

## Village of Arcanum Council Meeting

January 25, 2022

7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order** – Council President Pro-Tem Jerry Boolman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance along with all present members of Council.

**Roll Call** – The following council members were present: Eric VanHoose, David Hartley, Tim Philpot, Jerry Boolman, Rick Genovesi and Jacob Banks. Also in attendance were VA Bill Kessler, Fiscal Officer Toni Stanley, Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Fire Chief Kurt Troutwine, Bruce Shank, Missie Shilt and Abby Miller.

**Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals** – Council Member Philpot moved to approve the minutes dated 1/11/2022. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Amendments to Agenda** – None at this time.

**Comments from the Public** – None at this time.

### **Administrative Reports –**

**Mayor:** None at this time.

**Solicitor:** Nothing to report.

### **Village Administrator:**

- The first snow removal with the new Street Department employee went well. Several employees went out around noon to begin removing the snow. VA advised crews that more salt needs to be applied around the stop signs.
- Orme Hardware closure was a surprise to the Village. A letter was later received from Orme thanking the community for their business and the store is closed.
- Utility Meeting this week will be heavy with discussions on solar and alternate energy. VA is meeting with Ministers Superintendent to review their process.
- No employees are out with Covid at this time. Those who were, are all back to work.
- There are currently no major issues within the Village.
- VA let Council know the Mayor communicates extremely well with staff and stays on top of all happenings while in Florida.

### **Fiscal Officer:**

- Council Members signed the acceptance documentation for properly appropriated and funded expenditures.
- Fund reports, as well as, the Draft Year End Fund Report were presented and included in the council packet.
- Closing of Year End is still in progress, and Final Year End Reports will be sent to council members at the end of the month.

### **Police Chief:**

- 2021 Year End Stats have been distributed to council.
- Simulator Training for officers will be this week at the Darke Co. Sheriff's Department.

### **Fire Chief:**

- 2021 Year End Fire Report were included in the council packet.
- 2021 Review – There was a 152 total runs for the year. The average dispatch to on scene response time was between 7-15 minutes. Response times can differ depending on whether lights and sirens are used. A new report has been added to the Year End Review, which depicts how many calls are EMS versus fire only, with the department being 50/50. The department provided mutual aid 20 times and received mutual aid 6 times. The average time on scene was 37.33 minutes per run.
- There are 26 volunteer firefighters at this time. Chief Troutwine talked about how hard it is for a lot of the firefighters to make the runs and be active in the department, due to full-time jobs and/or family stuff going on much of the time. Chief Troutwine stated that he recently had to dismiss a firefighter due to lack of participation within the department.
- 2021 Grants- The Air-Pac Grant was approved and the correct equipment should arrive next week. The firefighters are currently being fit tested for the air masks. A grant from Darke Rural Electric was received which will provide for a couple new helmets. The department was unsuccessful in being awarded the MARCS Grant.

### **Committee Reports**

**Safety:** Report given by Rick Genovesi. Committee met on 1/20/2022 at 5:30pm at the Firehouse.

- Committee toured the facility and viewed some of the updates that have been done and viewed the new equipment.
- Discussion on the Street Light Project, and the committee is recommending that the Mayor apply for the

ODOT Grant that is needed to fund the project at the school, per ODOT's recommendation. The visibility study seems to have turned out good in the Villages favor. The engineering cost will be approximately \$65,000.00, and the VA has approached the school about helping to finance the engineering cost. There are Highway Funds available to fund the project outside the ODOT grant.

- Fire Department - Committee discussed the new Fireworks Laws that are in effect by the State. The new law gives specific dates that people are allowed to set off fireworks. Committee doesn't feel that the Village has ever had any issues with fireworks being set off.
- Police Department – Committee discussed two current full-time officers who are in the hiring process with other departments. The Committee discussed a Two-Mill Operation Levy, and would like that to be placed to the Finance Committee for review and approval. Additionally, Narcan and Epi-pens will be added to the med box and training on the use of both will be provided to the officers. Chief Ballinger also stated he had sent the Criminal Case Review by email to all the Council Members. Chief Ballinger feels as though the department is moving in the right direction when it comes to criminal case policies.

**Utility Committee:** Report given by VA Bill Kessler. The next meeting is scheduled for 1/26/2022 at 5:00pm.

- There was a water leak at 103 N. Main. The line has been repaired and a new meter installed. VA is requesting a forgiveness for sewer in the amount of \$157.50. Council Member Philpot moved to forgive the sewer cost of \$157.50 for 103 North Main Street. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- EPA- Communicating with the EPA on a retired lagoon. Received a letter from the EPA which the VA will discuss later on.

**Finance & Audit:** Nothing to report at this time. The next meeting is scheduled for 1/31/2022 at 4:30pm.

**Service and Leisure:** Report given by Jacob Banks. Committee met on 1/17/22. The next meeting is scheduled for 1/27/2022 at 5:00pm.

- Mrs. Greve from the school attended the meeting, requesting consideration of a 9-hole frisbee golf course be placed within the park. The school will be also placing 9-holes on their property as well. VA will look into it further. The estimated cost would be approximately \$4,000.00, with concrete pads needing to be installed, which could be done in house.
- Committee discussed the gazebo needing a new roof.
- 2 Dugouts at the ball diamonds need to be replaced completely (\$8,000.00 ea.), and 2 dugouts need to be repaired (\$4,000.00 ea.).
- A community member has raised the question of repurposing the tennis courts into pickleball courts. VA will be obtaining cost for the possible project.
- Community Improvement Grant will be submitted to Jena Powell's Office this month.
- Clean Ohio Grant - Ground for the park expansion will be purchased soon.
- Street Resurfacing – A few alleys downtown need to be resurfaced. The alleyways by Millers, Fourmans and Troutwines are the main focus at this time.
- VA is obtaining prices on a new mower.
- Updates and repairs to the pool that were identified last year will begin soon.
- New employee will be attending CPO training.
- CDBG Grant – Village will be submitting a project for improvements to West South Street.

Community Member Missie Shilt stated that as a resident she thinks the frisbee golf is a good idea for the community. There was some discussion on the pros and cons of hosting 9-holes of frisbee golf in the park.

**Personnel:**

Council Member Philpot moved to enter into executive session to discuss the possible dismissal of a public employee. Council Member Banks seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. (Enter 7:36; Exit 7:48)

**Planning:** Meeting was held 1/19/2022. David Hartley gave the report.

- The LMI study that was done previously showed the village at a 52.8% LMI for the next 4 years. The study assists the village in applying for various grants. The study has already helped obtain a \$1.4 ODNR Grant.
- Discussed the possibility of 6 lots being annexed into the Village.
- Committee discussed current state at Trojan Estates.
- Discussion on 4 bridges that may need placed at the park.
- At the Industrial Park, space is becoming an issue and there is a possibility of a new warehouse looking for space.
- Two old generators will be sold for scrap and the new generators are almost ready.
- Zoning Regulations are currently being rewritten and brought up to date.
- Committee discussed the Community Improvement Grant and the cost of the pool liner.
- Further discussion on the repair of the brick streets.
- Clean Ohio Grant – Purchase of the land for the park by April. VA has been talking to the Darke County

Parks and the County Commissioners and both are interested in helping the project be successful.

Fiscal Officer brought to the attention of the Council, new information that she has received in regards to the acceptable uses of ARPA funds the Village will receive.

**Town Hall Report:**

- Discussion on some concerns the Preservation Society has with the town hall ownership. Committee reviewed the concerns of the Preservation Society with Council with additional discussion by Council Members.
- Preservation Society has raised \$40k for the replacement of the windows.

**New Business**

1. **Resolution 2022-02** – A Resolution Enacted By The Village Of Arcanum, Darke County, Ohio, Hereinafter Referred To As The Local Public Agency (LPA), In The Matter Of The Stated Described Project, And Declaring An Emergency As Amended. Council Member Genovesi moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2020-02. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to adopt Resolution 2022-02. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to declare Resolution 2022-02 an emergency. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

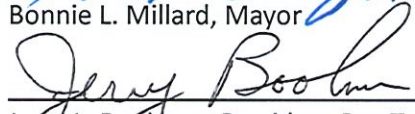
**Announcements** – None at this time.

**Adjournment** – Council Member Boolman moved to adjourn. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor

  
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Toni M. Stanley, Fiscal Officer

  
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Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem