

**Village of Arcanum Council Meeting**  
**October 11, 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, Eric VanHoose and Rick Genovesi. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Bill Kessler, Fiscal Officer Toni Stanley, Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Solicitor Nicole Pohlman, Rick Claudy, Bruce Shank and Missie Shilt.

Council Member Boolman moved to excuse Council Member Jacob Banks. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals** – Council Member Boolman moved to approve the regular meeting minutes dated 9/27/2022. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Amendments to Agenda** – Addition of Ordinance 2022-35 & Ordinance 2022-36.

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

**Administrative Reports** –

**Mayor:**

- Bottle Cap Drive – Darke Co. Solid Waste District will be purchasing recycled bottle cap park benches for local communities. Arcanum has submitted to receive 15 benches over the next few years. Solid Waste asks that our community collect pop and water bottle caps, as well as, having volunteers sort caps with the Solid Waste District. This will be a program of the Park & Recreation Committee. Mayor encouraged all those in attendance to begin saving their caps.

**Solicitor:** Nothing at this time.

**Village Administrator:**

- Grants – Funding may be available for the Pool Reconstruction Project through the LWCF (Land, Water, Conservation Fund) Grant from ODNR. VA feels that since the Village is already asking for funds elsewhere within ODNR, obtaining LWCF will not be easy, but would still like to apply. The LWCF is a pay upfront and be reimbursed later type of grant; a campaign would be needed to raise the Village's portion of the funds which is approximately \$250-300K, as the grant is a 50/50. VA will talk with Rep. Jenna Powell on the chances of receiving State funds for the pool; should the pool receive funds from the State, VA will not apply for the LWCF Grant. VA is continuing to look for grants to obtain trails for the Village and widening the walking bridge to the football field. VA reviewed with Council the projects that were submitted to the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant; will be resubmitting project for next round of funding.

General discussion and questions to the VA throughout the grant update. Council Member Hartley moved to allow the VA to pursue an application to the LWCF of ODNR. Council Member Burns seconded. All present council members voted yea.

- Leaf collection will begin shortly; equipment is in good working order.

**Fiscal Officer:**

- Acceptance of Properly Appropriated and Funded Expenditures.
- OPWC – Access Engineering has heard back concerning the reimbursement to the Village of \$110k for the Park Expansion land purchase. OPWC is not reimbursing the entire amount as anticipated, but will be applying \$28,832.13 towards the Village's required match funds.

General discussion and questions from Council regarding the reasonings OPWC has decided to handle the reimbursement of the \$110K as they are.

- Fire Truck Payment – Invoice has been received for the completion of the chassis and the first draw has been completed.

**Police Chief:**

- New radios have arrived; will be installed in due time.
- Emergency kits have been ordered; purchase possible by the Elks Grant received at previous meeting.
- Town Hall Meeting tomorrow night; everyone is welcome to attend.
- Local Organizations – PD met with the Kindergarten Club and had a great meeting going over the duties of the SRO; Lion's Club meeting concerning the upcoming levy went very well.
- Personnel – Candidate is in the last phase of the hiring process.
- Radar Signs – Providing great data; moving to East South Street & West George Street. Residents are appreciating the radar signs; Officer's are stepping up traffic stops and issuing violations to those exceeding the speed limit.

Council had general questions for Chief Ballinger in regards to his report that was provided in the Council Packet.

**Committee Reports**

**Safety:** Report given by Rick Genovesi.

- Traffic Light Project – There was continued discussion on the topic from previous meetings. Committee discussed additional options for the Trojan Way & Sierra Lane area such as restriping Trojan Way. ODOT

has stated that the warrant study is still in good standing (good for another year; and if progress is being made, they would be willing to extend it) and will be sending Operation of Light documents to the VA, Superintendent and Police Chief to prepare for submission.

- Continued discussions on the grant for the second entrance to the school from Alt. 49.

Council asked if a cost assessment has been done for the project; VA stated that it is approximately \$260K. Chief Ballinger stated that the "Safe Way to School" Grant is not a match grant, but a fully funded grant.

- Fire Department – In regards to obstacles on the railroad beds, Chief Ballinger spoke with the landowner and the owner will have the obstacles removed from the area. Committee wanted to clarify with Council that new fire hydrants are only needed when new roads are put in.

**Utility Committee:** Report given by Ryan Burns.

- 811 People – Committee discussed becoming a member; cost is \$75 annually.
- White Water Tower – Staying on track with EPA. Repair work is being completed with the inside of the tank needing scraped and painted with the tower out of commission for approximately 14 days this fall. Quote has been received for the work in the amount of \$27K; an additional \$5K in appropriations will be needed for the repairs. Council Member Hartley moved to move \$27k from Miscellaneous to the Water Tower Restoration line item for repairs to the White Water Tower. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea.
- Village Water System – The water system is in worse shape than anticipated; Sawvil will be finished with a water study around November. Water rates will need to increase to \$9 per month per customer for the R & R of the water tower. The water plant itself is running well.
- AMP Conference – VA attended the conference; potential new vendor for transformers.
- Further discussions on the generator that had mechanical failure; AMP may replace it.
- Prairie State – Still having congestion issues; energy flow has been fixed. AMP is not able to give long term projection costs.

**Finance & Audit:** Nothing to report.

**Service and Leisure:** Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 10/19/2022 at 5:00pm.

**Personnel:** Report given by Eric VanHoose. Next meeting is scheduled for 10/18/2020 at 5:00pm.

- Reviewed the Personnel Manual feedback provided by Clemans & Nelson.

**Planning:** Nothing to report.

#### New Business

1. **Ordinance 2022-35** - An Ordinance Providing For Adoption Of A New Job Description For The Village Water & Wastewater Operator II. Exhibit A. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading). Council Member Genovesi moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2022-35. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-35. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
2. **Ordinance 2022-36** - An Ordinance Providing For An Amendment To The 2022 Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Arcanum, Darke County, Ohio And Declaring An Emergency (Fire Fund And Parks Pool & Rec Levy Fund). Council Member VanHoose moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2022-33. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member VanHoose moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-36. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member VanHoose moved to declare Ordinance 2022-36 an emergency. Council Member Hartley 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 7:34pm.

**ATTEST:**

  
Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor

  
Toni M. Stanley, Fiscal Officer

  
Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem