Village of Arcanum Council Meeting January 28, 2025 7:00 p.m. Regular Session

<u>Call to Order</u> – President Pro-Tem Jerry Boolman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance along with all present members of Council.

<u>Roll Call</u> – The following council members were present: Eric VanHoose, David Hartley, Ryan Burns, Jerry Boolman, Rick Genovesi, and Tammy Bruner. Also in attendance were VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Admin. Specialist Julie Miller, Missy Shilt, Jeff & Sue Clark, Devin Marker, Devin Fourman.

Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals – Council Member Hartley moved to approve the Meeting Minutes dated 1/14/2024. Council Member VanHoose seconded. Council Member Burns abstained. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda - Res.#2025-03

<u>Comments from the Public</u> – Resolution presentation to the Utility Department from AMP, for their help in restoring power to the Village of Lakeview after a tornado.

Administrative Reports -

Mayor: None.

Solicitor: Not present.

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

Fiscal Officer: Check Registers, YTD Fund Report, December Income Tax Receipts & December Reconciliation were provided in the Council Packet.

Authorized Expenditures 1/14/25 – 1/25/25

Safety: Report given by Rick Genovesi.

- Village of Gordon is interested in having the Arcanum Fire Department cover their village. Committee reviewed a potential fire contract with the Village of Gordon, and will wait to hear back from Gordon.
- Reviewed a new standard operation guideline that the Fire Chief would like to implement. Committee approved of his recommendation.

Police Department -

- Officers are receiving taser training this week, from Corporal Yount.
- Safe Exchange is almost complete; Utility Department will be finishing the project in the next week or so. **Utility Committee:** Report given by Ryan Burns.
 - Sawvel reviewed the Villages Rules & Regulations; several recommendations were given to the
 committee. It is recommended to increase the Distribution Charge by 12% over the next year, with 5% at
 mid-year; 5% at the end of this year. This will help control the variable PCA. These increases will be
 charged to customers inside and outside the village limits.
 - AMP Thermostat Monitoring Program This optional program is to help with energy conservation. 2% of
 the village would need to enroll, with residents that do enroll receiving a \$55 initial incentive, and could
 also receive up to \$250 while enrolled beyond the peaking season. Resident's can leave the program at
 any time, but may forfeit incentives. The Utility Committee recommends to Council for the VA to proceed
 with pursuing the program.

Councilman Boolman asked if this program would allow AMP to shut your thermostat off. VA stated that AMP would only make small adjustments through scheduling within the Smart Thermostat, to lower its self during certain times. Council Member Burns moved to allow the Village Administrator to pursue the AMP Thermostat Monitoring Program. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Water Department – The Softener Control Module needs to be replaced due to its age. The module has done well for being 25+ years old. The replacement cost will be approximately \$16K. Councilman Boolman asked why Artisian didn't notice sooner that the module needed replaced prior to it breaking. VA stated that typically with these modules, as long as they are functioning there would not be a reason to upgrade to a different model. VA stated that Pro-Tec, the alarm system, actually caught that the module wasn't regenerating properly. The Water Department will continue to manually run this portion of the system until the replacement can be installed. Councilman Boolman suggested that Artisian come in and evaluate everything annually, because Council doesn't like having \$16K repair items that were not budgeted for that year. Council Member Burns moved to allow the Village Administrator to move \$15,999 from the Water Misc. Fund to the Water Capital Equipment Fund. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Waste Water - By the end of the week Pro-tec will have the alarm schedule to the Village, and proof for the EPA that the waste water plant is setting off the alarms correctly, in hopes that the EPA will allow the village to go from 20 hours to 10 hours for a licensed operator on site.

Finance, Audit, & Personnel: Nothing to report.

Street & Service Committee: Nothing to report.

Leisure: Report given by Tammy Bruner.

• Utility Department would like to repurpose unusable light posts into an overhanging archway sign in

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Ivester Park.

Planning: Nothing to report.

Old Business -

- 1. Ordinance 2025-01 An Ordinance Amending The Planning And Zoning Code Of The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio. (2nd Reading).
- 2. Ordinance 2025-02 An Ordinance Providing For Adoption Of New Village Personnel Policies. (2nd Reading).

New Business -

- 1. Ordinance 2025-03 An Ordinance Adopting Rates, Terms, And Conditions For Electric Service Provided By The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio. Exhibit A & B. (1st Reading). Council Member Hartley moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2025-03. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-03. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- **2. Resolution 2025-02 -** A Resolution Authorizing The Hiring Of A Temporary Tax Employee For The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio. (1st Reading).
- **3. Resolution 2025-03 -** A Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Arcanum To Enter Into An Agreement With Twin Township For The Transfer Of The Property Located At 104 W. South Street. Exhibit A. (1st Reading).

Announcements - None.

<u>Adjournment</u> – <u>Council Member Hartley moved to adjourn. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.</u>

ATTEST:

Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor

Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem

Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer