

Village of Arcanum Council Meeting
May 13, 2025
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: Eric VanHoose, David Hartley, Jerry Boolman, Rick Genovesi, and Tammy Bruner. Also in attendance were VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger, FO Karen Deao, Bruce Shank, Ed Bruner, Thomas Brown, Fire Chief Mark Gibson, and Kevin Shawler.

Councilman Boolman moved to excuse Councilman Burns. Councilman Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes – Corrections and Approvals –

Council Member VanHoose moved to approve the Meeting Minutes dated 4/29/2025. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Amendments to Agenda – None.

Comments from the Public –

- Ed Bruner asked what the Village planned to do with all the dirt that is in Ivester Park that was removed for the paths. He was wondering if it could be mounded up and reseeded with cedar trees planted on top. Mayor stated some of it will be used to fill in around the new path. VA said that there will still be extra left over, and what we don't want they will truck out. VA doesn't believe cedar is on the list of approved trees, which Ed stated that any tree that stayed green all year round would be good. VA stated that some of the dirt will be used to fill in some of the low areas in the park.
- Tom Brown – Received a sidewalk violation, which he did not see until after the Village performed the work. He has met with the VA and the Mayor concerning the cost of the work performed, and he does not have the money to pay for it, and would like to be put on a payment plan. Tom states that he has still not received a bill from the Village. Tom stated that he is willing to pay the bill, but is asking for a 12-month payment plan. Mayor advised Council that in talking with Tom, she let him know that she couldn't approve a payment plan because the Ordinance states that the resident is given 30 days to pay in full, or the cost is assessed to their taxes. VA confirmed with Tom that he is in the process of selling the property, and that Tom had expressed to him and the mayor that he didn't want the new owners to be assessed the cost, because it was his violation. Tom stated to Council, that there are many senior citizens on fixed incomes in the Village, and when it was decided to start replacing the sidewalks, some consideration should have been given to these individuals, such as installment plans. He doesn't understand how his neighbor was given 36 months to pay for his sidewalk just because his was tore up due to a new sewer line being installed. How does his neighbor get consideration, and he does not. He stated that it's the right thing to do, to give individuals consideration, as the Council is there to serve the law-abiding citizens. Mayor stated that since she has been Mayor, this is the first instance that someone has not paid within 30 days or choose to have it assessed to their property taxes. Mayor stated that there is a difference between property maintenance sidewalks and total road reconstruction sidewalk replacements, as a standard, residents are given 3 years to make restitution. VA stated that the Village would like to make considerations for everyone, but the reality is that Council has to look at the bigger picture of the Village, as the population as a whole, not individual people. So, when there are bad sidewalks, the Village and the residents could be sued if others fall on those sidewalks and are injured. It is the responsibility of Council to ensure that the Village has safe sidewalks for people to be on. And if the Village was to look at every individual person's needs, the Village would never get anything done, and that's why the Village looks at it as an entire whole of a community. The Village held the entire community, the other 40 people that were told to fix their sidewalks, to the same conditions. VA stated that no one was given special treatment, everybody has the exact same ordinance to follow and pay, and that's how it is fair to everyone. VA stated that the Village is sympathetic to Tom's needs, but it's kind of a dangerous situation and not completely fair to start having special agreements with residents on paying back fees. VA stated that if Tom wasn't moving out of the Village it wouldn't be such an issue because it would just be assessed to the property tax. Tom stated that he understands that, but he is willing to have an automatic withdraw from his Social Security check to the Village, so the Village would still be getting their money, and he is just asking for some consideration. Mayor stated that she spoke with the Village Solicitor on the situation, and the Solicitor stated that if Council chose to allow a payment plan, it would be considered a precedence setting and where does the Village stop doing it for the next person that asks for it. The Solicitor advised the Mayor that Council should not allow it.

Councilman Hartley and Councilman Genovesi wasn't sure as to why it was an issue to have it assessed to the new owners. Mayor stated that she has reached out to Tom's son, and he is unable to help. The Village has reached out to the realtor, and it is believed that the realtor is reaching out to the new buyers about the issue. VA stated that had it been known that the resident was selling, the Village would have gone about it a different way. VA stated that the for-sale sign was put up the day after the sidewalk was poured, and a violation letter was sent to Mr. Brown 30+ days earlier telling him that since the sidewalk hadn't been fixed

the Village was going to have it fixed, so he had plenty of notice. Councilman Hartley stated that the new owners get the benefit of a new sidewalk, so he's not sure what the deal is for them to pay for it. The mayor stated that because the buyers are family to Mr. Brown, she doesn't think he is wanting to burden them with the cost, or what his financial situation is. The mayor thinks it may be best to wait until after the closing on the property next week to see if it all gets worked out, before Council makes a decision. Councilman Hartley said in waiting does that make a difference in assessing it to their taxes, at which the VA stated that it does not. Councilman Genovesi stated that maybe Mr. Brown and the new owners could decide to split it 50/50, because if you're a buyer are you really going to let a house go that you want over \$2,600, especially with it being family.

Administrative Reports –

Mayor:

- Circus will be in town on May 16th at the ball diamonds, and volunteers are needed to take tickets and be greeters.
- A public hearing is needed for amendments to the Zoning book. The Village needs to advertise for 30 days prior to the public hearing. Mayor suggested June 24th @ 6:45pm. Council Member Hartley moved to set a public hearing for amendments to the zoning book on June 24th, 2025 at 6:45pm. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- RITA – A delegate and alternate delegate are needed. Mayor suggests that Karen Deao be the delegate and Julie Miller as the Alternate. Council Member Boolman moved to approve Karen Deao as the RITA delegate and Julie Miller as the RITA alternate delegate. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Solicitor: Not present.

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

- New key fobs have been given to Councilmembers and employees.
- Sidewalk repairs – The cost for 2 sidewalk repairs were \$7,700, and VA would like to move money from Misc. to Minor Street Repairs to pay for those. Council Member Hartley moved to allow \$7,700 to be moved from Street Misc. line to Street Minor Street Repairs line. Council Member Vanhooose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Tyler Reinoehl has submitted his two-week notice of resignation from the Water & Waste Water Department effective May 25th. A job posting has already been posted on various platforms, and the Village may reach out to the school on possible graduates that may be interested. Council Member Hartley moved to accept Tyler Reinoehl's resignation of employment effective May 25th. Council Member Vanhooose seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.
- Two-Factor Identification – The police department is going to be required to have TFI. The VA stated that, Wickert, the Village Insurance Company had questioned whether we had that in place or not. The VA would like the entire Village to put on a TFI for each person to log into a computer. It will cost approximately \$1,800. Councilman Hartley asked what TFI means, and what its purpose is. Employees would have to download an app to their phone, and when logging into the computer they would have to use their normal password plus a generated number sequence from the app to log on to the computers. Employee's with nonwork phones will be using key tokens. There will be a monthly fee for each user. Council Member Boolman moved to approve the Village moving forward with Two Factor Authentication and associated costs. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer: Check registers, YTD Fund Report, April Income Tax Receipt Report, and April Reconciliation were provided in Council packets.

- Authorized Expenditures 4/30/2025 – 5/13/2025

Fire Chief:

- Utility Vehicle 361 had to have the wind screen resealed, but was under warranty.
- 4 new members: 1 certified, 2 already in training, 1 brand new

Safety: Nothing to report.

Utility Committee: Nothing to report.

Finance, Audit, & Personnel: Nothing to report.

Street & Service Committee: Nothing to report.

Leisure: Nothing to report.

- Councilwoman Bruner asked how the pool was coming along. The VA stated that getting lifeguards has been hard this year. Lifeguards that were interested, found better paying jobs for the summer, and paying for the cost of the class upfront has been a deterrent for many potential lifeguards. VA stated that Julie has been getting the pool up and running very well, and has been doing it for the past 3-4 years, and does so very well. Councilwoman Bruner asked about running the concession stand during the month of August. The VA stated that it was last discussed waiting until it gets closer to the end of the season to decide whether to keep it open or not.
- Park Toy – The Utility Department will be fixing the bouncy toy, and the Village has purchased another bouncy toy from a local individual.
- Lifeguard Certification – To encourage individuals to become lifeguards, Julie asked about paying the first half

of the reimbursement of the lifeguard course upfront, with the remaining half still being given at the end of the 2 completed season. The Red Cross has lowered the age requirement of a lifeguard to 15 years old. Council Member Hartley moved to approve for individuals taking the lifeguard training course be reimbursed the first half of the course up front instead of at the end of the first season. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Planning: Report given by David Hartley. Committee met on 5/13/2025. Next meeting is scheduled for 6/10/25 @6pm.

- Old Town Hall- Committee would like to pass a Resolution of Support to the Preservation Society for 10 years, with possible a lease/selling the property to them after 5 years. VA is to draft legislation to send to the Solicitor for review. The committee would like to have the Preservation Society present to review the draft at the next Planning meeting.
- November Ballot/Levy – Mayor is going to talk heavily in the monthly newsletters on the Village needing the levy to pass. The Village's expenses are skyrocketing, but the revenue is no longer making it. The Village doesn't want to cut services, but may be forced to. It is the responsibility of everyone on Council to be talking to the residents as to why this levy needs passed.

Old Business –

1. **Resolution 2025-13** - A Resolution Of Necessity To Levy A Tax In Excess Of The Ten-Mill Limitation For The Current Operating Expenses Of The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio. (2nd Reading).

New Business –

1. **Ordinance 2025-12** - An Ordinance Providing For An Amendment To The 2025 Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Arcanum, Darke County, Ohio And Declaring An Emergency (Permissive Fund). Council Member Hartley moved to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2025-12. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-12. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member Hartley moved to declare Ordinance 2025-12 an emergency. Council Member Bruner seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed
2. **Resolution 2025-14** - A Resolution Amending A Maximum For Blanket Purchase Orders For The Village Of Arcanum, Ohio. (1st Reading).
3. **Resolution 2025-15** - A Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Prepare And Submit A Grant Application To The Darke County Park District And Declaring An Emergency. Council Member VanHoose moved to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 2025-15. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member VanHoose moved to adopt Resolution 2025-15. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed. Council Member VanHoose moved to declare Resolution 2025-15 an emergency. Council Member Hartley seconded. All present council members voted yea. Motion passed

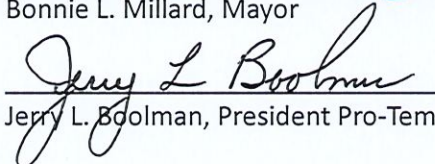
Announcements –

Adjournment – Council Member Hartley moved to adjourn. Council Member Boolman seconded. All present council members voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

ATTEST:


Bonnie L. Millard, Mayor


Karen L. Deao, Fiscal Officer


Jerry L. Boolman, President Pro-Tem