

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
August 29, 2023
6:00 – Tour of the Old Town Hall – Preservation Society
7:00 p.m. Regular Session – Preservation Society Building

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

Swearing In – Appointed Council Member Calli Means was sworn in by Mayor Millard.

Roll Call – The following council members were present: Eric VanHoose, David Hartley, Calli Means, Rick Genovesi, Jerry Boolman and Ryan Burns. Also in attendance were Solicitor Nicole Pohlman, VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Admin. Specialist Julie Miller, Nicholas Jackson, Amra Jackson, Beth Cox, Gordon Cox, Bev Rench, Chris Kessler, Chloe Price, Bruce Shack, Brad Proctor, Missie Shilt, Angela Herron, Jim Peele and Jarod Fox.

Swearing In – Police Chief Ballinger presented a candidate for hire to the Police Department and asked that Council approve the hiring of the candidate. Council Member Genovesi moved to hire Nicholas Jackson as an officer to the Arcanum Police Department at Step A of the wage scale effective 9/4/2023. Council Member Hartley seconded. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Mayor Millard proceeded with swearing in Nicholas Jackson to the Arcanum Police Department.

Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals – Council Member Hartley moved to approve the regular meeting minutes dated 8/8/2023. Council Member VanHoose seconded. Council Member Boolman and Council Member Means abstained. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda – Addition of Ord.#2023-33.

Comments from the Public – None.

Administrative Reports –

Mayor:

- Vicki Rhodehamel has suggested having a live nativity scene in the park during Christmas in the Park. She is reaching out to the other churches in the community to see if there would be enough participation to do such an event.
- Old Town Hall – Mayor thanked the Preservation Society (PS) for providing a tour before the council meeting of the renovations made thus far to the building. PS expressed their concern in doing a whole bunch of work to the building, and then a few years down the road another council decides to take the building from under them. PS expressed their interest in being able to apply for grants for the remaining repairs. Mayor asked the question on whether the PS would have any interest in buying the building from the Village and Township. The PS is not opposed to the idea, but needs to do more research on the idea. Council Member Hartley stated that he would have no problem passing a resolution offering support to the Preservation Society, but the resolution would not mean much if another council wanted to do something with the building. The PS mentioned maybe a contract would be more feasible. Council, Mayor, Solicitor, and PS members spoke in general on different options available and what is most feasible for all the parties involved. Council Member Burns asked whether the PS would have investors in purchasing the building. It was mentioned that any type of sale or lease agreement would have to be advertised. The PS liked the idea of owning the building, but would need to do some number crunching with their Treasurer on what they could afford to pay for the building. They will reach out to the VA after their next meeting.

Solicitor: Nothing currently.

Village Administrator/ Police Chief: Reports were provided in Council Packets.

VA Report-

- When making the budget last year, it was not budgeted to have money in the park fund for the upfront cost of the walking path at the gazebo if the reimbursement grant was awarded. In the north section of the Preserve a culvert needs to be placed, to make the trail passable for \$1,500.00. Council Member Hartley moved to spend up to \$7.5K out of the ¼% Fund with \$6K to be reimbursed for the walking path at the gazebo and \$1,500.00 for the culvert. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Council Member Boolman moved to approve a sewer forgiveness for 502 W. George Street in the amount of \$162.00. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Updates and additional information on the Police Department have been added to the Villages website.
- New janitorial services for the Village Office have begun and is going well.
- Consolidated Tank began painting the outside of the water tank. The bottom of the tank looks good and should not need any extensive repairs for another 5-6 years.

Council Member Hartley brought up that there is a trampoline under the tank presently. VA Ballinger stated that he frequently has to have the resident remove items from under the water tank. Council Member Boolman questioned whether the water tank should be fenced in.

- Land Survey – The Darke Co. Commissioners have put out a land survey for residents of Darke County to participate in to determine what the county residents would like to see in their communities. The survey is being put on free of charge by OSU for a class project.

Fiscal Officer:

- Acceptance of Properly Appropriated and Funded Expenditures.
- YTD and Month to Date Revenue and Expenditure reports.
- Council was given May, June, and July Reconciliation and ¼% Fund report.
- Council Member Hartley moved to approve the 4.5% apportionment by the Darke County Budget Commission for Local Government in 2024. Council Member Burns seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Council gave approval to only have in the Council Packets the YTD Report.
- Fire Department – Open House October 7th; Old Fire Truck did not sell and will be listed on GovDeals.

Committee Reports

Safety: Nothing to report.

Utility Committee: Report given by Ryan Burns. Next meeting is scheduled for 9/11/23 @6pm.

- Scada System upgrade will be installed in the next week.
- Dull Rd project is going well and should be completed by the end of September.
- Sewer plant – paddle gears have arrived; brine tank and one of the wells have been cleaned.
- Solar policy – Sawvell is working on drafting this policy and will be ready by next year.
- Electric Charge – Sawvell is recommending that we drop our PCA charge for the consumption months of August to January to zero dollars due to collecting too much.
- AMP – During the process of building a new substation, AMP will be the Villages “Agent” in negotiations with AES.

Finance & Audit: Nothing to report.

Service and Leisure: Report given by Calli Means. Next meeting scheduled for 9/7/23 @ 5pm is cancelled.

- Walking path at the gazebo.
- Pickleball – Tournament was good, and many more residents than expected have been using the court. Will start on turning the basketball court in Ivester Park to a multipurpose court in early fall.
- Ball Diamonds – Painting of the shed will occur. Discussed a rubber coating for the tennis court.
- Pool – Discussed the overall condition of the pool and different issues that are present.
- Nature Preserve – Welcome sign has been erected; planning to add a few additional directional/trail name signs. Utility Department has been working on making the trails wider. Plans on adding a culvert to one part of the trail. Park & Rec Committee Council Member Hartley moved to approve the expenditure of \$500 for the Arcanum Nature Preserve welcome sign. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All council members voted yea. Motion passed. Park & Rec Committee would like to hold a scavenger hunt on some of the trees that they have given unique names to.
- Grants- Should find out in October if the Trails Grant was awarded.
- Violations- Going very well. Mayor discussed with Council a group sidewalk shaving project that involves various residents on 4 different streets in town. Mayor advised that on these four streets there are a lot of sidewalks that have small trip hazards, and a local contractor will be performing a group shaving or lifting project. Mayor handed out a letter for council to review that would be sent out to residents.

Council Member Hartley moved to amend the previous motion of approving the expenditure of \$500 for the Arcanum Nature Preserve welcome signs to \$564.00. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Planning: Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 9/27/23 @6pm

Old Business

1. **Ordinance 2023-32** - An Ordinance Enacting An Animal Control Code For The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio (2nd Reading)

New Business

1. **Ordinance 2023-33** - An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of The Agency Agreement With Amp Transmission, LLC And Declaring An Emergency. Council Member Boolman moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-33. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Boolman moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-33. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Boolman moved to declare Ordinance 2023-33 an emergency. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed
2. **Resolution 2023-27** - A Resolution Authorizing The Jan 18, 2023 – Aug 17, 2023 Utility Write-Off Accounts And Declaring An Emergency. (Exhibit A). Council Member Hartley moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2023-27. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to adopt Resolution 2023-27. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to declare Resolution 2023-27 an emergency. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed

3. **Resolution 2023-28** - A Resolution Authorizing Certification To The County Auditor For The Collection Of Delinquent Utility Bills And Declaring An Emergency. (Exhibit A). Council Member Genovesi moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2023-28. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to adopt Resolution 2023-28. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to declare Resolution 2023-28 an emergency. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed
4. **Resolution 2023-29** - A Resolution Appointing Josh Warren To The Planning Commission Of The Village Of Arcanum, Darke County, Ohio And Declaring An Emergency. Council Member Boolman moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2023-29. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Boolman moved to adopt Resolution 2023-29. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Boolman moved to declare Resolution 2023-29 an emergency. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed
5. **Resolution 2023-30** - Resolution Accepting The Amounts And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The County Auditor. (1st Reading)

Announcements – Purple Heart Ceremony and Golf Cart Parade is set for September 14th. Ceremony is at the Arcanum Veteran’s Park.

Adjournment – Council Member Hartley moved to adjourn. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

ATTEST:


Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor


Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer


Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem