

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
June 25, 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: David Hartley, Eric VanHoose, Rick Genovesi, Ryan Burns, and Tammy Bruner. Also in attendance were VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Solicitor Nicole Pohlman, Admin. Specialist Julie Miller, Robin Colvin, Chris Colvin, Bruce Shank, and Cheyenne Swisher.

Council Member Hartley moved to excess Councilman Boolman. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals – Council Member VanHoose moved to approve the Meeting Minutes dated 6/11/2024. Council Member Hartley seconded. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda – Addition of an Executive Session after committee reports.

Comments from the Public –

- 4-H Member Cheyenne Swisher was in attendance for her 4-H Leadership project to observe how different levels of government conduct meetings, and to interview a member of council.
- Chris Colvin was present to discuss and to ask for support on an application to Congress of the United States for a Convention of the States to be able to put amendments forward that would give more power to the States rather than the Federal government.

Administrative Reports –

Mayor: Marijuana dispensaries – With Issue 2 being passed, dispensaries are able to be established within Ohio. Mayor advised that the Village only has legislation governing sales of medical marijuana within the Village, not recreational marijuana. VA has received inquiries from companies on the Villages local zoning laws on dispensaries. Councilman Burns believes in the free market, and would support dispensaries within the Village with strict restrictions on advertising. Councilman Hartley expressed strongly against having dispensaries within the Village, and feels many residents would be against it. Councilman Genovesi stated he would not like the element of the individual coming into the Village to purchase the recreational marijuana. He does not want people coming in and getting high in his neighborhood, and financially the Village is not at the point, where this would be the only way to receive revenue. Councilwoman Bruner advised that dispensaries are extremely well controlled, and in theory if Pitsburg puts in a dispensary, people are going to go from Arcanum to Pitsburg and purchase the product, giving Pitsburg the revenue. Councilman Burns agreed with Councilwoman Bruner on the Village missing an opportunity to gain revenue. Further general discussion was had on safety, revenue, etc. Councilman Genovesi asked that the VA research if there has been any ill effects on rural communities similar to Arcanum, that have opened a dispensary, with the rest of council verbally agreeing.

Solicitor: Nothing to report.

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

- Reviewed the community events from June 21st. GOBA enjoyed Arcanum and may come back in the future.

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

Safety: Nothing to report.

Councilmen Hartley asked for the status of the traffic light installation. VA stated that Capital Electric would be in the Village the following day to begin preconstruction work. VA stated that the Village Utility Department will be doing majority of the work, saving the Village a substantial amount.

Utility Committee: Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 7/17/24 @6pm.

VA is hoping to receive an estimated cost of the repairs on the water tower from Complete Restoration. VA advised Council that the Village was not successful in securing the EPA grant for a new water tower.

Finance & Audit: Nothing to report.

Service and Leisure: Report given by Tammy Bruner. Next meeting is scheduled for 7/16/24 @6pm.

- Discussed the June 21st community events & GOBA. Many comments in favor of the pool being opened later into the evening. GOBA participants enjoyed camping in Ivester Park.
- Still needing additional names for the 3 trails in the Preserve.
- South Street construction should start in August on the west end.
- Additional paving is needed on the tennis courts. Still scheduled to be done by the Brick Street Block Party.
- Pool – Still waiting on parts to fix the showers. Councilman Hartley asked if there are any issues with the pool, as he sees it being filled a lot. VA stated that the pool is being filled every morning; baby pool has a leak and also has to be filled every morning. VA stated that to find and fix the leak, would need to be after the pool closes for the season, as there would need to be excavation work done. Water usage is being watched; however, it was recently discovered that there may be an issue with the meter itself.
- Water Leak – There is a significant water leak in town – losing about 65,000 gallons a day. A company is coming in to review the Village lines to see if they can find the leak. VA stated that the pool is only a small

contributor to the increased water usage.

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Julie Miller has sent to Clemans & Nelson the previous questions that Council had in regards to the proposed changes from Clemans & Nelson to the Personnel & Policy Manual.

Planning: Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 7/9/2024 @6pm.

Council Member Hartley moved to go into executive session to discuss the appointment of a public official. Council Member Genovesi seconded. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed. (7:40)

Council Member Burns moved to exit executive session where they discussed the appointment of a public official, with no action taken. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed. (7:54)

Mayor Millard put forth the appointment of Mark Gibson as the Interim Fire Chief with further legislation to follow. Council Member Genovesi moved to appoint Mark Gibson as the Interim Fire Chief effective July 1, 2024. Council Member Hartley seconded. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Old Business –

1. **Resolution 2024-15** - 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. (3rd Reading). Council Member VanHoose moved to adopt Resolution 2024-15. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
2. **Resolution 2024-16** - 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. (3rd Reading). Council Member Hartley moved to adopt Resolution 2024-16. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

New Business –

1. **Ordinance 2024-17** - An Ordinance Providing For An Amendment To The 2024 Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Arcanum, Darke County, Ohio And Declaring An Emergency (S. East - E. First- Albright Street Reconstruction Project). Council Member Genovesi moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2024-17. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-17. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Genovesi moved to declare Ordinance 2024-17 an emergency. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed

Mayor Millard asked the Solicitor if the Village was able to spend funds towards the levies. Solicitor will check and get back with her.

Announcements – None.

Adjournment – Council Member Hartley moved to adjourn. Council Member Burner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

ATTEST:



Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor



Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer



Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem