

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
April 9, 2024
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, Rick Genovesi, Jerry Boolman, David Hartley, Ryan Burns, and Tammy Bruner. Also in attendance were VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, and Fiscal Officer Karen Deao, and Sandy Hartley.

Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals – Council Member Boolman moved to approve the Meeting Minutes dated 3/24/2024. Council Member Burns seconded. Council Member Hartley abstained. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda – None.

Comments from the Public – None.

Administrative Reports –

Mayor: A resident submitted a letter of appreciation of the Utility and Water Department. Resident had included a check for materials used to fix her lines that she had not been billed for as a thank you. Council Member Boolman asked the FO to find out how the Utility Clerk had processed the received funds.

Solicitor: Not present.

Village Administrator/ Police Chief: VA Report was provided in Council Packets.

- Reviewed with Council a proposed letter to be sent to utility customer Ronnie LeGrand regarding a solar system on his property. Council Member Burns asked if the customer could choose to go with another provider, at which the VA stated that customers are not generally allowed off the Village grid. VA stated that he has spoken a few times with the customer, and the customer is aware of the Solar System Application needing to be returned. Customer will be removed from level billing due to having a Solar System per the Village Ordinance. Council Member Burns moved to allow the VA to send the proposed letter to Ronnie LeGrand entitled Solar System Application – 2nd Letter. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Reviewed with Council a proposed letter to be sent to Vikramsit Boparai recanting business incentives that had be given to open a grocery store. Mr. Boparai is actively renting the building out to other businesses as a warehouse, and is not communicating at this point with the VA. Council Member Burns moved to allow the VA to send the proposed letter to Vikramsit Boparai recanting business incentives and requesting reimbursement for materials the Village purchased for Mr. Boparai's grocery store. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Proposed new Village form – Form for Energizing Service Inspected by Licensed Electrician When Not Required by Local Governmental Inspection. Form is needed due to the new Chicken Farm that will be connected to the Village Utilities. The property is zoned Ag, and not required to have certain types of inspections. This form will put all liability of the electrical infrastructure of any Ag property on the Certified Electrician performing the work. Council discussed in general how this form correlates with the current utility rules and regulations. Council Member Hartley questioned the language in the third paragraph. Council Member requested that the Solicitor review the questioned language. Council Member Boolman moved to approve the "Form for Energizing Service Inspected by Licensed Electrician When Not Required by Local Governmental Inspection". Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed
- PD Personnel – Chief Ballinger would like to offer a conditional offer to a potential candidate. Individual has already been through the academy. Council Member Hartley moved to authorize the Police Chief to hire Keirstan Fourman to the position of Police Officer, pending completion of the CVSA and Ohio Police and Fire Physical, at Step B of the wage scale. Council Member Brunner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer: Feb. Check Recon., 1/4 % Fund Report, and YTD Fund Report were provided in the Council Packet.

- State Auditors will be on-site this week. Auditor's have already submitted a partial invoice.

Safety: Report given by Rick Genovesi. Meeting was held at the Fire Department.

- Fire Department -
 - Chief Troutwine showed members some completed updates that have been done to the structure of the Fire Department. Remaining updates are removal of the old insulation and the new spray foam installed. During the remaining updates, the fire equipment will be stationed at a property just outside the Village.
 - Committee reviewed an estimate to have the inside of the Firehouse repainted. Available funds have been verified for the project per the FO, VA, and Mayor.
 - Police Department –
 - Committee reviewed the Police Cadet Program, and will recommend to Council to move forward with the program.
- VA stated that preliminary legislation has been sent to the Solicitor for review.

- o PD will be moving to a temporary change of 10-hour shifts while staffing is low. Chief is hoping that since the new officer has already been employed with the Piqua PD, that FTO could be faster than usual.

Council Member Hartley inquired about the pedestrian crosswalk statues. VA advised that the crosswalk is now working properly, and the school is working with the SRO to develop a training for the students on how to correctly use the pedestrian crosswalk. Village is still waiting on the poles to come in, followed by restriping the road and removing the stop signs.

Utility Committee: Nothing to report.

Finance & Audit: Nothing to report.

Service and Leisure: Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 4/23/24 @6pm.

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Planning: Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 4/11/24 @ 5:30pm.

Old Business –

1. **Resolution 2024-08** - A Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement With Access Engineering Solutions, LLC For Engineering Services. Exhibit A. (2nd Reading). Council Member Boolman moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2024-08. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Boolman moved to adopt Resolution 2024-08. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

New Business –

1. **Resolution 2024-09** - A Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Prepare And Submit A Grant Application To The Darke County Park District. (1st Reading). Council Member Genovesi moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2024-09. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to adopt Resolution 2024-09. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.


Announcements – VA stated that the Bid Award for the Street Project will be released on Thursday by the Commissioners. Mayor stated that trees in the greenspace have started to be removed.

Adjournment – Council Member Hartley moved to adjourn. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

ATTEST:


Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor


Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer


Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem