

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting

November 14, 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, and Jerry Boolman. Also in attendance were VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Fiscal Officer Karen Deao, Admin. Specialist Julie Miller, Ed Bruner, Tammy Bruner, Chuck Thompson, and Missie Shilt.

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

Council Member Hartley moved to excuse Council Member Means. Council Member Boolman 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 10/31/2023. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Amendments to Agenda** – Addition of Ordinance#2023-42

**Comments from the Public** – None.

**Administrative Reports** –

**Mayor:**

- Resident Susan Willis has given the Village employees a compliment on the leaf pickup.
- BZA- Taylor Somers will be resigning from the Board effective Jan. 1, 2024. Mayor will be appointing Sarah Billenstein as Taylor's replacement.
- Humane Society – The Village still has money for the T-N-R Program to do 6 cats by end of the year.
- Village Levies – Darke Co. Auditor has advised that the 2024 Special Election will be in March, and Council needs to move quickly if they are going to be putting the 2 failed November levies on. Filing deadline with the BOE is Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Mayor stated that the VA had brought to her a different idea for the levies.

VA presented the idea to Council of placing on the ballot an increase in the Income Tax instead of going back out for the 2 failed November levies, as well as, letting go of the Parks levy. VA would like to see an increased 1.5% Income Tax, with 1% put towards the new pool for the next five years, and the remaining .5% being divided between the Pool & Park Fund and the Street Department. Council asked general questions on the proposed idea. It was suggested to put a survey out to the residents on whether they would support this type of funding for a new pool and the type of pool desired. VA would hold multiple Town Hall Meetings if Council agrees to the increased Income Tax. Council Member Burns asked if we could have a mock drawing of a future pool for residents to view. Resident Chuck Thompson agreed that to get the income tax passed there would have to be many Town Hall Meetings that would have to be perfectly executed on educating the residents correctly. Resident Missy Shilt stated that the 2 levies that just failed, the Village should have done more education on the levies to the residents. She also stated she felt an increased Income Tax would be a hard sell to the community. Mayor went on to explain the difference between a renewal and replacement levy. Council asked the VA to prepare an outline of what was presented for next meeting.

**Solicitor:** Not present.

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

**VA/PD Report-**

- Water Tower- Repairs have been made and there are no leaks present. VA & Utility Super discussed the idea of putting a fence up around the green water tower and both felt it was not necessary. Council felt that a fence is needed and requested that quotes be obtained.
- Water Lines – During the inspection a water leak was detected and has been repaired.
- Motes & Associates – Sent over the swimming pool agreement, with a preliminary design cost of \$8,500. Council Member Hartley moved to allow the VA to enter into a contract with Motes & Associates for the swimming pool for a preliminary cost of \$8,500.00. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Violations –Violations will start to be issued in November and December for 2024 to allow residents more time to be put on a contractor's schedule. The current violation letter has been updated to be clearer for residents on the violation and the Village procedures that go along with the violations. Council Member Hartley would like the verbiage changed from "will to may" in the last paragraph, and all other Council Members agreed. Council Member Hartley moved to begin using the new violation letter with the amendment change in the last paragraph. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Police Department –
  - Faith UMC donated a \$100.00 to the PD. Chief asked for Council's approval to not place the donation in the General Fund but to place the donation into the Police Department's petty cash, as Faith UMC asked that the money go towards snacks, etc. for the officers. Council Member

Hartley moved to allow the \$100 donation to the Police Department be placed into petty cash. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

- o CPT Training has been completed by all the officers.

**Fiscal Officer:**

- Acceptance of Properly Appropriated and Funded Expenditures.
- Financial reports were provided in the Council Packets, along with the balanced September Reconciliation.

**Safety:** Nothing to report.

**Utility Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Finance & Audit:** Report given by Jerry Boolman.

- Reviewed the final draft of 2024 Budget and is ready for Council approval. Budget does include increases for wages and benefits and a list of capital expenditures.

Preliminary health insurance quotes were provided to Council. VanVleet is still working on the renewal and it should be completed within a few days after FormFire is completed. Council discussed possibly moving towards a slightly higher deductible plan with a lower monthly premium.

**Service and Leisure:** Report given by David Hartley.

- AJBS- reviewed contract for 2024 with a few minor changes; issues with dumpster being used by surrounding residents; reviewed conditions of the fields.
- Projects - S. West Street has been asphalted; Tennis court will be replaced in the spring.
- Violations were discussed and will begin in November & December for 2024.
- Events – Discussed the Darke Side of the Moon & GOBA in 2024.

**Personnel:** Nothing to report.

**Planning:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business - None**

**New Business –**

1. **Ordinance 2023-36** – An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2023-35. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
2. **Ordinance 2023-37** - An Ordinance Establishing New Waste Collection Rates For The Village Of Arcanum. Exhibit A. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading).
3. **Ordinance 2023-38** – An Ordinance Confirming The Appointment Of Village Fiscal Officer. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading).
4. **Ordinance 2023-39** - An Ordinance Providing For The Appointment Of A Village Administrator/Chief Of Police. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading).
5. **Ordinance 2023-40** - An Ordinance For Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Arcanum, Darke County Ohio, During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024. Exhibit A. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
6. **Ordinance 2023-41** - An Ordinance Providing For Wages For The Village Of Arcanum Employees For Calendar Year 2024. Exhibit A. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
7. **Ordinance 2023-42** - An Ordinance Authorizing The Transfer Of Funds To Various Funds As Provided In The 2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance, And Declaring An Emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading due to lack of quorum)

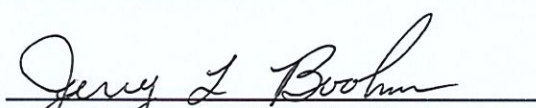
**Announcements** – Special Council Meeting set for 11/21/23 @5:30pm for the purpose of legislation and a work session for levies and Village Health Insurance.

**Adjournment** – Council Member Hartley moved to adjourn. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

**ATTEST:**

  
Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor

  
Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer

  
Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem