

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
February 25, 2025
7:00 p.m. Regular Session

Call to Order – President Pro-Tem Jerry Boolman 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, David Hartley, Ryan Burns, Jerry Boolman, Rick Genovesi, and Tammy Bruner. Also in attendance were VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, Solicitor Nicole Pohlman, and Admin. Specialist Julie Miller.

Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals – Council Member VanHoose moved to approve the Meeting Minutes dated 2/11/2025. Council Member Hartley seconded. Council Member Bruner Abstained. All other present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda – N/A

Comments from the Public – N/A

Administrative Reports –

Mayor: None.

Solicitor: None.

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

Councilman Boolman clarified with the VA that on the electric increase it would be a 6-month PCA. VA stated yes, unless there was some type of catastrophic event. VA stated that the PCA has been a negative, and now it will be a positive. VA stated that the Village does not have too many overages. Councilman Boolman made the comment that what the Village gives back they take away shortly.

- Sewer Forgiveness –
 - 204 E 1st Street in the amount of \$172.31. This was caused by M&T while doing work on the street. M&T will be invoiced for the amount of the sewer forgiveness given to the resident. Council Member Boolman moved to approve a sewer forgiveness in the amount of \$172.31 to 204 E. 1st Street. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
 - 603 W South Street in the amount of \$247.90, which was caused by a leak under the house. Council Member Boolman moved to approve a sewer forgiveness in the amount of \$247.90 to 603 W South Street. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Office Chairs – Majority of the chairs in the office are not functioning properly or are broken. New chairs have been priced from various different vendors, and Four-U has given the lowest quote in the amount of \$6642.99. Four-U will also be taking all the current chairs, and the new chairs will have a warranty of 5 years. VA asked Council to approve using funds from the Miscellaneous line to purchase new office chairs. Council Member Hartley moved to approve using \$6642.99 from the General Fund Miscellaneous line to purchase 31 new chairs for the Admin Office and Police Department. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer: January Reconciliation, January ¼% Spreadsheet, and check registers.

- Authorized Expenditures 2/12/25 – 2/25/25

Councilman Boolman questioned on the ¼% spreadsheet the -\$31K. VA stated that the FO will be adding in funds as they are received. VA stated that it is estimated at the end of the year to show \$150K.

Fire Chief: Not present.

Safety: Nothing to report.

Utility Committee: Report given by Ryan Burns.

- Brightspeed – Company is wanting to also lay fiber along with NKTELCO. Brightspeed would like the Villages Pole Attachment Agreement to be amended to accommodate the service they want to offer. After review of the proposed amendments the Utility Committee recommends Council to allow the VA to pursue amending the Pole Attachment Agreement for Brightspeed. It was also discussed that the VA caught Brightspeed trying to lay fiber without having authorization from the Village, trying to capitalize on the fact that they already have copper on the poles. It is a concern of the committee that the Village utility poles are already to busy at this time. Brightspeed is to fund a study to determine the sustainability of the Village poles. Should the study show that the Village poles can not handle any more lines, Brightspeed would then need to replace all the Village poles with larger poles at Brightspeeds expense.
- Right of Way Construction Permits – Discussed amendments to the bonding schedule. VA is to update language to cover inflationary increase.

Councilman Hartley asked what will be going in the holes that the fiber companies are digging. VA stated that they will be putting in junction boxes. VA stated that the junction boxes will go in specific areas all over the Village. VA stated that the gas and utility have been out marking their lines, so the fiber company knows where they can dig. VA stated that NKTELCO will be finished in 60-90 days. Councilman Boolman questioned what the orange cables are for that are currently on the poles.

- Council Member Burns moved to allow the VA to pursue amending the first paragraph for the Pole Attachment Agreement for Brightspeed. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Finance, Audit, & Personnel: Report given by Jerry Boolman.

- Discussed more on RITA. Anticipating RITA to take over beginning of July. Solicitor will be reviewing the contract legislation.
- Discussed the part-time street employee moving to full-time. Council Member Hartley moved to approve Ethan Garbig becoming a full-time Street Department employee, effective March 3, 2025 at Step A of the wage scale. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Discussed the hiring of a part-time tax employee for the up coming tax season, not to exceed \$5K.

Street & Service Committee: Next meeting is scheduled for 3/11/25 @ 6pm.

Leisure: Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for 3/4/2025 @ 6pm.

Planning: Nothing to report.

Old Business –

1. **Resolution 2025-02** - A Resolution Authorizing The Hiring Of A Temporary Tax Employee For The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio. (3rd Reading). Council Member Hartley moved to adopt Resolution 2025-02. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
2. **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. (3rd Reading). Council Member Hartley moved to adopt Resolution 2025-03. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
3. **Resolution 2025-04** - A Resolution Authorizing The Village Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement With The Regional Income Tax Agency For The Administration And Collection Of Municipal Income Tax For The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio. Exhibit A. (2nd Reading).

New Business –

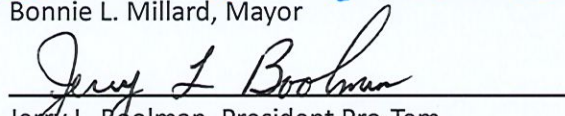
1. **Ordinance 2025-04** - An Ordinance To Regulate The Opening, Undermining, And Repairing Of The Public Streets, Alleys, Utility Easements, And All Other Right Of Ways Of The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio, And Prescribing Penalties For The Violation Thereof And Declaring An Emergency. Council Member Boolman moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2025-04. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Boolman moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-04. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Boolman moved to declare Ordinance 2025-04 an emergency. Council Member VanHoose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed
2. **Resolution 2025-06** - A Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Enter Into A Pole Attachment Agreement With Brightspeed Of Ohio, Inc. Exhibit A. (1st Reading).

Announcements – None.

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

ATTEST:


Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor


Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem


Julie Miller, Deputy Clerk
Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer