

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
June 14, 2022
7:00 p.m. Regular Session

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

Roll Call – The following council members were present: Ryan Burns, David Hartley, Jerry Boolman, Rick Genovesi, Eric VanHoose and Jacob Banks. Also in attendance were VA Bill Kessler, Fiscal Officer Toni Stanley, Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Taylor Somers, Bruce Shank, Missie Shilt, Joe Hoke and Sandy Hartley.

Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals – Council Member Hartley moved to approve the minutes dated 5/31/2022. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda – None at this time.

Comments from the Public – Joe Hoke asked Council about the status of white barn being cleaned up that is located at Sierra Lane and Seminole. Mr. Hoke stated that the barn is a nuisance with rats, bats and broken glass and someone is going to get hurt. Mr. Hoke expressed his frustration about the length of the legal process and also stated that something, or someone is going to do something about the barn. Chief Ballinger and Council further explained the legal process of a nuisance property. Mr. Hoke was advised that on June 30th the court date for the property will be set.

Administrative Reports –

Mayor:

- Retirement celebration for Ryan Denniston.
- Feral/stray cats – Mayor shared an article about the importance of neutering/spraying animals due to the overcrowding at animal shelters and humane societies.

Solicitor: Not present.

Village Administrator:

- EPA – Inspection/evaluation of water/sewer has been completed. New this year for the inspection, was testing done by an Asset Management program of the records the Village retains. EPA is pleased that the Village is doing a cost & rate study. EPA has not sent their final report, but so far everything is looking good. There were only a few minor comments made during the inspection, with the exception that the Hydrant Flushing and Valve Exercising books did not have narratives in the front of them. Backflow Prevention Program needs to be reviewed during the next Utility Meeting.
- Grants – VA applied for a \$750,000.00 Neighborhood Revitalization Grant; Village was unsuccessful, but will apply again next year. The Allocation Grant for \$25,000.00 was awarded for the repaving of West South Street.

Fiscal Officer:

- Acceptance of Properly Appropriated and Funded Expenditures.
- Council Member VanHoose moved to accept the quote of \$1,935.00 from Clemans & Nelson to review the Personnel & Procedures Manual. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- There have been significant expenses within the water fund. Fiscal Officer advised Council that she would need to use funds from the water fund reserve to cover some unexpected costs that total approximately \$25K.
- Included in the Council packets was the May reconciliation, fund reports and the updated 2022 Income Tax Spreadsheet. Collected for the ¼% is \$103,316; Village is roughly 4% higher than this time last year.
- First budget meeting for 2023 will be next week.

Council Member Boolman asked if there has been any change on interest rates on CDS. Fiscal Officer advised that she checks periodically on interest rates with various banks to ensure the Village is receiving the best rate possible.

Police Chief:

- Radars have been deployed at South High Street and East Alt. 49. Chief has had good feedback so far from the community. He is in the process of reviewing the data from the radars, however from what he has been able to review, there is not a significant speeding issue in the Village. Radars will be deployed next at South Main & West South Street.
- Pickup Truck Purchase – Due to issues with the manufacturer, it is unclear as to when Troutwine's will be able to get the vehicle for the department. This will cause several issues with the grant money that was being used to purchase the vehicle, which the Chief will be discussing with the Finance Committee.

Committee Reports

Safety: Nothing to report.

Utility Committee: Report given by Ryan Burns.

- Reviewed the water rate study cost estimate of \$23,700 from Sawvel.
- VA stated there are scheduled service rate increases on the electric over a five-year timespan. VA would like to enact the October schedule service rate increases now to off-set fuel cost. Customers would see a service rate increase from \$6.00 to \$9.00.

Finance & Audit: Nothing at this time. Next Meeting is scheduled for 6/22/2022 at 6:00pm.

Service and Leisure: Report given by Jacob Banks. Next Meeting is scheduled for 6/23/2022 at 5:00pm.

- Pool – 112 passes have been sold; pool is doing fantastic. Only one day that the pool was delayed in opening due to cold water temperatures. It was brought to the attention of the Committee that there is a special needs child that needs private swim lessons. Council Member Banks moved to allow the pool to hold private swim lessons for the special needs of children. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Violations – Violations for sidewalks and property maintenance have gone out, and hopefully work on those will be evident soon.

Taylor Somers asked the Council to explain the process used to determine/serve citations. VA explained the process of issuing citations, and also stated that once a citation is issued the Village does not pursue prosecution and fines if the resident can show a plan to fix the problem, stays in contact with the VA and can continually shows progress in rectifying the violation. Mr. Somers expressed concerns of Village Police Officers serving the citations, the pictures in his citation not being relevant to his property, and the communication between the Village and homeowner. Mr. Somers would like to see the Village have a conversation with the homeowner to fix the problem prior to serving them a citation. Chief Ballinger stated that if the Village knows of a violation and does not issue a citation, then the Village could be held liable. Joe Hoke additional asked questions concerning plats without sidewalks, which the VA addressed the process for sidewalks in plats.

- The TNR program with the Humane Society will begin within a few weeks. Residents will start seeing traps set up in areas known to have stray cats, so they can be caught and spayed and neutered.
- Park Committee – The first Park Committee meeting will be June 15th at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Personnel: Nothing at this time. Next meeting is scheduled for 7/13/2022 at 5:00pm.

Planning: Report given by David Hartley.

- CIC meeting is coming up.
- Planning Commission – Zoning book is in final review; Committee will meet again at the end of the month for final comments/corrections. Solicitor and Council members have been provided a draft copy to review. Mayor is hoping to set August 1st as the Public Hearing for the Zoning book; will depend on the suggested revisions from the Solicitor.

Old Business

1. **Ordinance 2022-12** - An Ordinance Providing For An Amendment To The Village Capital Asset Policy and Procedures. (3rd Reading). Council Member Boolman moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-12. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
2. **Resolution 2022-17** - A Resolution To Proceed With Submission Of The Question Of Levying A New Levy Tax In Excess Of The Ten-Mill Limitation For The Purpose Of Police Protection Services. (3rd Reading). Council Member Boolman moved to adopt Resolution 2022-17. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
3. **Resolution 2022-18** - A Resolution To Proceed With Submission Of The Question Of Levying A Renewal Levy Tax In Excess Of The Ten-Mill Limitation For The Purpose Of Park & Recreation Expense. (3rd Reading). Council Member Banks moved to adopt Resolution 2022-18. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

New Business

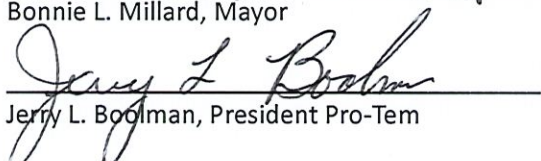
1. **Ordinance 2022-16** – An Ordinance Adopting Rates, Terms, And Conditions For Electric Service Provided By The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio. Exhibit A. (1st Reading).
2. **Resolution 2022-21** - A Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement With Sawvel And Associates, Inc. To Prepare A Water Revenue Requirement And Rate Study For The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio And Declaring An Emergency. Exhibit A. Council Member Banks moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2022-21. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Banks moved to adopt Resolution 2022-21. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Banks moved to declare Resolution 2022-21 an emergency. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Announcements – Ryan Denniston retirement party on July 17th at 3:00pm.

Adjournment – Council Member Genovesi moved to adjourn. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

ATTEST:


Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor


Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem


Toni M. Stanley, Fiscal Officer