so. Chief Ballinger will offer supervisory services. Mayor Millard asked council if any had any objections and none were voiced. The Public Library is also on a registry of haunted locations.

Committee Reports

Safety: A meeting was held 6/23/21 with minutes attached. New police officer uniforms are in with a possible implementation date of July 10. New radios have been ordered and an additional radio grant has been submitted. COPS grant has been submitted. The department is now on the National Testing Network which will be utilized when searching for new officer applicants. The committee also discussed the curfew and an Ordinance for side-by-side ATVs to operate within the Village. More discussion will continue at the next meeting on 7/21/21.

Utility Committee: A meeting was held on 6/22/21 with minutes attached. A 2014 Dodge bucket truck was purchased in order to help with the downtown upgrade. By adding the bucket truck and hiring an additional employee for this project, the Village will save approximately \$300,000. A possible purchase of a peaking generator was discussed in order to help save on electric rates and discussion will be continued. The Committee also discussed retiring two old generators at the water plant and will be getting quotes for a replacement. The new water/waste water operator will begin 7/6/21. The committee is proposing an electric base rate change effective October 1st, 2021 as recommended by Sawvel. Lastly, the committee will not move forward with tablets for council due to current efforts made in reducing printed materials. The next meeting will be July 28 at 4:30pm.

Finance & Audit: The Committee met on 6/29/21. There are four corners that need to be repaired at the Village's cost. The utility bills for the old city building will be split between the Preservation Society, Village and Twin Township. More discussion will be held with legislation forthcoming. The pool is seeing success with over 128 passes sold to date. The previous high was 85. Pool parties, daily walk-ins and swim lessons are also seeing success with a possible third session in the works. Additionally, evening water aerobics classes on Mondays and

Wednesdays at 7pm have been added. The preliminary 2022 budget was reviewed. Beginning discussion on ARPA funding (COVID) was held. Funds need to be appropriated by 2024 and spent by 2026 with very specific restrictions for use. When funds arrive, the Village will hold them until projects are determined.

Service and Leisure: Meetings were held 6/17/21 and 6/24/21 with minutes attached. The Village received two park grants to help with road repair/paving. Discussion was held regarding water leaks, street repairs, sidewalks and the pool operations/chemicals. The Brick Street Block Party will be held August 6 and 7 with several activities. The Village supports the event and will use the allotted trash pick up originally assigned to Old Fashioned Days for the Block Party. The Police Department will also monitor during the event. VA Kessler would like to purchase three umbrellas to provide shade for the lifeguards and add a movable lifeguard stand for use during busy times. The total is \$1500. Council Member Banks moved to purchase three umbrellas and a guard stand for the pool. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Service & Leisure will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month through the end of 2021.

Personnel: There was nothing to report.

Planning: There was nothing to report.

Town Hall Report: The Preservation Society has received sponsors for all windows in the building. They will be hosting a 4th of July Children's Parade along with food vendors.

Old Business

1. **Ordinance 2021-17** – An Ordinance Accepting The Trojan Estates Subdivision. (2nd Reading)
2. **Ordinance 2021-18** – An Ordinance Accepting Oakley Court And A Portion Of East Woodside Drive As Dedicated Streets In The Previously Accepted Plat Of Trojan Estates. (2nd Reading)
3. **Resolution 2021-12** – A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into An Annexation Agreement Concerning Certain Real Property Located In Twin Township And Declaring An Emergency. (2nd Reading)
Council President Pro Tem Boolman moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2021-12. Council Member Philpot seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council President Pro Tem Boolman moved to adopt Resolution 2021-12. Council Member Philpot seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council President Pro Tem Boolman moved to declare Resolution 2021-12 an emergency. Council Member Philpot seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

New Business

1. **Ordinance 2021-19** – An Ordinance Adopting Rates, Terms And Conditions For Electric Service Provided By The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio. (1st Reading)
2. **Ordinance 2021-20** - An Ordinance Providing For An Amendment To The 2021 Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Arcanum, Darke County, Ohio And Declaring An Emergency (Water Fund and Electric Fund). Council President Pro Tem Boolman moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2021-20. Council Member Banks seconded. All present Council Members voted yea. Motion passed. Council President Pro Tem Boolman moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-20. Council Member Banks seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council President Pro Tem Boolman moved to declare Ordinance 2021-20 an emergency. Council Member Banks seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
3. **Resolution 2021-13** – A Resolution Approving An Agreement With GNB Banking Centers For Direct Deposit Payroll Processing And Declaring An Emergency. Council Member Banks moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2021-13. Council President Pro Tem Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Banks moved to adopt Resolution 2021-13. Council President Pro Tem Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Banks moved to declare Resolution 2021-13 an emergency. Council President Pro Tem Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
4. **Resolution 2021-14** - A Resolution Adopting The Preliminary Budget For 2022 Of The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio And Declaring An Emergency. Council President Pro Tem Boolman moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2021-14. Council Member Banks seconded. All present Council Members voted yea. Motion passed. Council President Pro Tem Boolman moved to adopt Resolution 2021-14. Council Member Banks seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council President Pro Tem Boolman moved to declare Resolution 2021-14 an emergency. Council Member Banks seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
5. **Resolution 2021-15** – A Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Arcanum To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With Woodhull To Provide For The New Office Copier Lease And Services For The Years 2021-2026 And Declaring An Emergency. Council Member Genovesi moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2021-15. Council Member Philpot seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to adopt Resolution 2021-15. Council Member Philpot seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to declare Resolution 2021-15 an emergency. Council Member Philpot seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.


Announcements – There were no announcements.

Adjournment – Council President Pro Tem Boolman moved to adjourn. Council Member Philpot seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

ATTEST:



Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor



Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem



Toni M. Stanley, Fiscal Officer