

**Village of Arcanum Council Meeting**  
**September 12, 2023**  
**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: Eric VanHoose, David Hartley, Rick Genovesi, Jerry Boolman and Ryan Burns. Also in attendance were Solicitor Nicole Pohlman, VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Admin. Specialist Julie Miller, Sandy Hartley, Missie Shilt, and Chloe Price.

**Council Member Boolman moved to excuse Council Member Means. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.** (Council Member Means arrived at 7:02pm)

**Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals** – Council Member Boolman moved to approve the regular meeting minutes dated 8/29/2023. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Amendments to Agenda** – None.

**Comments from the Public** – Missie Shilt inquired whether there was any news on the grocery store. VA stated that he was last told it would be sometime in October.

**Administrative Reports** –

**Mayor:**

- Presentation of Life Saving Award Certificate – Ayanna New
- Resident complaint - Several residents have been complaining of neighbors parking their storage trailers/ travel trailers in the front of their houses; complaint of high school students racing down Wiesenberger Court after practice; complaint of people leaving dog waste in the green space between the sidewalks and streets.

Council Member Burns shared that he had walked the areas of Northmoor and Greenmoor and seen 4 utility trailers, 2 campers, and a boat in front of the residences and feels that the complaints are very valid. General discussion was held on the issue and becoming more proactive on enforcing the zoning regulations for the storing of these items.

- Vicki Rhodehamel would like to do a live nativity in the park this year during Christmas in the Park.
- Brick Street Block Party – Council Member Burns would like to see that the AJBS contract be shortened so that Brick Street can hold a softball tournament during the Block Party. Council Member Burns stated that there had been issues before with AJBS not allowing alcohol during the tournament and trash not being picked up.

**Solicitor:** Nothing currently.

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

**VA Report-**

- Fire Truck sold on GovDeals for \$4,700.00.
- Greater Ohio Bike Adventure (GOBA)- Interested in making Arcanum an overnight stop on their tour in 2024. Bikers would need areas to pitch tents or staying at the Field House. Will be further discussed in Service & Leisure.
- High Speed Internet – Darke Co. has \$500,000.00 grant to provide internet to the entire county. County has asked the Village to be apart of this, and VA has been working with the providing company on language that would be acceptable to council. Company would be placing their equipment on the water tower; therefore, VA will bring further information to either Service & Leisure or the Utility Committee.
- Village Website – VA would like Council to allow pertinent ordinances to the residents be placed on the website for the residents to review.

**Fiscal Officer:**

- Acceptance of Properly Appropriated and Funded Expenditures.
- YTD report given in Council Packet.
- Health Insurance Broker – Admin. Specialist Julie Miller discussed with Council the current issues that are occurring with the current Village health insurance broker. Mayor, VA, Fiscal Officer, and Admin. Specialist have met with VanVleet Insurance out of Richmond twice and discussed their services offered. Julie advised that based solely on customer service, she would ask Council to approve moving to VanVleet Insurance as the Village health insurance broker. Discussion was held on the pros and cons of both Phelan Insurance and VanVleet Insurance. Council Member Burns, with support from the rest of council, asked that the Admin. Specialist bring to council information on services offered by MoGohan Brabender and more information on VanVleet Insurance before they make a decision on moving towards a different health insurance broker.

**Safety:** Nothing to report.

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

- Scada upgrade- need more information on the generator.

- Dull Rd. Project – Everything has been switched over to 7200 and there are four more houses left to dig. A gas line was broke and the Village will be billed from CenterPoint for the damage. Will work with CenterPoint on making sure they identify the gas lines better in the future.
- Green Water Tower – Repairs are almost done.
- WWTP – Gears have been replaced with plans to rebuild the other motor this spring. A water pump has broke and is being rebuilt, and Rick Snyder is proposing that the Village buy a new motor as a backup. A generator has been removed and there was some equipment that was left behind such as a 1,000 diesel tank. Council Member Hartley moved to allow the VA to sign the bill of sale of \$1.00. for the diesel fixtures from AMP. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Traffic Light – Discussed the delays with the poles; resident Carol Bryson attended the meeting and asked for the light pedal stool (2ftx2ft) not be placed in her front yard. Committee advised that there more than likely wasn't much that they could do as it is a decision of the State Highway Department, but would see if there were any other options.

Council Member Hartley asked for an estimated time for the poles. VA stated that the company that sent the wrong poles will not take them back and it could be a while before they could send the right poles. Currently looking at other companies that may be a little more expensive, but could have the poles delivered sooner. For the incorrect poles the Utility Department is seeing if they can use them on another Village project or finding a buyer for the poles.

- Solar Policy – Committee had received updated policy language and reviewed together. Committee discussed removing the level billing option for solar users. Discussed switching to a different meter reader. VA will have final language for Council review by the end of October. VA explained to Council why it would not be wise to go to a net-metering billing for solar users.
- Seasonal Water Credit – Discussed giving residents a seasonal water credit for watering flowers and yards during the summer months.

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

**Service and Leisure:** Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 9/21/23 @ 5pm.

**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 (3rd Reading). Council Member Boolman moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-32. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
2. **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. (2nd Reading). Council Member Boolman moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2023-30. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Boolman moved to adopt Resolution 2023-30. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

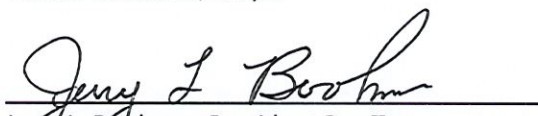
#### Announcements –

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

#### ATTEST:

  
Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor

  
Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer

  
Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem