

**Village of Arcanum Council Meeting**  
**October 10, 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, Ryan Burns, Jerry Boolman, and Calli Means. Also in attendance were VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Fiscal Officer Karen Deao, Admin. Specialist Julie Miller, Tammy Bruner, Ed Bruner, Kelly Norris, Bruce Shank, Missie Shilt, Katie Hartman, Pat Jans, Chloe Price, Sandi Baker.

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

**Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals** – **Council Member VanHoose moved to approve the regular meeting minutes dated 9/26/2023. Council Member Hartley seconded. All council members voted yea. Motion passed.**

**Amendments to Agenda** – None.

**Comments from the Public** –

- Girl Scouts Hope & Faith Baker gave a presentation to Council on allowing their girl scout troop to purchase and install a GaGa Ball Pit in Ivester Park. Council asked general questions on the idea. Council loved the idea and gave their preliminary approval for the GaGa Pit, and applauded the youngsters on their presentation. The Girl Scout Troop Leader Sandi Baker, will come back to a November meeting with more information.
- Kelly Norris – Expressed his concerns with a local couple residing in his area, and what the Village is doing in regards to them. He is concerned and frustrated with the explicit messages that are being portrayed to the community and the continued harassment to his family and others in the neighborhood. Mr. Norris reviewed items in the Zoning Book that he felt the couple were violating. Council and the VA/Police Chief advised that they are all very aware of the issues regarding the couple and agreed whole heartedly with Mr. Norris on his views and concerns. VA/Police Chief advised that they have been doing everything within their legal powers to address the issues. VA/Police Chief Ballinger advised that the best course of action is for all the residents to continue reporting incidents with the couple to the Police Department. Chief Ballinger stated that he is very thankful for those residents that have bravely been taking a stand. Mr. Norris thanked Chief Ballinger in all that he has done so far in the matter, but wishes there was more that could be done.

**Administrative Reports** –

**Mayor:**

- Sidewalk Shaving Project for North Main and E. South Street is coming along, with 29 residents participating.
- A resident has voiced their concern on curbs along the highways coming into town. Mayor advised that 6-7 years ago the residents turned down doing the revitalization for the State Highway streets. Mayor and the VA are looking into what the cost would be to have these replaced. Curbs are the property owner's responsibility financially, however, they are hoping that there is a way to use the State Highway funding to subsidize some of the cost, if all the property owners would agree to have the curbs replaced on the two main streets.

**Solicitor:** Not present.

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

**VA Report-**

- Still working on the 2024 budget.
- Internet – Working with MaxWireless on establishing service in the Arcanum area and placing equipment on the water towers. The County wide broadband company, Adgile, will also be placing equipment on the Village water towers.
- Darke Co. Land Use Survey – Arcanum was advised that per the survey the area not having a grocery store is the most requested. The survey data for the entire county is still being collected.

Council Member Hartley asked if the VA had heard from the owner of the grocery store. VA advised that the last conversation was awhile back, with the plan for opening in October, but he has not heard anything additional since then.

**Fiscal Officer:**

- Acceptance of Properly Appropriated and Funded Expenditures.
- Financial reports were provided in the Council Packets.
- House Bill 33 – Julie advised that this new bill addressed the required publications of the Village and how those are done. She believes that the Village will now be able to use social media and the Village website to publish meetings, hearing, etc., and she has forwarded the information to the Solicitor for review.
- Health Insurance Broker – Council had been given information on both VanVleet Insurance and MoGohan

Brabender, Mayor, VA, Fiscal Officer, and Administrative Specialist have reviewed the pros and cons of each broker. It was asked from the Admin. Specialist for Council to approve moving from Phelan Insurance to VanVleet Insurance effective immediately. Council Member Hartley moved to approve switching from Phelan Insurance to VanVleet Insurance as the Village health insurance broker effective immediately. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

- 2024 budget talks are continuing.
- Personnel - Tax Administrator has begun cross training with the Utility Clerk; Admin. Specialist has begun working with the Fiscal Officer on training on P.O.'s and Payroll.

**Safety:** Nothing to report.

**Utility Committee:** Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 10/16/2023 @6pm.

**Finance & Audit:** Report given by Jerry Boolman. Next meeting is scheduled for 10/17/2023 @5:30pm

- Discussed wages for 2024, as well as, the 2024 overall budget.
- Karen Deao has completed her first 6 months as the Village Fiscal Officer, and was to have a salary increase after 6 months. Council Member Hartley moved to approve a \$1,000.00 bonus to Fiscal Officer Karen Deao retroactive to September 1, 2023. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Committee discussed the cost and funding of the new ceiling for the fire house. The Committee feels it would be more beneficial to use the money from the sale of the old fire truck and various other equipment towards a new fire house ceiling versus applying the money to the principal of the new fire truck, as the levy is already paying for the new fire truck. Council Member VanHoose moved to have the \$11,000 received from the sale of the old fire truck and various other equipment, to be put towards the cost of the new fire house ceiling. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Committee discussed resurfacing the old tennis courts. A local asphalt company can do the work this fall, and there is no guarantee that the cost will not be higher by next year. Council Member Hartley moved to have the tennis courts resurfaced, at an amount not to exceed \$19,600.00 from the Park & Pool Fund. Council Member Means seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Committee discussed the splash pad. Jerry asked that Council approve paying \$4,500.00 to Mote & Associates for the preliminary design work for the splash pad. Council Member Hartley moved to accept the splash pad proposal from Mote & Associates and further approve paying the \$4,500.00 consultant fee. Council Member Burns seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Service and Leisure:** Report given by Calli Means. Next meeting is scheduled for 10/19/23 @ 5pm.

- GOBA- Event would take place June 21<sup>st</sup>, with Arcanum being the last stop on the bike tour. There would be around 1000-1500 bicyclist staying overnight in Ivester Park and at the Field House. GOBA will provide shower houses, as well as, a camp and safety plan. A local organization would need to host a dinner that night, and entertainment would be appreciated. A stipend from GOBA would be given to the dinner host and any entertainment that would be provided.
- Darke Side of the Moon – Discussed having primitive camping behind the Administration Building and possibly Ivester park.

VA & Admin. Specialist will be working on camping plans in various places in the Village. Julie will work with Darke County GIS on designs. Once we are finalized with the plans, the Village will register with the County for people to see that we have camping available. VA reiterated that the Village needs to be ready to handle the overnight increase in population for the event, with pre-planning a must.

- Pickleball – Court in Ivester is completed (basketball lines will be painted next spring); will be having a "Pickleball in the Park" class on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- Received a quote for having the tennis courts resurfaced and will bring to Council and Finance.
- Discussed collecting bids for new curb on Main Street for next spring.

**Personnel:** Nothing to report.

**Planning:** Report given by David Hartley. Mote & Associates attended the meeting.

- Community Pool – Opening current pool is on a year-to-year basis.
- Village is looking at a new pool, baby pool, concession stand with a grill, and pump house. Pool could be an Olympic size, or an aquatic center with zero entry. New pool would most likely be in the current location.
- Discussed possible financing; partial funding from ODNR grants (Land & Water Conservation & Nature Works). At this time a realistic cost is not available, but an estimated guess would be \$5-6 million. A levy or income tax initiative would need to be put on the ballot in November 2024.
- Mote & Assoc. will get construction estimates and present to Council, with the estimates needed by May of 2024.
- Projected ground breaking would be 4-5 years.
- All future determinations will be the result of the community's vote and involvement.


**Old Business - None**

**New Business - None**

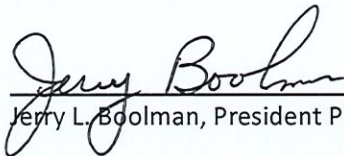
**Announcements** – Bean Supper and Halloween Parade is Oct. 26th; Fire House Pork Chop dinners are on sale.

**Adjournment** – Council Member Boolman moved to adjourn. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor

  
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Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer

  
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Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem