

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting

January 9, 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, and Tammy Bruner. Also in attendance were VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Solicitor Nicole Pohlman, Admin. Specialist Julie Miller, and Bruce Shank.

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

Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals – Council Member Hartley moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes dated 12/5/2023. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Council Member Hartley moved to approve the Organizational Meeting Minutes dated 1/2/2024. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Amendments to Agenda** – None.

**Comments from the Public** – None.

**Administrative Reports** –

**Mayor:** Not present.

**Solicitor:** Nothing to report.

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

- Safe Crossing Project – Main traffic light will be completed during summer break; flashing pedestrian lights have been tested in the Street Dept. with all systems working. Bases will be installed once there are a few good days of weather. Stop signs will remain in place even after the pedestrian lights are installed. Poles are still 12 weeks out from being received. VA is still in discussions with Anixter on the old poles and is hoping that another entity will take them.
- Utility Rates – When the rates were approved to be changed, the industrial rate changes were missed being put into the billing system; VA has the Utility Clerk updating the system with the correct rates for the next billing cycle.
- Sewer Forgiveness – Resident at 304 Maple is asking for a sewer forgiveness for a water leak that happened out in their yard while they were on a church mission trip. Council Member Boolman moved to approve a sewer forgiveness for 304 Maple Lane in the amount of \$544.81. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- County has sent out the data collected from the recent Land Use Survey.
- PD Personnel – Chief has interviewed a candidate and is awaiting the results of his background check. Chief would like Council's approval to proceed with hiring the candidate pending those results, since the next Council meeting will not be till the end of the month. Council Member Genovesi moved to authorize the Police Chief to hire Robert LaDouceur to the position of Police Officer, pending completion of the background check, at Step B of the wage scale. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Fiscal Officer:** YTD Fund Report, Check Registers, and November ¼% Report was provided in the Council Packet.

- Fiscal Officer is preparing the End-of-Year reporting requirements for the Auditors Office. 2024 PO's will start to be entered into the system within the next few days.
- Health Insurance – Employee health insurance has been completed with VanVleet having a smooth open enrollment with the employees.
- Darke Side of the Moon – Camping registration draft was presented to Council for review. Council discussed adding prohibiting recreational drugs and dogs need to have the required vaccinations. General discussion was had on the general procedures, parking, security, etc. for the weekend of allowing camping on the Village property. Council asked about liability, at which the Solicitor advised with anything there is some liability, but generally the Village is immune to liability. Council gave their verbal consensus for the camping registration to be published, with the forementioned additions to the registration.

**Safety:** Nothing to report.

**Utility Committee:** Report given by Jerry Boolman.

- Business Financial Incentive - Disavowed Innovations Group, LLC is in the process of purchasing the current factory on Pop Rite Drive. Business is asking for a 25% discount on electric, water and sewer for the next 4 years including any and all generation charges beginning 1/1/25; 100% of property improvement for taxes be dismissed for the next 12 years; rename Pop Rite Dr. to Disavowed Drive.
  - Solicitor/VA advised that there is a process for changing the name of the road. Solicitor stated that once the business legally owns the property, they would have to petition the name change, with public hearing procedures to follow.

The business will use more electricity than the Village currently has by year 3. VA advised that this will not be an issue, because there is additional capacity that is not currently being used. The business will tentatively generate an additional \$183K of revenue for the Village. VA is to be obtaining the business waste removal plans.

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

**Service and Leisure:** 2024 Chair Tammy Bruner changed 2024 meetings to begin at 5:30pm. Next Meeting is 1/18/24.

- Pool Survey – Council was given the opportunity to review the drafted pool survey that is to be sent out to the Village residents. Council gave two additional questions to be added to the survey. Council Member Genovesi moved to have a community pool survey be sent out to Village residents only, to collect data on the necessity of a pool and possible amenities desired. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Personnel:** Nothing to report.

**Planning:** Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 1/18/2024 @6:30pm.

**Old Business - None**

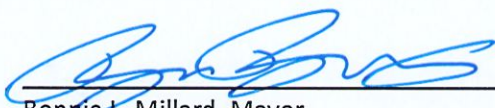
**New Business –**

1. **Ordinance 2024-01** – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2023-40 To Correct A Clerical Error And Declaring An Emergency. (Exhibit A). Council Member VanHoose moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2024-01. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member VanHoose moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-01. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member VanHoose moved to declare Ordinance 2024-01 an emergency. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed
2. **Resolution 2024-01** - A Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Offer Certain Incentives To Disavowed Innovations Group, LLC And Declaring An Emergency. Exhibit A. Council Member Genovesi moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2024-01. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to adopt Resolution 2024-01. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to declare Resolution 2024-01 an emergency. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed

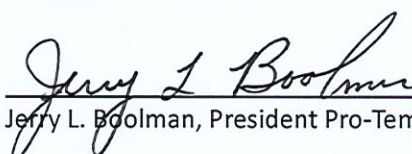
**Announcements –**

**Adjournment** – Council Member Hartley moved to adjourn. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 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