

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting

November 28, 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, Rick Genovesi, and Calli Means. Also in attendance were VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Fiscal Officer Karen Deao, Admin. Specialist Julie Miller, Ed Bruner, Tammy Bruner, and Sandi, Faith, Hope, and Heaven Baluer.

Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals – Council Member Boolman moved to approve the regular meeting minutes dated 11/14/2023. Council Member Hartley seconded. Council Members Genovesi and Means abstained. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda – Oath of Office for Rick Genovesi and Tammy Bruner during the Mayor's report.

Comments from the Public – Girl Scouts from Troop# 3073 gave a presentation on their plan for a gaga pit in Ivester Park. Faith, Hope, and Heaven each spoke on recycling, lids that can be collected, and why they are wanting to do the project. The Troop will be holding a community lid collection date on January 4th from 10am - noon. Council agreed to donate the Village collected caps to the Girl Scouts for the next few months. Scout Leader Sandi stated that the Troop will come back in January to update Council on the project.

Administrative Reports –

Mayor:

- Oath of Office was given to Rick Genovesi and Tammy Bruner, by the Mayor.
- Setting of the 2024 Organizational Meeting. Council decided on Jan. 2, 2024 at 6pm.

Council Member Genovesi asked to speak before moving on with the rest of the meeting. Council Member Genovesi stated that he has been approached numerous times from residents asking why Council doesn't have minds of their own, and simply doing the Mayor's bidding. Council Member Genovesi wanted to speak on record that those comments are not true. He expressed that Council does not always agree with each other, same as Council does not always agree with the Mayor. There has to be separation between Council and Mayor, but when it comes to important legislation and topics, and everyone agrees with one another, that doesn't mean that everyone is just blindly following one person. Council Member Genovesi feels that what the Council has done so far has been productive for the community. Council Member Genovesi stated that he voted for the Mayor, and would do so again. Council Member Boolman stated that it tends to be that majority of those types of comments come from those who do not attend council meetings, so they do not know about the discussions at Council Meetings, or the Committee meetings. Council Member Boolman stated that even with past Mayors, and with being a small village, there just isn't a lot of controversial topics that come up where you get a lot of dissension amongst council members, or where it draws residents to the meetings. Council Member Boolman stated that Council will disagree when the need arises, but they all have the best interest of the Village at heart. Mayor stated that while she was a Council Member, she did not feel like she had to vote yes, when she disagreed. She still wanted her vote to show no, even knowing the issue was going to pass. Council Member Burns went on to say that a lot of topics deal with keeping the lights on, and probably will receive a yes vote, but the controversial topics, like the Flock Camera System, was talked about during numerous meetings, with the vote showing yes, but all Council Members had different thoughts for a while, until we all came to a consensus. Those who do not come to the meetings, they are not seeing how Council gets to that final vote. Solicitor stated that she has been representing the Village for a long time, and there was a time when no one got along between council, employees, and mayor. The last few years has been the smoothest across the board the Village has ever run since she has been Solicitor.

Solicitor: Nothing to report.

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

- Traffic Light – Will be working on the project throughout the winter. Yellow Springs maybe interested in purchasing the original poles that were delivered but not the correct poles.
- Council Member Boolman moved to allow the VA to sign the AMP Acknowledgement Form for Asset Retirement for the diesel generator. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Council Member Hartley moved to sell the JV5 Bellville AMP Recs for '23, '24, and '25. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Personnel – VA stated that John Wilt and Randy Baker are both asking for an extension into 2024 to use a week's vacation. Council Member Burns asked if there was a concern with rolling a week over this year if it will happen again next year. VA stated that it does happen and this is the third year in a row that it has happened. Council Member Burns asked if there was a buyout option for vacation. Council Member Boolman stated that the Village has never done that, and would rather not start that practice. Mayor advised that Randy doesn't like to take off during nice weather due to there being so much that needs done and would rather use it in the winter months when a lot of the work is done inside with maintenance work, etc. Council Member Hartley moved to allow Randy Baker to use a week of vacation.

by the end of February; John Wilt to use a week of vacation by the end of March. Council Member Burns seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer: Nothing to report.

Safety: Nothing to report.

Utility Committee: Nothing to report.

Finance & Audit: Report given by Jerry Boolman.

- Reviewed the options for the 2024 Health Insurance for medical, dental, vision, and life. The plan that is the best fit for the Village and employee, will end up saving the Village and employee money. Council Member Hartley moved to authorize legislation be prepared to move forward with option 4 of the Anthem renewal for medical, Principal renewal for dental and vision, and to move life insurance to Principal. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Service and Leisure: Nothing to report. All further meetings for the year are cancelled.

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Planning: Nothing to report.

Old Business - None

New Business –

1. **Resolution 2023-33** – A Resolution Of Necessity To Levy A Replacement Tax In Excess Of The Ten-Mill Limitation For The Current Operating Expenses Of The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio, And Declaring An Emergency. Council Member Boolman moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2023-33. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Boolman moved to adopt Resolution 2023-33. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Boolman moved to declare Resolution 2023-33 an emergency. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed
2. **Resolution 2023-34** - A Resolution Of Necessity To Levy A Replacement Tax In Excess Of The Ten-Mill Limitation For The Current Operating Expenses Of The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio, And Declaring An Emergency. Council Member Genovesi moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2023-34 Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to adopt Resolution 2023-34. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to declare Resolution 2023-34 an emergency. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed

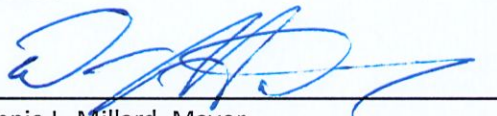
Mayor advised Council that she did apologize to the residents in the December Newsletter for the Village not correctly informing the residents on the two levies on the ballot in November.

Announcements –

- Special Council Meeting scheduled for December 5th @7pm for the purpose of conducting regular meeting items.
- December Meetings- No December 26th meeting; December 12th TBD
- Mayor thanked Council Member Means for being part of Council for the last few months.
- Christmas in the Park December 2nd @6pm. Volunteers are still needed.

Adjournment – Council Member Hartley moved to adjourn. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea, except for Council Member Genovesi with a NO vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

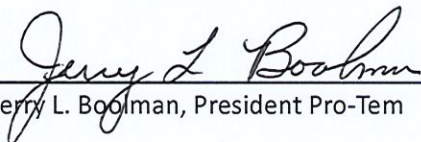
ATTEST:



Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor



Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer



Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem