

**Village of Arcanum Council Meeting**  
**October 29, 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, Rick Genovesi, 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, Rumpke Rep. Dusty Yingst, and Aaron Letteer.

**Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals** – Council Member Hartley moved to approve the Meeting Minutes dated 10/8/2024. Council Member VanHoose seconded. Council Member Genovesi abstained. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Amendments to Agenda** – Addition of Res.#2024-35; Ord.#2024-34; Executive Session – Compensation of Public Employees; Executive Session – Purchase or Sale of Property.

**Comments from the Public** – None.

**Administrative Reports** –

**Mayor:** Solicitor has sent a letter to the State in regards to the 2024 Ithaca Fire Contract.

**Solicitor:** Nothing at this time.

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

- Nuisance Abatements – 21 Ivester has been cleaned by the Village per the Judgement Order, with the cost associated with the abatement being sent to the property owner. 2 other nuisance abatements were taken care of by the owners prior to the Village needing to enter the property.

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

- Authorized Expenditures 10/9/224 – 10/29/24
- Employee Health Insurance Renewal was passed out to Council for review. Renewal is at a 5.5% increase; FO will be comparing the renewal with one additional plan with VanVleet Insurance.
- Reviewed preliminary budget handout.
- Discussed the Solid Waste Bid with Rumpke Representative Dusty Yingst. Council & VA asked general questions in regards to the Rumpke Bid that was received. Rumpke provided a base bid, as well as, an alternate bid. The sewer waste hauling was discussed more in depth as the base bid offered 12 free hauls, and the alternate bid offered 3 free hauls. The base bid had higher trash rates, where the alternate bid offered lower trash rates. Council discussed that the garbage fund was not intended to be a money-making fund, and using the fund to buy down the resident's trash rate increase.

**Safety:** Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 11/12/24 @ 6pm.

**Utility Committee:** Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 11/7/24 @ 6pm.

- VA advised Council that the Green Water Tower does have a leak that has not been located. USG did an inspection and the results should be completed in the next 2-3 weeks. The set points on the water tower have been changed to allow the water tower to still be operational.
- Old water wells – The EPA grant that was awarded to close 6 old water wells, was actually to only close 2 wells. This is due to the fact that four of the wells were never put into service, therefore they do not meet the requirements of the EPA grant. It is believed that the Village can have the remaining 4 water wells closed on their own.

**Finance & Audit:** Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 11/4/24 @ 5pm. Previously scheduled 11/12/24 meeting has been cancelled.

**Service and Leisure:** Nothing to report.

- Splash Pad – VA advised that the design plans from Mote & Associates will cost slightly more than expected, and they are asking that the Village raise the plan cost to \$183K. The grant that is being applied for is a 1:1 grant, meaning they will contribute the same amount of funds that the Village does. Not increasing the plan design cost, would mean having to remove some of the splash pad items, and there are already minimal items. VA advised that to help offset the cost, the Village would be applying to the Darke County Parks Grant with the Splash pad being the main activity. The project would have to be put to bid, which could cause the cost to go up or down slightly from the \$183K. Council Member Bruner moved to increase the splash pad project to \$183K. Council Member Burns seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- 13 trees will be purchased from Brown & Sons through donations from local residents. The trees will be planted in Ivester Park and around the Nature Preserve entrance. Trees will be delivered on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, with the Utility Department planting the trees.
- Volleyball court will be moved over by the white water tower by the end of November.

**Personnel:** Nothing to report.

**Planning:** Report given by David Hartley. Hand out of proposed zoning changes were given to Council.

- Planning Commission – David met with the commission to discuss the concerns that the Planning committee had with maximum size of accessory structures, multiply approaches for residential lots, and weight limits for vehicles parking along the street. Council reviewed and discussed the proposed changes from the Planning Commission, and decided to move forward with the proposed changes with the exception to the weight limit of vehicles parking along the street be changed from 8,500 to 9,999 lbs. Council set the public hearing for the proposed changes for December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm.

**Old Business –**

1. **Ordinance 2024-26** - An Ordinance Amending The Planning And Zoning Code Of The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio. (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading). Council Member Boolman moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-26. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
2. **Resolution 2024-29** – A Resolution Authorizing A Contract For The Fire Department To Provide Service To Van Buren Township, Darke County, Ohio. Exhibit A. (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading). Council Member Boolman moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2024-29. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Boolman moved to adopt Resolution 2024-29. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
3. **Resolution 2024-30** – A Resolution Authorizing A Contract For The Fire Department To Provide Service To Twin Township, Darke County, Ohio. Exhibit A. (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading).
4. **Resolution 2024-31** – A Resolution Authorizing A Contract For The Fire Department To Provide Service To The Village Of Ithaca, Darke County, Ohio. Exhibit A. (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading).

**New Business –**

1. **Ordinance 2024-34** - 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 (General Fund). Council Member VanHoose moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2024-34. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member VanHoose moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-34. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member VanHoose moved to declare Ordinance 2024-34 an emergency. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
2. **Resolution 2024-34** - A Resolution To Authorize Filing Of An Application With The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources For Financial Assistance For Public Recreation Purposes And Declaring An Emergency. Council Member Hartley moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2024-34. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to adopt Resolution 2024-34. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to declare Resolution 2024-34 an emergency. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
3. **Resolution 2024-35** - A Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement With Utility Service Co., Inc. For The Renovation And Maintenance Of The Village Of Arcanum Water Tower. Exhibit A. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading). Council Member Boolman moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2024-35. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Boolman moved to adopt Resolution 2024-35. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Council Member Hartley moved to transfer \$150,078 from the ¼% fund to Community Environment for the South Street Project. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Council Member Boolman moved to enter into executive session to discuss compensation of public employees and possible purchase of property. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. (7:48pm)

Council Member Hartley moved to exit executive session where they discussed compensation of public employees and possible purchase of property. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. (8:05pm)


Council asked for legislation to be prepared for next meeting for bonuses for the VA and Utility Superintendent, FO & VA annual legislation with the FO moving to \$59K. Council wanted it to be known that the current wage scale passed for 2024 was designed as a 3 year plan, with employees moving to the next step each year.

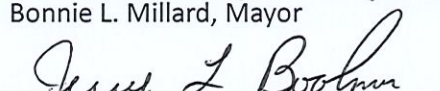
Council Member Bruner moved authorize the VA to enter into negotiations with Ned Gray for a utility easement of 1.943 acres for property located on Albright Street not to exceed \$2000. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

**Announcements** – Bean Supper and Halloween parade.

**Adjournment** – Council Member Hartley moved to adjourn. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**ATTEST:**

  
Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor

  
Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem

  
Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer