

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting

January 30, 2024

7:00 p.m. Regular Session

**Call to Order** – President Pro-Tem Jerry L. Boolman 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, Jerry Boolman, Rick Genovesi, Ryan Burns and Tammy Bruner. Also in attendance were VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Solicitor Nicole Pohlman, Fire Chief Kurt Troutwine, Admin. Specialist Julie Miller, and Bruce Shank.

**Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals** – Council Member Hartley moved to approve the Meeting Minutes dated 1/9/2024. Council Member VanHoose seconded. Council Member Ryan Burns abstained. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Amendments to Agenda** – Additional executive session prior to adjournment to discuss possible sale or purchase of a property.

**Comments from the Public** – None.

**Administrative Reports** –

**Mayor:** Not present.

**Solicitor:** Nothing to report.

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

- Street Projects – Plans have arrived from Access; VA and R. Baker will review and send approval back to Access.
- Clean Ohio Grant – Park & Rec Committee will be discussing potential projects for the funds to be used towards.
- Vehicles – Water/Sewer & Police Department vehicles have been submitted to GM.
- Sewer Forgiveness - Council Member Boolman moved to approve a sewer forgiveness for 14 Sierra Lane in the amount of \$144.00. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- AMP – Power Supply Report has been received. Village has had a 6% decrease in '22 and a 6.8% below the '23 forecast.

Council Member Hartley moved to enter executive session to discuss compensation and employment of a public employee. Council member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Council Member Boolman moved to exit executive session where they discussed compensation and employment of a public employee, with no action taken. Council member Burns seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

- Water/Sewer Tap Fees – An updated ordinance needs to be passed for setting water/sewer tap fees and regulations. Currently the earliest discussion on tap fees was found in a committee meeting minutes from 2007. Consensus was to have the VA begin working on an ordinance for establishing fees and regulations for water/sewer taps.

**Fiscal Officer:** YTD Fund Report, Check Registers, and December Reconciliation was provided in the Council Packet.

- Acceptance of Properly Appropriated and Funded Expenditures.
- Fiscal Officer has closed for 2023.

**Fire Chief:** 2023-year end report provided in council packets.

- Chief reviewed the provided packet with Council. Fire Chief feels that the department has great response times for being a volunteer department.
- Grants – Awarded a MARCS Radio grant for \$7k with the funds going towards the purchase of 2 new radios and MARCS user fees. Chief will also be applying for a grant to purchase a new washer and dryer for the fire gear.
- Fire House Improvements –
  - The drop ceiling has been removed, and donated LED lights have been installed throughout the station.
  - Some squirrels and birds have been nesting in the station; traps and holes are being set/fixd to keep the critters out.
  - Spray foam insulation will be done sometime in the spring; chief would like to go ahead and have the inside of the station repainted at the same time while everything is taped off and cleared out.
- Membership is slightly down.
- Chief discussed with Council the Darke Solar Eclipse plans for the event.

**Safety:** Nothing to report.

**Utility Committee:** Nothing to report.

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

**Service and Leisure:** Nothing to report.

**Personnel:** Nothing to report.

**Planning:** Report given by David Hartley.

- Street Projects – East First & South Street – Overall cost of the project is \$1.4M, with the Village match being \$120k (which is less than projected), with several grants funding the rest of the project. Discussed additional projects on Water Street to widen the street.
- Nature Preserve – Discussed using ¼% funds towards the village match to ODNR with the Village funds ranging from \$238k - \$316K. Discussed path types, bridges, etc. as possible projects. Park & Rec Committee will be asked to present project ideas to the Planning Committee and Council.

**Old Business - None**

**New Business –**

1. **Resolution 2024-02** - A Resolution Authorizing The Aug 17, 2023 – Nov 30, 2023 Utility Write-Off Accounts And Declaring An Emergency. Exhibit A. Council Member Genovesi moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2024-02. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to adopt Resolution 2024-02. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Boolman moved to declare Resolution 2024-02 an emergency. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed
2. **Resolution 2024-03** - A Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Arcanum To Enter Into A One Year Agreement With The Local Government Services Section (LGS) Of The Office Of The Auditor Of State And Declaring An Emergency. Exhibit A. Council Member Genovesi moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2024-03. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to adopt Resolution 2024-03. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Boolman moved to declare Resolution 2024-03 an emergency. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed

Council Member Boolman moved to enter executive session to discuss the possible sale or purchase of property. Council member Burns seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Council Member Boolman moved to exit executive session where they discussed the possible sale or purchase of property, with no action taken. Council member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Council Member Hartley moved to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into negotiations for the purchase of property located at 510 N. Main Street, not to exceed \$450k. Council member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Announcements** – None.

**Adjournment** – Council Member Hartley moved to adjourn. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

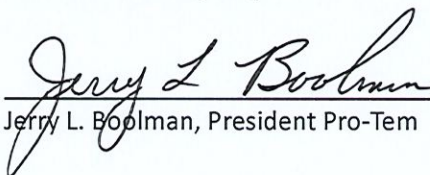
**ATTEST:**



Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor



Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer



Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem