

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting

October 26, 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: Jerry Boolman, Jacob Banks, Taylor Somers, Rick Genovesi, Tim Philpot and Tammy Bruner. Also in attendance were VA Bill Kessler, Fiscal Officer Toni Stanley, Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Fire Chief Kurt Troutwine, Sandy Hartley, David Hartley, Missie Shilt and Bruce Shank.

Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals – Council Member Somers moved to approve the minutes dated 10/12/2021. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda – Police Chief will make first Administrative Report.

Comments from the Public – Nothing at this time.

Administrative Reports

Police Chief: New Hire recommendation of Christina Trembley. Ms. Trembley has 6 years of experience in West Virginia and recently moved into the area. Ms. Tremble needs to go back through the academy for classes and to do so will need to be hired as Auxiliary. Council Member Genovesi moved to hire Christina Trembley to the uncompensated position of Auxiliary Officer for the Arcanum Police Department. Council Member Somers seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Mayor Bonnie Millard proceeded with the swearing in of Auxiliary Officer Christina Trembley.

Mayor: The AABA is still planning on holding the annual Bean Supper on October 28th, rain or shine.

Solicitor: Nothing to report.

Village Administrator:

- Park restrooms are winterized and closed for the season. All planned park projects have been completed, however, there is still a bee infestation issue, which will be an ongoing project.
- Ball diamond restrooms are still in the process of being winterized and all activities at the diamonds have been completed. Upgrades to the ball diamond facilities will begin soon.
- Two students from outside the district will be job shadowing the Police Department and Utilities Department for a few hours in November.
- Spot generator project is continuing, and a replacement backup generator for the WWTP has been ordered and entire project is projected to be completed by the end of December. VA is attempting to sell the old generators to outside vendors, before parting them out for scrap.
- The WWTP lagoon that was removed from service last year, due to soil settling, now needs additional surface dirt applied to the area. Outside contractor has agreed to allow in-kind labor to be utilized to off set the cost of the project. Council Member Philpot moved to approve the expenditure of \$16,000.00 for the application of surface dirt at the WWTP. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer:

- Council Members signed the acceptance documentation for properly appropriated and funded expenditures.
- Fund reports were presented and included in the council packet.
- Village was awarded a grant from the Assistance to Firefighter for the purchase of air pacs in the amount of \$114,190.48. Quotes were obtained and came in under the allowed grant amount. There is a Village match requirement of 5%.
- Legislation for the purchase of a new fire truck will be discussed later on in the meeting.

Fire Chief:

- Review of the quarterly report, with 44 runs in the third quarter. Report offered statistical break downs on various aspects.
- Fire Department has 28 volunteers with 3 being employed fulltime for other fire departments.
- Once the new air pacs arrive and equipment training has been completed, the old air pacs will be placed up for sale.
- Fire Chief would like to apply for the MARCS Radio Grant through AFG to cover the 2022 user fee. Council Member Genovesi moved to approve Fire Chief Troutwine to apply for the MARCS Radio Grant. Council Member Philpot seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Darke County Fire Chiefs Association is applying for an additional County MARCS Radio Grant through AFG. If awarded, grant funds would allow the replacement of the antiquated truck radios and portable radios that were provided to the fire departments by the County when they switched to the MARCS system

several years ago. Chief Troutwine is asking that 5 new truck radios and 6 new portable radios be allocated to Arcanum's Fire Department. There will be a 5% match requirement, but the estimated total cost of equipment is unknown at this time. Chief Troutwine asked to apply to the Darke County Rural Trust Fund for a \$5,000 grant to purchase 13 new fire fighter helmets. Council Member Genovesi moved to approve Fire Chief Troutwine to apply for an equipment grant through the Darke County Rural Electric Trust Fund. Council Member Philpot seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Safety: Report given by Council Member Genovesi.

- Police Department – Continued discussion on hiring 2 more officers and becoming fully staffed
- Fire Department – Discussed replacement of 35 year old antiquated vehicle.

Council Member Genovesi expressed his appreciation to both the Police Chief and Fire Chief for all that they do.

Utility Committee: Report given by Council Member Philpot. The next meeting is scheduled for 11/17/2021 at 5:00pm.

- After discussion with the AMP Representative, committee will eventually be recommending to council to adopt a Net Billing Policy with a local facility charge for anyone who is wanting to sell electricity to the Village from solar generated on their property.
- There has been lots of inquires from residents on home solar systems. Committee strongly encourages residents to research what kick backs home solar systems actually provide.
- Committee has decided to have a maximum of 20 qualifying individuals on the solar generation program with reevaluations at a later time.
- Resident Bruce Shank suggested that residents interested in a solar generation program should also check with their home owner's insurance.

Finance & Audit: Report given by Council Member Somers. The next meeting is scheduled 11/2/2021 at 5:30pm.

- Reviewed Fire Chief's request for purchase of new truck. Committee agreed that the purchase is necessary.
- Began reviewing the 2022 budget with more information to follow at a later time.
- Discussion on employee health insurance with more information to follow at a later time.

Service and Leisure: Report given by Council Member Banks. The next meeting is scheduled 11/11/2021 at 5pm.

- Park Grant - Funds have not been received yet at this time. In the process of placing the signs up for receiving the Park Grant.
- Community Improvement Grant – Letters of support are being collected at this time, and residents are encouraged to participate. Funds, if awarded, will go towards upgrades to the pool, park, Opera House and brick streets downtown.
- Park- In the progress of replacing the gazebo roof. It is still the plan to purchase the additional land for the park expansion yet this year. There is a dug out that needs fixed this fall.
- Quarter Percent Fund- Projecting to be able to begin projects on East First Street and East Street next year.
- Curb painting is still being completed.
- Violations are going well.
- Pool – Due to the leak in the Kiddie pool, water will be ran thru the grass until upgrades to the pools can be done.

Personnel: Nothing to report at this time.

Planning: Nothing to report at this time.

Town Hall Report: Windows are still being replaced.

Old Business

1. **Ordinance 2021-32** - An Ordinance Accepting Trojan Avenue As A Dedicated Street In The Previously Accepted Plat Of The Sierra Lane Subdivision. (2nd Reading)
2. **Ordinance 2021-33** - An Ordinance Providing For A Temporary Holiday Policy For Police Department Employees. (2nd Reading)

New Business

1. **Resolution 2021-25** – A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of A New Fire Truck From All American Fire And Declaring An Emergency. Discussion was held on funding sources; community need and capabilities of the new truck. Council Member Genovesi moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2021-23. Council Member Sommers seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to adopt Resolution 2021-25. Council Member Somers seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to declare Resolution 2021-25 an emergency. Council Member Somers seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

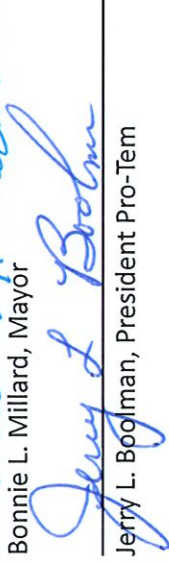
Announcements – Chief Troutwine expressed his appreciation to the Safety Committee, Finance & Audit Committee, as well as, Fiscal Officer for all their dedication in helping him secure the new fire truck.

Adjournment – Council Member Boolman moved to adjourn. Council Member Somers seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

ATTEST:



Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor



Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem



Toni M. Stanley, Fiscal Officer