

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
January 10, 2023
7:00 p.m. Regular Session

Call to Order – Council Member 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: David Hartley, Jerry Boolman, Eric VanHoose, Rick Genovesi, Jacob Banks and Ryan Burns. Also in attendance were VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Fiscal Officer Toni Stanley and Bruce Shank.

Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals – Council Member Hartley moved to approve the regular meeting minutes dated 12/20/2022. Council Member Burns seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Council Member Hartley moved to approve the organizational meeting minutes dated 1/3/2023. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda – None.

Comments from the Public – None at this time.

Administrative Reports –

Mayor: Nothing to report.

Solicitor: Not in attendance.

Village Administrator:

- Village Administrator Report was provided in the Council packets.
- Winter weather – Due to the severe drop in negative temperatures; 6 emergency shut offs were done due to frozen/busted pipes due to the resident not having a proper shutoff at their residence. Utility crews for several days checked water pits and found several leaks. Leaks were corrected and the Village is now running around 130,000 gallons per day. VA Ballinger request that Council forgive the \$100.00 shut-off fee for the 6 residents this one time and also have a letter sent to the residents explaining that this forgiveness is for one time and that they need to put in their own shut-off valve. VA Ballinger stated that residents are required to have their own shut-off valves. Council Member Banks moved to waive the \$100.00 shut-off fee for 6 customers between Dec.20, 2022-Jan. 4th, 2023. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Grants – An EPA no-match grant is available up to \$10K for leak detection equipment. Utility Superintendent would like to apply for the grant to be able to obtain a new leak detector. Council Member Banks moved to allow the VA to apply for an EPA grant for leak detection equipment. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Grocery Store – High interest rates have caused issues financially for the store. VA has met with them and has reviewed financial incentives with the Solicitor and Mayor to entice the store to keep pursuing coming to Arcanum. VA would like Council's permission to provide to the buyer: transformers and setting of new poles for the electric, 25% discount towards Utilities for 4 years and Property Tax Abatements for improvements for 12 years.

General discussion amongst Council on the pros and cons on the suggested financial incentives. Council agreed that this wasn't something the Village needed to profit from, but being able to aid in providing an amenity to the residents. Council Member Banks moved to allow the VA to propose the suggested financial incentives to the grocery store buyer. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

- Personnel – After the yearly employee reviews were completed and witnessing several events over the last few weeks, VA feels that the employees who are Utility Lineman II are routinely performing tasks and jobs that are far above their position. VA asked Council to move the two employees to the position of Utility Lineman I Step B.

Council discussed the budget effects, the skills the employees have, employees continuing education and when a new Apprentice Lineman would be hired. Council Member Genovesi moved that the two current Utility Lineman II employees be moved to Utility Lineman I Step B of the Wage Scale retroactive to January 9th pay period. Council Member Hartley seconded. Council Member Burns voted Nay and all other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer:

- Acceptance of Properly Appropriated and Funded Expenditures.
- Financial Reports were provided in the Council packets.
- Year End Review - Tax revenues were up approximately 1.2% from last year and up 5% from what was budgeted for the year. General Fund carryover will be approximately \$1.5 million with the overall carry over to be approximately \$5.6 million. Final reports will be sent to Council later next week.

Police Chief:

- Personnel – Chief Ballinger gave a detailed service bio on Officer John Wilt highlighting his many awards with the United States Military, achievements with the Arcanum Police Department and his outstanding

character. Chief Ballinger expressed his deepest gratitude to Officer Wilt and with great privilege asked that Council promote Office John Wilt to Sergeant of the Arcanum Police Department. Council Member Genovesi moved to promote John Wilt to Sergeant/SRO of the Arcanum Police Department. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Officer John Wilt then took his Oath of Office administered by President Pro-Tem, Jerry Boolman.

Committee Reports

Safety: Next meeting is scheduled for 1/25/2023 at 5:00pm.

Utility Committee: Nothing to report.

Finance & Audit: Nothing to report.

Service and Leisure: Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 1/12/2023 at 5:00pm.

Personnel: Report given by Eric VanHoose. Next meeting is scheduled for 1/9/223 at 5:00pm.

- Committee reviewed the VA job description prepared by Clemans & Nelson.
- Personnel Manual – the mileage reimbursement needs revised to pay per the current IRS mileage rate and to specify mileage reimbursement is from point “A” to point “B” only.

Planning: Nothing to report.

Old Business

1. **Ordinance 2022-50** - An Ordinance Setting Water Rates For The Village Of Arcanum. (2nd Reading)

New Business

1. **Ordinance 2023-01** - An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Funds To Various Funds As Provided In The 2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance, And Declaring An Emergency. Council Member Banks moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-01. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Banks moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-01. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Banks moved to declare Ordinance 2023-01 an emergency. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
2. **Ordinance 2023-02** – An Ordinance Establishing A Police Protection Services Levy Fund And Declaring An Emergency. Council Member Hartley moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-02. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-02. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to declare Ordinance 2023-02 an emergency. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
Ordinance 2023-03 –An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2021-18 To Correct A Clerical Error. Exhibit A. (1st Reading). Council Member Genovesi moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-03. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-03. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
3. **Ordinance 2023-04** – 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 (Electric Fund). Council Member Hartley moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-04. Council Member Burns seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-04. Council Member Burns seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to declare Ordinance 2023-04 an emergency. Council Member Burns seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
4. **Resolution 2023-01** - A Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Seek Bids For The 2023 Farm Ground Lease And Declaring An Emergency. Exhibit A. Council Member VanHoose moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2023-01. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member VanHoose moved to adopt Resolution 2023-01. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member VanHoose moved to declare Resolution 2023-01 an emergency. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
5. **Resolution 2023-02** - A Resolution Authorizing The Village Police Chief To Enter Into An Agreement With Flock Group, Inc. And Declaring An Emergency. Exhibit A. Council Member Genovesi moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2023-02. Council Member Banks seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to adopt Resolution 2023-02. Council Member Banks seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to declare Resolution 2023-02 an emergency. Council Member Banks seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Announcements – None.

Adjournment – Council Member Hartley moved to adjourn. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

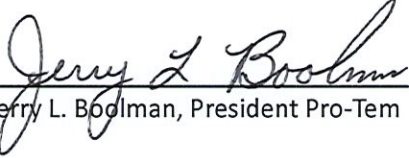
ATTEST:



Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor



Toni M. Stanley, Fiscal Officer



Jerry L. Boodman, President Pro-Tem