

**Village of Arcanum Council Meeting**  
**September 24, 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, Jerry Boolman, Ryan Burns, Rick Genovesi, Eric VanHoose, and Tammy Bruner. Also in attendance were VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Solicitor Nicole Pohlman, Admin. Specialist Julie Miller, Kevin Shawler, Mark Gibson, and Ed Bruner.

**Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals** – Council Member Boolman moved to approve the Public Hearing Minutes dated 9/10/2024. Council Member Hartley seconded. Council Member Bruner abstained. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Council Member Hartley moved to approve the Meeting Minutes dated 9/10/2024. Council Member VanHoose seconded. Council Member Bruner abstained. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Amendments to Agenda** – None.

**Comments from the Public** – None.

**Administrative Reports** –

**Mayor:** None.

**Solicitor:**

- No new update on the Hoke Easement, as Jim Surber has not gotten back in touch.
- Old Town Hall draft agreement has been sent to the Township's Solicitor for review.

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

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

- Authorized Expenditures 9/11/24 – 9/24/24

**Safety:** Nothing to report.

**Utility Committee:** Report given by Ryan Burns. Next meeting is scheduled for 10/1/24 @6pm.

- USG gave a presentation to the committee on the white water tower. They reviewed the current state of the white water and gave a restoration plan to the committee. USG estimated that by doing no restoration to the White Water tower within 4-5 years there would be major repercussions. They recommend to focus primarily on the interior of the tower, as some portions inside currently would not pass inspection. A 10-year restoration timeline, with the tower becoming A+ rated, was provided by USG. A 6-year maintenance agreement of \$354K was reviewed with the committee. VA suggested that Council consider adding a small monthly fee to consumers that would go towards the maintenance of the tower.

**Finance & Audit:** Report given by Jerry Boolman.

- Preliminary Budget is primarily finished; waiting on the Health Insurance quotes from Insurance broker & rates for trash pickup, pending bid opening.
- Discussed the Ithaca Fire Contract. Committee recommends waiving the 2023 payment, and pursuing funds for 2024 & 2025. Ithaca is asking for the Village to waive the contract payments for 2023 and 2024.
- Discussed wage increases, and recommends to Council to begin offering sign-on bonuses to applicants that already have a CDL license. Council gave a verbal go ahead for legislation to be presented on the applicants receiving a bonus who already have a CDL license.
- Discussed not hiring for the open street department position until the spring.

Council Member Hartley moved to waive the Village of Ithaca's 2023 fire protection fee per the contract.

Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Service and Leisure:** Report by Tammy Bruner.

- Preserve Trail Names Survey – Winning names are: Painter Creek Trail, Wild Hyacinth Path, and Waterleaf Loop. Council gave verbal approval of the trail names.
- Village was awarded a CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant in the amount of \$750K for the South Hight Street Project and parking lots downtown & ball park. Waiting on OPWC grant awards. There will be match dollars required from the Village.

**Personnel:** Report given by Eric VanHoose.

- Reviewed revised proposed changes from Clemans & Nelson in regards to breastfeeding and marijuana. Julie will be making the committees recommended changes to the Personnel Policy & Procedures Manual for the committee to review. Clemans & Nelson did not incorporate suggested language that was asked for by Council.
- Discussed no longer require the Water/Sewer personnel to have a CDL license.
- Discussed offering a bonus to future applicants that are already CDL licensed. Committee feels that it should be offered to any position that requires a CDL, not just the street department.

**Planning:** Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 10/1/24 @ 5pm.

**New Business** –

1. **Ordinance 2024-24** - An Ordinance Providing For A One Time Credit To Certain Village Residents For Lead Testing Performed By The Village. Exhibit A. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
2. **Ordinance 2024-25** - 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 (Fire Fund & General Fund). Council Member VanHoose moved to waive the three-


reading rule for Ordinance 2024-25. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member VanHoose moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-25. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member VanHoose moved to declare Ordinance 2024-25 an emergency. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

3. **Ordinance 2024-26** - An Ordinance Amending The Planning And Zoning Code Of The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading).

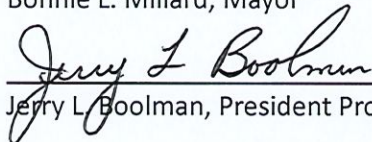
**Announcements** – None.

**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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Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem

  
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Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer