

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting

February 27, 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, Ryan Burns and Tammy Bruner. Also in attendance were VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Admin Spec. Julie Miller, Ed Bruner, and Bruce Shank.

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 Hartley moved to approve the Meeting Minutes dated 2/13/2024. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda – None.

Comments from the Public – None.

Administrative Reports –

Mayor: Not present.

Solicitor: Not present.

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

- Sewer forgiveness for 2 properties: 401 E. First Street (\$346.50); 510 N. Main Street (\$1,557.00). Council Member Hartley questioned the high amount for N. Main Street property. VA advised the old vet office at the back of the property sprang a leak and ran for a very long time without being detected. Council Member Burns asked to the nature of the E. First Street property; VA advised that the resident find a water leak in the yard that was not going into the sewer.
 - Council Member Boolman moved to approve a sewer forgiveness for 401 E. First Street in the amount of \$346.50. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
 - Council Member Boolman moved to approve a sewer forgiveness for 510 N. Main Street in the amount of \$1,557.00. Council Member VanHoose seconded. Council Member Burns voted NAY, with all other council members voting yea. Motion passed.
- Grants/Access Engineering –
 - Craig Mescher is advising to apply for the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant again for \$750K, as well as, having a chance of qualifying for OWPC funds in the amount of \$500K, mixed in with a few loans to begin a new project. The project would consist of South High Street reconstruction, downtown parking lot, with a portion of the funds able to go towards the Clean Ohio Grant, used for the park, as Village match funds. LMI studies will need to be completed, with working already beginning on those. Council questioned when the Neighborhood Grant would be awarded; VA believes mid-summer with the application being submitted in the next few weeks.
 - Bid for S. East/E. First/ Albright Street Project has been delayed at the County level, but is moving forward.
- PD Personnel – Recently hired Officer, Robert Ladoucer, resigned due to circumstances out of his control. Council Member Hartley moved to accept the resignation of Officer Robert Ladoucer effective 2/27/24. Council Member Burns seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Town Hall meeting on the 19th was attended by 10 residents, with all of the residents leaving with a better understanding of why the Village is asking for passage of the levies. VA suggested possible passing out informational pamphlets to the residents with Council members helping with the distribution, however, the pamphlets would have to be purchased without using public funds. Council Member Boolman expressed his support on the idea.

Fiscal Officer: YTD Fund Report and Check Registers were provided in the Council Packet.

- Acceptance of Properly Appropriated and Funded Expenditures.
- January Reconciliation was been completed and the Village reconciled.
- Hinkle Financial Report has been completed; State Auditor's have started sending a list of items to be available for their audit report.
- Real Estate Taxes – Tax bill for the Nature Preserve was over \$18k, due to land being pulled out of CAUV early, and those discounts having to be paid back. A tax exemption form is being filed with State showing the land is being used for public use as a recreational park. Should the State grant some percentage of exemption, the County will refund the Village, yet this year.
- Pool Survey – Copies of the data collected was distributed to the Council. Council reviewed the data and general discussion followed. Council Member Burns asking to have the excel data sent to him highlighting the number of same household submissions. VA will be submitting the most asked for amenities to Mote & Associates to be incorporated in the design for cost estimates.

Safety: Nothing to report.

Utility Committee: Nothing to report.

Finance & Audit: Nothing to report.

Service and Leisure: Report given by Tammy Bruner. Further meetings will be @6pm prior to scheduled Council Meetings.

- Pool – There will be no early bird special this year, and additional discussion to follow on rates for pool passes. There will be a limit of members on a family pass, with an additional cost for each additional member. There will be a new set of regular hours, with the pool closing on July 4th and during the Brick Street Block Party. Committee agreed on having 2 sun shades purchased.
- Ball Diamonds – Committee discussed and decided that the AJBS contract shall include that outside events can be held at the ball diamonds during the ball season, as long as, the event does not conflict with AJBS.

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Planning: Nothing to report.

Old Business - None

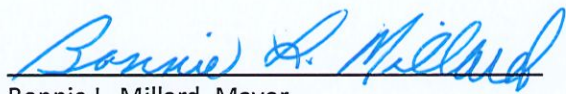
New Business –

1. **Ordinance 2024-03** - An Ordinance Establishing Fund 412 Of The Village Of Arcanum, Darke County, Ohio. (1st Reading).
2. **Resolution 2024-06** - A Resolution Authorizing The Hiring Of A Pool Manager And Declaring An Emergency. Exhibit A. Council Member Hartley moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2024-06. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to adopt Resolution 2024-06. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to declare Resolution 2024-06 an emergency. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed
3. **Resolution 2024-07** - A Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Arcanum To Enter Into A Contract With The Arcanum Junior Baseball Association For The Year 2024 Operation And Management Of The Village Baseball Facility And Declaring An Emergency. Exhibit A. Council Member VanHoose moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2024-07. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member VanHoose moved to adopt Resolution 2024-07. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member VanHoose moved to declare Resolution 2024-07 an emergency. Council Member Bruner 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 7:24 pm.

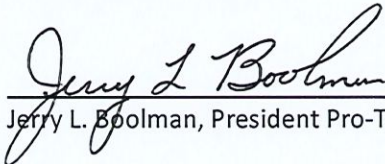
ATTEST:



Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor



Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer



Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem